

**DISTRICT 19 MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 12, 2005**

**1. Attendees**

- a. GSR's & **Jennifer S.**, GSR, Back to Basics; **Peggy S.**, GSR, Mon. AM A.V. Women's; **Rob R.**, GSR, Ridge Runners III  
Chairs: **Kathy L.**, Alt. GSR, Directories & Records; **Matt T.**, Literature Chair; **Patti W.**, Treatment Chair; **Penny P.**, P.I./ CPC Chair; **Maureen F.**, Minneapolis Intergroup Liaison
- b. Officer's: **Mary M.**, DCM; **Lisa B.**, Alt-DCM; **Vikki T.**, Treasurer/GSR, Rosemount; **Debra K.**, Secretary
- c. Guest: **Ben**, Cliffhangers – attending the District meeting to see if he is interested in being a GSR for their group

**This month:** Tradition 1 – Jennifer S Concept 1 – Penny P. **Next Month:** Tradition 2 – Peggy S. Concept 2 – Kathy L.

**2. Secretary's Report**

Report was approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Report was approved.

**4. DCM Report**

- a. Attended the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Service Conference in Rochester January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>; discovered that being an Alt-DCM was very helpful in understanding role of DCM. Had the opportunity to speak about how money and spirituality do mix. Overall it was very informative and exciting.
- b. There are four D19 priorities to review for with board
  - 1. Budget – each committee needs to determine how much money they need in order to carry the message to groups
  - 2. Workshops – polling groups for ideas and planning several this year
  - 3. Group outreach – updating group information (including GSR's) for GSO by April 2005
  - 4. District Inventory – scheduling this for may 2005
- c. Communication  
Using the Responsibility Statement as a way to be helpful to the groups and their GSR's by passing on wealth of experience, strength and hope. We want to prevent the recreation of the wheel and be available to serve. Anyone of the officers are available for GSR's and group members to call.
- d. We are looking for a CPC Chair, please talk to anyone from your groups who may be interested in service.

**5. Alternate DCM Report**

Attended the Service Conference in Rochester. It was informational and exciting. Will continue the GSR orientation.

**6. GSR Reports**

**Peggy S.**, Mon. AM A.V. Women's: people do not show up for the business meeting. We have alternated the meeting before and after every other month to get more participation. Open to suggestions from other groups

**Jennifer S.**, Back to Basics: Attended the Service Conference and took the idea of sponsoring sponsee's in service. Group inventory is scheduled to take place in a couple of months.

**Rob R.**, Ridge Runners III: learning patience and understanding more about the 4<sup>th</sup> tradition. Group is non-conforming to ideas about business meetings and GSR reports. Alt. GSR went to the Service Conference and came back excited. Has ideas to promote change. Inquired about compensation for travel time to Service Conference.

**Vikki T.**, Rosemount: as GSR for 13 meetings has set up a communications chalkboard for groups to list questions and concerns. Steps, Traditions and Concepts are posted around the club.

**7. Committee Reports (Chairs final words before rotating out)**

- a. **Vikki T., Finance:** will send out envelopes with thank you notes to groups. Will email updated financial policy to board members
- b. **Kathy L., Directories & Records:** Will be updating information on the web site and the email/phone list. We have a good supply of directories
- c. **Matt T., Literature Chair:** Will be contacting Area Literature Chair to discuss what to do with old literature and how to distribute and change over key pamphlets to groups.
- d. **Penny P., Public Information & Cooperation w/Professionals:** Attended the Service Conference and met with Area PI and CPC chairs. Placed an ad in the Rosemount paper on New Years Day. Mary M. was contacted by A.V.

High School to present an in-service meeting to the Health Class. Another teacher is interested for future in-service meetings.

- e. **Patty W., Treatment Chair:** Attended the Service Conference. Has decided to form an ad hoc committee for the "Bridging the Gap" program. Will be talking with the Area Treatment chair and Carla W the Area Temporary Contact Chair.
- f. **Corrections Chair:** Not present
- g. **Maureen F., Minneapolis Intergroup Liaison:** The Mirus can be downloaded from [www.aaminneapolis.org](http://www.aaminneapolis.org) as a pdf. file. Individual and group contributions and literature sales are down. For support and convenience encouraged D19 to purchase literature here rather than world service
- h. **St. Paul Intergroup Liaison:** Not present
- i. **Grapevine Chair:** Not present.

## 8. Old Business

- a. Disbursement of excess funds – too premature to discuss this until the budget has been developed. It was suggested that the groups be contacted for their feedback on how to disburse the excess if it is determined there is an excess; to be discussed more after budget is done.
- b. District inventory – Lisa B, Kathy L and Patty W. came up with 19 questions for the GSR's and AA members to answer. They will be sent out with the minutes to be reviewed. These questions will be sent out in April with a return date for the May inventory. (see attached)
- c. General Service Conference (GSC) agenda and timelines:
  - Week of Feb 14: Our Delegate distributes agenda items and background materials from GSO in NY to DCMs
  - Week of Feb 14: Mary M. as D19 DCM distributes agenda items and related background materials to appropriate D19 Committee Chairs and Officers. Comm Chairs review info and prepare report for March District mtg
  - Wed March 9: At March Dist. mtg, Comm Chairs and Officers report on agenda items and background info. GSRs take info back to groups to discuss/decide how our Delegate should vote on agenda items at the Gen. Serv. Conf. in NY
  - Sat. April 2: At Delegate's Workshop, GSRs give feedback to Delegate as to how he should vote on agenda items at the Gen. Serv. Conf. in NY
  - Wk of Apr 17-23: General Service Conference in NY

Since the agenda items and related background info are too extensive to cover completely, we will focus on the issues that are most likely to have a direct affect on the groups in terms of how we carry the message and \_\_\_\_\_. However, feel free to contact the appropriate D19 Comm Chair or Mary M. as DCM with any additional questions you have on any of the agenda items or background info.

Any GSR who wishes to have the CD version of the proposed agenda with the background info may contact Mary M. at 651-341-1134. Please be aware that the background materials contain a very large amount of information, the printed hard copy being approximately 2-3 inches tall.

## 9. New Business

- a. D19 financial Policy- encourages everyone to read it
- b. 2005 budget – send your budget proposals to Mary M., DCM by January 31. They will be finalized at the next meeting.
- c. Will be asking for volunteers to present a sample GSR report at meeting

## 10. Announcements and 12 Step Opportunities

February 5	Area Committee Meetings Area Standing Committees Meet Area Committee Meeting	Best Western, Mankato, MN 9:30 am – 11:30 am 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
March 4-6	West Central Regional Service Conference	Rapid City, SD 7:00 pm 3/4 - Noon 3/6

In order to best carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic, we'd like to hear from your group at the District meetings. **The main purpose of the District 19 committee is to help the groups in District 19**, whether it's carrying the message, helping with challenges groups face, or letting the groups know what's going on in AA as a whole. Please let us know how we can help your groups. **If your group has questions about what District 19 does or how we can help, please call Mary M. at 651-341-1134.**

**Next Meeting Is: Wed., 2/9/05 at  
Falcon Ridge Middle School: Time 7:00 pm  
(Corner of Mc Andrews and Johnny Cake Road)**

## **DISTRICT 19 GROUP INVENTORY**

- 1). Do we represent a cross section of groups in the way in which we carry the message?
- 2). Is there cooperation and communication between the groups in District 19?
- 3). Are District 19 officers and standing committee chairs elected or chosen with care and consideration of the basis that serving is a great responsibility and opportunity for 12<sup>th</sup> step work?
- 4). Do we practice the principle of rotation or do we revolve within our district? With officers? With committee chairs?
- 5). In considering the number of alcoholics in the District 19, are we reaching enough people?
- 6). Are enough of our past trusted servants staying involved in service to insure healthy growth of District 19?
- 7). How well do we support and encourage communication between the GSRs and their groups.
- 8). When decisions are made in District 19, is there the correct balance between the group conscience and AA's traditional right of decision?
- 9). What is the primary purpose of the District 19?
- 10). Are groups informed of the primary purpose of the District 19?
- 11). Are District 19 contributions serving AA as a whole (ie. the groups, the fellowship, and the still suffering alcoholic)?
- 12). Is District 19 fiscally responsible by being self supporting while being prudent in expenditures?
- 13). Does District 19 recognize and encourage the authority of the groups which it serves?
- 14). Is our participation in the groups and the area conducted in the spirit of cooperation?
- 15). How active are the GSRs in District 19? What can District 19 do to maintain interest?
- 16). Does District 19 have an attractive meeting place, a welcoming atmosphere and are the District meetings interesting and informative?
- 17). Do all groups feel a part of District 19 and receive equal attention and service? If not, how do we do so while respecting group autonomy?
- 18). Is the communication from District 19 to the groups effective. How can it be improved?
- 19). Do the groups within District 19 support the District?