

DISTRICT 19 MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2005

1. Attendees

GSR's: Greg B., Hastings AA, Jason T., Living Sober, Jennifer S., Back to Basics, Shelly, Tuesday Nighters.

Chairs: Kathy L., Directories & Group Records, Patti W., Treatment Centers,

Officer's: Mary M., DCM, Lisa B., Alt. DCM and Treasurer

Next month: Tradition 12 – Greg, Concept 12 – Mary M.

2. Secretary's Report

Report was approved with one correction.

3. Treasurer's Report

Report was approved.

Vicki T. will return in January as the treasurer.

DCM Report

a. The West Central Regional Service Conference is coming to St. Louis Park, MN in March 2006. This is a good opportunity for the groups to get background information on the agenda items for the General Service Conference in April 2006. There are eight delegates in the West Central Region with each serving of a General Service Committee.

b. The area is looking for an experienced webmaster. Sissy E. (secretary@area36.org) can answer questions about for anyone who is interested.

c. The DCM for District 27 had to resign. Questions regarding District 27 can be directed to Sylvia Archer (remotecomunities@area36.org)

d. The Grapevine committee is looking for people (AA or non-AA), serving overseas, who would be willing to receive Grapevines. Chris Oys has details and can be reached at grapevine@area36.org.

e. If anyone sent emails to Kay Daley, group records between Oct. 1 and Oct. 22, they need to be re-sent. Email is back up at grouprecords@area36.org.

f. The pink Can Guidelines proposal was voted on and passed with the following amendments:

- Eliminated Prudent Reserve
- Changed authorized signers to Area Chair, Area Treasurer and Area Secretary.
- Changed to local Intergroup
- The word, donate was changed to contribute.

g. The assembly voted to allow a debit card by the finance committee.

h. The changes in the temporary contact brochure were passed with some amendments.

i. A purchase of a new laptop computer for the Archives committee was passed.

5. Alternate DCM Report

a. The Steering Committee met and voted that the Alt. DCM will keep three lists at the District Meetings: FYI's for Groups, Feedback to Groups, and 12-step opportunities. These will be included in the meeting minutes.

b. Next Steering Committee meeting is December 4, 2005 at 6:00 pm.

7. GSR Reports

Jennifer S., Back to Basics, had their 8th Anniversary celebration. The group provided feedback on having a separate District 19 website. They felt it was not worth the time and money.

Greg, Rivertown Big Book, Hastings, carry the message to Journey Counseling in Farmington on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Jason T., Living Sober, is attracting young people.

Shelly, Eagan Tuesday Nighters, is the new GSR. Welcome!!!!

8. Committee Reports

Finance: no report

Kathy L., Directories & Records.

Attended the Area Assembly.

Patti W., Treatment.

The following service opportunities are still open:

New Connection Programs: This is an adolescent outpatient treatment program. The person I talked to said, they would not be picky. They are either looking for AA meetings to be brought in or a speaker to tell their story. Their ideal time would be between 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm on any day of the week Monday through Friday. They are willing to be flexible

Journey Counseling Services: This is an adult outpatient treatment facility. They have an evening group and a day group. Their sessions rotate every twelve weeks. They have heard of the six-week 4th step workshops and are hoping to get someone to come in and do one at their facility. Their clients are "chronic DUIs" - Journey provides transportation to the treatment, but nearly all of them have transportation problems. The evening group generally

has about twenty clients and the day group has between five to eight individuals. They are hoping to get the workshop for the evening session, but would be ecstatic if they were able to get one for the daytime group as well.

If anyone knows the people who do the workshops, please email the contact information to weberpl@comcast.net. I would be happy to follow-up with those folks.

David A., Corrections Facilities

No report.

Jim W., Greater Minneapolis Intergroup liaison.

No report.

Public Information (vacant)

Pat C., CPC

No report

Darrel K., Website

No report.

Matt T., Literature

No report

Grapevine (vacant)

9. Old Business

- a. Kathy reported that six groups have been contacted as part of the outreach project. Contact is continuing.
- b. Mary M. reported that D16 has been discussing possible agenda items for the 2006 General Service Conference that takes place in April. More will be discussed in next month's meeting.
- c. Some groups agree with providing the Pigeon electronically. There were some concerns with privacy issues.
- d. There was a proposal to change the area election procedures. Each District could submit up to six nominations for area service positions. The nominations would have to be submitted prior to the October Area Assembly. The proposal is going back to the groups for feedback. Will be discussed at the Dec. 3, 2005 area committee meeting to decide if will put the proposed election changes on the agenda to vote during the March assembly.

10. New Business

- a. Each committee needs to have their budget proposal by December 1, 2005. Each proposal should have a breakdown of expenses i.e.: mileage, supplies, etc. as well as in-kind expenses if they apply. Anyone who needs a copy of last year's budget proposal may contact Vicki T.
- b. Mary discussed the unused airfare. She had reimbursed the District for the value of the ticket because she can use it personally. However, a \$100 administrative fee applies for the change in ticket. Discussion was held about who is responsible for the \$100 fee. Some felt the District should pay because the situation was not preventable. Mary is going to contact GSO for guidance.
- c. The IRS mileage reimbursement rate went from 40.5 cents to 48 cents. The District reimbursement rate will go from 20.25 cents to 22 cents. The District will reimburse at the current rate until January 2006 at which time the new rate will apply.

11. Announcements and 12-Step Opportunities

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| November 25 – 27, 2005 | Founder's Day Doubletree Park Place Hotel St. Louis Park, MN |
| January 7 – 8, 2006 | Recovery, Unity & Service conference Kahler Hotel Rochester, MN |
| January 20 – 22, 2006 | Wild Rice Round-up Shooting Star Hotel and Event Center Mahnomen, MN |
| March 17, 2006 | Alexandria Round-Up |

The area corrections committee and the temporary contact program need volunteers to be contacts and assigners.

There are open committee chairs for District 19 as noted in the vacancies above.

FINANCIAL REPORT
For Period 9/14/05 to 10/12/05

DISTRICT 19 GENERAL SERVICE
POST OFFICE BOX 1466
BURNSVILLE, MN 55337-0466

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| Balance: | 9/13/2005 | | \$1,302.70 |
| Reserve Fund | (1/6 of \$2,050 budget) | \$341.67 | |
| Operating Fund | (1/2 of \$2,050 budget) | \$1025.00 | |
| Beginning balance less reserves | | | \$1,366.67 |

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Burnsville, Eagan, Savage Sunday 8pm
Hastings
Ridgerunners II
Living Sober
Living Sober (2nd Distribution)
South Suburban Group
Dakota Alano Friday 6pm
Back to Basics

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS: **\$246.97**

EXPENDITURES:

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| 1418 | Debra Kiefat | Postage and Copies | \$43.79 |
| 1419 | Vikki Trongard | Treasurer folders | \$7.46 |
| 1420 | Matt Trongard | Literature | \$43.28 |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: **\$94.53**

ENDING BALANCE WITH RESERVE: **\$1455.14**

Next Meeting: Wednesday 11/9/05
Rosemount Community Center: Room 220
Time: 7:00 pm
(13885 South Robert Trail in Rosemount)