

District Minutes 8/9/05

Present: Terry D., JoAnn E., John, Sean F., Tammie J., and Sarah C.

Opened: with "I am Responsible"

Announcements:

8/13 – District 20/21 *Summer Workshop 2005*, 9:30-11:30, Maple Grove

9/17 – District 1 *Sponsorship into Service*, 10:30-2:30, Rochester

9/30-10/2—West Central Forum, Great Falls, MT

10/14-16 – Hiawathaland Get-Together, Holiday Inn, Austin

10/22—Area Assembly, Holiday Inn, Austin

12/3—Area Committee Meetings, Best Western, North Mankato

Minutes: were read and approved with corrections: Treasurer's Report ending balance was \$163.96; DCM report Pigeon Chair Actually called Newsletter Chair; Delegate report will be 9/13.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance: \$163.96; Income: \$108.00 Step Study, \$50 Friday 8pm Lutes; Expenses: \$34.56 meeting schedules; Ending balance: \$287.40. Checkbook is balanced.

Treasurer will inquire with bank about removing the \$2 service fee.

Treasurer reported we are running out of checks; district approved purchase of more checks.

Treasurer proposed sending a thank you note to all groups who contribute. Sarah C. suggested including Treasurer's report with letter. District approved.

DCM Report:

Attended Area Assembly. Area Secretary is temporarily functioning as the Area Website Chair. Area Assembly proposed a change to Area election procedures where districts will nominate individuals for Area service positions and those individuals will submit their qualifications in advance of the Area Assembly where elections will occur to ensure that all individuals elected will be qualified according to guidelines in the Service Manual—**DCM would like feedback from groups on this**. Area proposed transferring *The Pigeon* to electronic format to be modern and contain expenses—**DCM would like feedback from groups on this**. Discussion of International Convention—one highlight was 7 new groups in China, which started after a health professional from China attended the 2000 International Convention in Minneapolis. 2010 International Convention will be in San Antonio. Area Assembly approved Pink Can Plan procedures and there is currently \$7,000 available to purchase literature for correctional facilities. Amended the Finance Policy for use of Area debit card to prevent cash withdrawals. Approved Area Treatment Facilities Temporary Contact brochure. Approved purchase of laptop by archivist. Proposal to rename Remote Communities and Special Needs Committee failed. DCM sharing session included suggestion of DCM and District officers visiting meetings and sharing about the district. Groups must be registered with GSO to make contributions to GSO. Format for next large Area meeting was discussed.

District 23 would like to do a workshop with us. Possible topics include: The Three Legacies, General Service Work, Why Groups Need to be Involved, Basis of the Home Group, or Working the Traditions in the Home Group. Food would be provided and Doug A. volunteered to chair the workshop.

DCM will submit District update to *The Pigeon*.

Groups would benefit from sending GSRs to District meetings.

DCM is trying to clarify the affiliation of LeSueur county (with District 9 or District 23)

DCM will mail out letters to groups, with Self-Support pamphlet, District envelopes, and meeting schedules.

CF Report: position open.

Temporary Contact Program is a great opportunity.

Pink Can Plan has funds.

CPC/PI Report: Not present.

Lit/GV Chair will take this month's copy of the GV to the ISJ psych ward and library.

Literature/GV Report: Previous Lit/GV recommitted.

Literature in the case at 5th Ave. belongs to district and money is occasionally turned over from 5th Ave board treasurer. District agreed that the District should request that money be sent to district regularly and that District members hold the keys to the cabinet. Tammie will inventory the existing literature and make a new sign with correct prices (no mark-up) and directions for how to pay for the literature.

TF Report: Chair will take this month's GV to House of Hope. Gave schedules to Director at House of Hope.

Contacted Johnson Hall and State Hospital in St. Peter and will distribute schedules there.

Will take meeting schedules to Family Focus and the psych ward at ISJ.

Discussion of other treatment facilities in the District—ART was identified as a place to contact.

Discussion of putting literature in treatment facilities. Sean will look at the catalog and bring a proposal to the next meeting.

Website Report: Not present; report given by Terry D.

www.mankatoaa.com founders opted not to collaborate with district. Will place meeting schedule at District 9 page of the Area 36 web site http://www.area36.org/district_9.php.

Old Business:

Elections - Archives and CF–Election tabled due to lack of attendance

District workshop – 9/13 Area delegate will talk at regular District meeting. Secretary will provide copies of minutes from 8/9/05 meeting and agenda, which will include all reports for 9/13 meeting to keep time reasonable. District will provide food Tammie bars, JoAnn chips, Terry cheese tray, Sarah cookies). Seventh Tradition Baskets will be passed. Tammie will create fliers.

New Business:

Workshop with District 23 – tabled

District minutes and agendas – Secretary proposed posting copies of minutes at meeting places in the District and bringing extra copies of the agenda to the District meeting so people could follow along. Both were approved and district will pay for copies.

GSR sharing session:

Step Study – Tradition study the first Wednesday of every month. Attendance is good with regulars and newcomers.

Squad 15 –Attendance is good. Step study format.

Meeting was **closed** with the declaration of unity. Next Meeting 9/13/05 at 7:00pm at Fifth Avenue.