

**DISTRICT 11 GSR MEETING  
NEW HAMPTON - AUGUST 26, 2014**

**MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mike C.	District 11 DCM
Dan P.	District 11 ALT. DCM
Collin M.	GSR Franklin, Living Sober
Lance A.	GSR Laconia, Tri Step
Rob P.	GSR Laconia, Tuesday Nite 12 & 12
Dorothy M.	GSR Plymouth, Women Mtg
Elizabeth L.	District 11 Hotline Representative
Pamela L.	District 11 Functions Chair, GSR Laconia, Up Close and Personal
Mary Ellen B.	District 11 Treatment Chair, GSR Attitude Adj., Lakeport
Liz W.	District Secretary

Mike C. called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm, opened with the Serenity Prayer followed by a Moment of Silence. Introductions were made around the table as noted above.

**DCM REPORT:** On Wednesday August 13 a group in District 11 participated in an AA membership survey as a part of their meeting. Area 43 Delegate Ken L. visited the group and conducted the survey. GSO requests these surveys about every 4 years, which gives GSO and the membership interesting demographical data. This information is also used as a tool for the fellowship to use in outreach to the public and throughout the professional community. Mike attended the District 11 Function Committee Meeting on Thursday August 21, for the cookout being held on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Also on the 21<sup>st</sup> the Belknap County House of Corrections Program Director, Tamara McGonagle and staff put on a Volunteer Appreciation Cookout with Mike enjoyed along with many fellow AA jail meeting volunteers. If you have not had the opportunity to participate in the meetings at the Jail, please consider helping out. Volunteer applications are available on our District website: [www.nhaadistrict11](http://www.nhaadistrict11). Mike was unable to attend the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Area Assembly held in Manchester however he did submit a report for the District, to be presented by Dan P, our Alt. DCM. There was more Bridging The Gap activity in our District this past month. If you are interested in becoming a temporary contact to help someone leaving a treatment facility get established in AA meetings their home area, please contact Dan P, our Alt. DCM who is serving as interim Treatment Committee Chair. Mike thanked us all for coming and for our commitment to our District and AA as a whole!

**ALT DCM REPORT:** Dan attended the Area Assembly and presented the DCM report for our District. There was discussion regarding a number of Districts that are holding events, as well as the NERAASA and Area Conventions. All these events can be found on the Area website, [www.nhaa.net](http://www.nhaa.net), or by calling the Hooksett Office of AA. The groups that participated in the membership surveys were thanked for their service. The results of these surveys will be available at the Area Conference in the Spring. GSO's contributions are down from Area 43, and the contributions to the Area are down 6%. There will be an increase in the cost of AA Literature which will take effect in October, not August as had been originally mentioned. The Area has a new Hotline Chair, Brittany – she can be reached with questions or comments through the Area office, or the Area website. After some debate it was decided to keep the Pipeline's policy, it will remain an on-line publication.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The secretary's report was accepted as submitted, motion made, seconded, unanimous vote to accept.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Greg was unable to attend but had forwarded his report to the Secretary. It was brought to the meeting and discussed. The report was accepted as submitted, motion made, seconded, unanimous vote to accept.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**REGISTRAR** - Kevin was not present.

**FUNCTIONS:** Pam was present and stated that the Function Comm. 8/21 meeting finalized the plans for the Cookout at Opechee Point in Laconia on 8/30. Pam stated there was \$595.00 in the account, minus \$250.00 for food, and one donation from Pancakes and Promises of \$25.00. There may be other expenses. Dan stated that money is imperative for the functions. If people in the District want more functions, the committee will need more donations. Pam stated that she is stepping down and that Michelle P. will be taking over, with Pam helping from the sidelines.

**GRAPEVINE/LIT:** Ken was not present.

**PI/CPC:** This position remains open.

**WEBMASTER:** Corey not present.

**CORRECTIONS:** MaryEllen stated that the Wednesday Night Men's meeting at the Jail did not have an AA member show up to run the meeting. After discussion it was thought that perhaps this was a situation that was unusual, as opposed to the norm. Mike C. said that he would call Tamara and check on the coordinator for this meeting.

**HOTLINE:** Last month there had been discussion that some AA folks don't answer the phone if they don't recognize the incoming telephone number. This month Elizabeth was able to obtain the incoming number that will show up on your caller ID. That number is 217-446-7243 – please make a note of that number IF you are signed up for the Hotline – and screen your calls. Elizabeth stated that the Hotline folks DO NOT purge the list of phone numbers – unless she tells them to do so. However they start with the "A" names each time they need to contact an AA person – so it is possible that the same folks are being called all the time. Elizabeth is going to try to get a copy of the list and go through it to purge numbers that are no longer interested in taking calls from the Hotline, or take off numbers that are not in service (we are charged for each call the Hotline personnel make). As Dan noted there is a brand new Hotline Chair at the Area. Liz W. and Lance A. offered to help Elizabeth check the numbers when the list becomes available.

**TREATMENT:** Dan P. received Two Bridging The Gap calls for the District. One call was passed on to a woman in Laconia, and the second was from a man that never responded to the call made to him. The Bridging The Gap Program is in need of volunteers, especially women. There are less than a half a dozen volunteers in this district. Dan has created a sign-up sheet similar to the hotline sheets. Please distribute and return. We hope to have an online form at the Area website soon for BTG, Prerelease and the Hotline soon.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Greg C. questioned if the Hotline number could be printed in the Laconia Sun? Liz mentioned the local meetings used to be listed in the Pennysaver also. Mike is going to check on the Laconia Sun, Liz will call the Pennysaver. Pam mentioned the Lakes Region Access Cable Channel.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm with the Responsibility Declaration: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Respectfully submitted,

Liz W.