

DISTRICT 19 MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2004

1. Attendees

- a. GSR's & **Lisa B.**, Back to Basics & Records Chair; **David A.**, Correction Chair; **Peter W.**, Treatment Chair
Chairs : & GSR Living Sober; **Helen A.**, GSR Hastings; **Mary S.A.** GSR Rosemount & Secretary.
- b. Officer's: **Mary M.**, Alternate DCM; **Jerry P.**, Treasurer.
- c. Guests: **Doug S.**, Minneapolis Intergroup; **Heather H.**, Area 36 Remote Communities & Special Needs Chair.

This month: Tradition 6 – Mary M. Concept 6 - David A. Next month: Tradition 7 – Lisa B. Concept 7 – Peter W.

2. Secretary's Report

Report was approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Report was approved. The question was raised regarding the Post Office Box. The box is paid under District 19 and is accounted for along with rent in the annual budget.

4. DCM Report

No Report

5. Alternate DCM Report

- a. The main issue discussed at the May Area 36 Structure meeting was the proposed revised editorial policy of the Pigeon (the Area's Newsletter). The draft of this revised editorial policy came out of the Area 36 newsletter committee. In the past, some of the letters sent to be included in the "Letters to the Pigeon" section have focused more on personalities than principles. The Structure Committee reviewed the proposed revised editorial policy, made minor changes and sent it onto the Area Committee for discussion in August.
- b. In August at the next Area Committee meeting, the Structure Committee will be reviewing the area election procedures again. We had previously reviewed this and passed it onto the Area Committee. It was suggested that we also discuss what ways, in the months leading up to the elections in October, the Area can provide background information on the people who are standing for election. In the past, candidates have given a brief outline of their qualifications, etc., on the day of the election. The Area would like to provide that information to voting GSR's in advance of the election. One suggestion is to have candidates submit a resume of some type to be included in the Pigeon.

6. Guest Presentation

Heather H., Area 36 Remote Communities & Special Needs Chair was the guest. As defined by Area 36, the Remote Communities & Special Needs is: the language, culture and geography or simply life conditions. How to carry the message to people in outward areas? There are many barriers in how to carry the message to the still suffering, for example, language, culture, social structures and belief systems within our community and out lining areas. There are also life conditions that affect the population such as, the poor working class, senior citizens and the homeless. Each district can ask, how can we help to carry the message and help the person not here? Where does our district fit in when we have so many resources available to us? Unfortunately progress is slow in extending the hand of A.A. in remote communities and those of special needs due to lack of participation and vacant chair positions. So ask yourself; How can I be of service?

7. GSR Reports

- a. **Lisa B.**, Back to Basics & Record Chair: Due to scheduling conflicts causing an overlapping with other groups at Hasting's detox, Back to Basics is looking for other service commitments within our district.
- b. **Peter W.**, Living Sober Burnsville & Treatment Chair: Currently looking for 12-Step and service commitments with District 19.
- c. **Helen A.**, GSR Hastings: Our Hastings Group has an ongoing commitment at Hastings detox with regular attendance.
Hastings will also be sponsoring a pig roast. Details to follow.

8. Committee Reports

- a. **Jerry P.**, Finance: Currently comparing month to month expenditures with the proposed budget of District 19 to insure an accurate and balanced budget.
- b. **Lisa B.**, Directories & Records. A good stock of directories were made available at the Gopher State Round-up. More directories will be printed with current changes in both the smaller fold out and the current style with the maps. All changes were forwarded to the Web Master for access online.

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- c. **Peter W.**, Treatment. Currently contacting other districts discussing what other districts may be doing as far as 12 Step opportunities and service commitments.
- d. **David A.**, Corrections Facilities Chair. Is in regular contact with the Hasting's detox reporting that attendance is well supported by surrounding communities (Eagan, Apple Valley, Burnsville, Rosemount to name a few).

The Pink Can Plan is supplying detox with adequate literature.

Allan W., Area 36 Corrections Chair, is looking for females who sobered up behind bars and have continued sobriety to share their stories at an upcoming workshop in October in St. Cloud.

The Area 36 Corrections Facilities will be working with the Area 36 Cooperation with Professionals Committee in sponsoring a workshop on October 1, 2004 at the St. Cloud Country Club. Persons sponsored by their home group may wish to attend.

The Correction Facilities is looking for more A.A. people to act as a contact for inmates. Through letter writing inmates can be linked together with A.A. on the outside. If interested you may contact me at 952-201-0437.

Faribault Corrections Facilities will be adding 1,000 beds to meet their ongoing needs.

Dakota County Detox will now be transferring persons to the Ramsey County Detox and receiving other persons from surrounding counties.

- e. **Doug S.**, Greater Minneapolis Intergroup liaison. Your service office receives calls from many outside agencies that want sober members of A.A. to come to their facilities to give informal information about Alcoholics Anonymous and hear the stories of our members. In most cases we have been successful in finding members who are willing to do this type of 12 Step work. Requests have been received from High Schools, Middle Schools, Mental Health facilities, Nursing Homes, Corporate sponsored events and Neighborhood Health Fairs. The High Schools and Middle Schools are especially interested in sober people 20 years old and younger who have been sober for over 1 year and have a home group that would be available to attend daytime school classes. We can not send adults into schools and thus prefer members 15-17. There is a policy of teen protection in which we adhere to.

We now have the 2nd printing of the When and Where Meeting Directory in stock. In the first week we distributed over 1,000 copies. We had to order a smaller quantity therefore costing more to produce. They now sell for \$1.50 each which included tax.

We have a revised price list for conference approved literature. It is called Greater Minneapolis Intergroup price Pamphlet Summer 2004.

Our summer open house is scheduled for July 31, 2004 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and will be held at Minneapolis Intergroup located at 7204 West 27th Street Suite 113. For more information or directions call 952-922-0880 or on the Internet at www.aaminneapolis.org.

9. Old Business

Area 36 mileage reimbursement policy will be voted on at the Area Assembly on June 26, 2004.

Website: What does the district want to see on our website? Meeting Minutes? Directory changes and updates? Treasurer's Report along with committee reports? Upcoming agenda for the District 19 meeting? Announcements and flyers? Should a new position be created who would be responsible for updates to post with the webmaster?

10. New Business

A Workshop Committee has been formed. The members are David A., Sissy E., Mary M., and Helen A. What would your group like to see as a topic for a workshop. **Come with your ideas to the next meeting on July 14th.**

11. Announcements

June 26	Area Assembly	411 Main Street in St. Paul 9am – 5pm
July 14	District 19 Meeting	Scott Highland Middle School 14011 Pilot Knob Road in Apple Valley

12. Agenda

How can the District be of service to your group? How can your group be a part of service at the district level? Should the District search for a consistent location due to the lack of custodial services during the summer?

