

DISTRICT 19 MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2004

1. Attendees

- a. GSR's & **Lisa B.**, GSR Back to Basics & Records Chair; **Julie L.**, GSR AV Monday AM; **Helen A.**, GSR Hastings AA;
Chairs : **John S.**, GSR An Easier Softer Way; **Darrel K.**, GSR AV Fri Night; **Ruth B.**, Grapevine Chair;
Debra K., PI /CPC Chair, Mon AM Women's; **Rob R.**, GSR Ridge Runners III; **Patti W.**, Ridge Runners III;
Kathy L., Alt-GSR Back to Basics; **Julie J.**, Intergroup Foxhall; **Maureen F.**, Intergroup Liason Mpls;
Sandra H., Rosemount; **Penny P.**, Rosemount.
- b. Officer's: **Sissy E.**, DCM; **Mary M.**, Alt DCM; **Jerry P.**, Treasurer; **Vikki T.**, Secretary & GSR Rosemount.

This month: Tradition 11 – Patti W. Concept 11 – Debra K. **Next Month:** Tradition 12 – Rob R. Concept 12 –John S.

2. Secretary's Report

Report was approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Report was approved.

4. DCM Report

Attended the Area Assembly on Oct 23rd. Has the list of group contributions to GSO. Positions available at GSO, anyone interested, contact Sissy E. Information regarding "Staying Alive Plan". These are committee items not yet acted upon, kept in the forefront so not to be forgotten. One is the request to produce teen literature. This was sent as a proposal to the Literature Committee but may do better at the Grapevine side. The 2nd is the proposal for a new consistent policy for ALL delegates to be able to review items BEFORE they are asked to vote on them. This proposal has been rewritten and passed by Area 36 to go back to GSO for action in April 2005. A discussion was held on the Spirit of Rotation which sent a clear message for those outgoing to be there for the incoming to share experience. In New Business: A request for the glossary to be added to the Big Book failed but a new proposal has been submitted with new language and also changed the request to become a pamphlet.

5. Alternate DCM Report

The Workshop held on October 30th at the Hastings Alano was outstanding. 3 speakers all spoke from their heart. The audience participation was great. Also attended the Area Assembly on Oct 23rd. Was charged with other non voting members to be ballot counters. Very cool and interesting to see it all in action.

6. GSR Reports

Helen A., GSR- Hastings AA: Workshop was nice although disappointed by the lack of Hasting members. Will be hosting a room at Founder's Day. Will have food & stuff.

Lisa B., GSR- Back to Basics: Celebrating the group's 7th anniversary on Thursday Nov 11, 2004. Roger B., will be the speaker and a pot luck will follow. All are welcome. Held elections and the new GSR is Jennifer and the alt-GSR is Kathy L.

Julie L., GSR- Monday Apple Valley Womens group: Not much happening.

Vikki T., GSR- Rosemount: The consensus from most of the meetings is yes on the glossary, in fact a member gave me a copy of what they use in their Big Book study group. Another member asked me to bring this question to the district for feedback, Is there a written procedure for how to handle someone coming in drunk to the meeting? Many great responses; if the person is disruptive, offer a 1st Step; don't make a big deal and carry on as usual; Tradition 3 states only requirement is a desire to stop drinking, many have come to meeting drunk and have come back sober; one person at the district meeting said he was the drunk guy and the group just carried on, which was good for him. Tradition 4, each group is autonomous and it is up to the group on what to do. Sissy, the DCM, doesn't know of any written procedure but will ask the delegate. Thanks to all who shared their experience.

Rob R., GSR- Ridge Runners III: Being next to a treatment facility allows these folks to come to our meeting. This is allowing for new sponsorship. Asked what the proper procedure is to give to the district. Group is so impressed by the job done on the directories that we wish to donate monies specific for the directories. Jerry, the treasurer, said to make checks payable to District 19 and in the memo be sure to write your group's name.

John S., GSR- An Easier Softer Way: The meeting is one month old and about 9 people a week. The first speaker was Lisa B and was very good. Planning on a 2nd business meeting.

Darrel K., GSR- Friday Night Apple Valley Grace Lutheran Church: This is his 2nd district meeting. I took all of the information back to my group from the first meeting. Will be discussing the glossary issue at our business meeting.

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7. Committee Reports

- a. **Jerry P., Finance:** Motion made, 2nd and approved to give Hastings Alano \$100.00 for the use of their club for the workshop. To all Committee Chairs: find ways to spend your budgets, 2 months left.
- b. **Lisa B., Directories & Records:** Have directories if anyone needs any. Passed out meeting lists that can be folded. This would be a great 12 Step opportunity to have a folding session. If anyone wants any see me. I will not be able to attend Founder's Day but will give directories to anyone who is going to pass out to groups.
- c. **Literature Chair: Open**
- d. **Debra K., Public Information & Cooperation w/Professionals:** On 11/23/04 will be meeting with the School of Environmental Studies (Zoo School), to present Grapevine literature and propose an A.A.I. and on 12/3/04 will be presenting an A.A.I. to Apple Valley High School. Looking for volunteers for the 12/3 presentation. This presentation starts at 8:00 am and is on a Friday. We will be holding a training session on Saturday November 20th 1-3. If you are interested in learning how to do an A.A.I. but can not help with 12/3 you may still come to the training session. Call me at 952-469-4248 for details. Request from a Farmington school will be followed up on.
- e. **Treatment Chair:** Not present
- f. **Corrections Chair:** Not present
- g. **Maureen F., Minneapolis Intergroup Liason:** Minneapolis Intergroup will be updating their meeting lists, any group with additions or changes please fill out a change form and send to Intergroup. There has been a slight format change in the AA Orientation meetings held on Saturdays. His Story added to one week then Her story added the next and so on. Pass It On will be held again on New Year Eve. The intergroup office will be closed 25-27 of Nov but night owl services are available.
- h. **St. Paul Intergroup Liason:** Not present
- i. **Ruth B., Grapevine Chair:** Working with Debra on the upcoming A.A.I.s. If there are any changes or updates on your groups' GVR please send those to me. Will have a report of all accomplishments next meeting but will not be able to continue as the Grapevine Chair due to my school schedule. I will be happy to work with the next Chair.

8. Old Business

- a. All present agreed the Pigeon policy is okay and to have it moved forward.
- b. Having a district inventory was discussed and all present felt it was a good idea. An ADHOK committee was formed to go over the questions to be discussed. The inventory will be scheduled for the February 2005 District Meeting.

9. New Business

- a. All Officers and Committee Chairs are being asked to come prepared with a report of what their committee has done this past year and what you plan on doing for the following year.
- b. GSR's are being asked to come prepared with what they have found most helpful as a GSR and being involved in the district and what improvements do they see necessary.

10. Announcements and 12 Step Opportunities

December 4	Area Committee Meetings Standing Committees Meet Area Committee Meeting	Best Western, Mankato, MN 9:30 am – 11:30 am 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
December 8	Rotation Celebration Bring something to share	Falcon Ridge Middle School 7:00 PM
January 8-9	24 th Annual Service Conference GSRs register Now !	Kaher Grand Hotel, Rochester, MN 9:00 am 1/8 and Noon 1/9

Attention all General Service Representatives: District 19 Needs You !!!!

Attendance was up this meeting and that is wonderful. There is still a lot of room around the table. This is a WE program. That's you and me.

The next meeting is December 8, 2004 at 7:00 pm at the Falcon Ridge Middle School (on the corner of Johnny Cake and McAndrews).

