

District Minutes 6/14/05

**Present:** Terry D., Dave C., JoAnn E., Jim V., Sean F., Bert B., Floyd, Doug A., and Sarah C.

**Opened:** with "I am Responsible"

**Announcements:**

Next Area Committee Meetings 6/18 at Hennepin Technical College—district chairs should attend  
Southern Minnesota Roundup July 8-10 at MSU

**Minutes:** were read and approved as read

**Treasurer's Report:** Beginning balance: \$158.22; Income: \$199 from Fifth Avenue for literature; Disbursements: \$29.42 phone bill; ending balance: \$290.25.

**DCM Report:** DCM was unable to get materials from past DCM. Chairs should get workbooks from GSO.

**CF Report:** Discussion of discharge contact program brought up by Terry. Bert and Floyd expressed concerns about people being taken advantage of. Discussed possibility of Jack keeping a list of possible discharge contacts—no decision made. Discussion of sponsorship in jail—sponsors can visit during visiting hours, but concerns voiced about practicality of sponsoring individuals in jail. Sarah agreed to discuss adding request for volunteers for temporary sponsors to Jailhouse Rock meeting format. Question about availability of literature raised DCM will attempt to contact Pink Can Plan chair at Area Committee Meeting. All are encouraged to announce Pink Can Plan at meetings. Men's Thursday and Women's Wednesday meetings are going well.

**CPC/PI Report:** DCM reported phone numbers for AA hotline are not current. All agreed to change numbers and recruited volunteers. Chair will update the newspaper listings. Chair is looking for people to volunteer to be interviewed on KMSU. Local radio and TV stations will play PSAs and Chair would like to buy PSAs from GSO. District approved \$25 to buy PSAs.

**Literature/Grapevine Report:** Not present; Service manuals are available for \$1.55. Agreed to spend not more than \$60 for Grapevines for CF, TF, and PI.

**TF Report:** Discussed prerelease contact program—nothing established. House of Hope could use literature and speakers or a meeting—nothing decided. Chair will give current meeting info to ART and Family Focus. Want business cards with local meetings—Terry will look into prices.

**Website Report:** [www.mankatoaa.com](http://www.mankatoaa.com) is not consistent with AA traditions. Chair is working with creators of site (Tom F and Greg) to rectify this. Sarah will provide DCM and Chair with GSO's guidelines about websites.

**Old Business:**

**Elections** - Archives – It is reported that Denny has archives items. Election tabled due to lack of attendance

**Meeting location** – Stays at Taylor Hall

**District workshop** – Discussed sponsorship workshop or Delegate talk and potluck, perhaps in September. Tabled until later date.

**District budget** – Jim V. indicated that lack of group participation might be due to lack of communication. Discussed ways to communicate with groups including letters, donations envelopes, and Self-Support Pamphlet. Approved one-time only expenses for PSAs, Grapevines, and meeting schedules.

Define **service position responsibilities** – agreed to use GSO guidelines, which DCM dispersed to chairs.

**Attendance** – secretary will remind officers and known GSRs of meeting

**Meeting Schedules** – secretary will make schedules smaller and print copies (not more than \$40) and distribute.

**New Business:** See above

**GSR sharing session** was postponed due to time constraints

Meeting was **closed** with the declaration of unity. Next Meeting 7/9/05 at 7:00pm at Fifth Avenue.