

August Meeting 8/22/22

Members Attended: Melvin S, Will K., Kay H., Becky A, Patti D, Bill D, Pete S, Stephanie H, Melissa M., Budd M., Andrew G, Gordy A.

Serenity Prayer to Open the Meeting

Concept 8: Stephanie

Tradition 8: Becky

Secretary Report: read by Stephanie H, Budd M. made comments that the minutes were not as thorough as they should be and thought we could come up with solutions later. Becky A. motioned to approve and Bill D. seconded they were approved by a vote

Treasurer Report: given by Melvin S.

On 8/9 Gene G. had a heart attack

We signed a card for him and it looks like he will need rehab. He seems to be doing well and recovering. He has been a constant positive example of commitment and service to us all.

We need to relieve him of his position.

Melvin is checking on materials and trying to gain access to the checkbook and ledge. On 8/19 he met with his daughter Karol, but could only get the po box key, but he will meet with his daughter, Karol again. On July 20th Melvin met with Gene at Bremer Bank to be signed onto account, he also took Gene M. off the account as requested.

On 8/19/22 Melvin went to the PO Box and found the July 31st Statement and the Arvig statement. He was unable to access the account online but we don't have an account number. To the best of his knowledge

Beginning Balance:3,429.69

Checks: 1025 \$40.00

1026 \$89.13

1028 \$57.95

Arvig \$36.41

Total \$223.49

No Deposits

Ending Balance \$3,206.20

Stephanie H. made a motion to approve and Becky A. seconded and it was approved

DCM report: given by Melvin S.

Proposal from District 8 - Charlie C. from the Iron Range found on page 7 of northern lights Piece of literature found by a meeting member which was also on the GSO website, Which appeared to be controversial

“politically charged”? offensive? . Charlie called GSO -literature was approved by the committee but was

immediately taken down by GSO for further review. Made a motion to have more eyes on approval process-

motion passed by majority

Big Book Translation - District 9

Motion to oppose “translation” of big book - motion passed by majority

12x12 translation -District 9

Approval was given to translate 12x12, motion from area 35 to stop process- motion passed by majority

Blue Card - District 13 New “opening statement” I have more material if needed

Motion to be voted on Fall Assembly

Past delegates are eligible to be nominated for Area service positions not previously held

State Fair Booth contribution Fall assembly discussion possible vote ARea 35 contributes approx \$700 or 1/3 of

cost buy has no say on planning or control Area has made commitment for 2022- vote if we should continue

State wide Correction Committee Workshop

Zoom meeting 35 & 36 - Arden Anderson - Corrections Chair Contact

Preamble- in case members are taken aback by it the preamble has been changed from:

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope ...

To

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience

Alternate DCM: Melissa M.

She will work on the round robin schedule; encourage them to participate in district service

CPC/PI: Open Position

Pete S. has info to pass off to new position holder

Grapevine: Melissa M.

Grapevine has been pretty quiet, they have the editorial calendar out for 2023 with deadlines for stories, they did publish the 2019 play from area 93 history of grapevine. There are no new books but they are accepting stories for new addition for the big book, deadline 10/31/2022

Helpline: Bill D.

The last month he received 3 calls plus 1 for local information and help, he gave them what he knew and told them about the Meeting App and how to use it in the future. He requested help in hanging up more pinups in the area. He also asks everyone to double check the schedule to make sure it is up to date. Should we add "community service announcement" to the top so they stay up longer? He also passed out more business cards.

Literature: open position

Bill D, has all the books and other supplies

Treatment: Patti D.

She attended a treatment area zoom meeting. They discussed Bridging the Gap and asked to bring it up to GSR's in District 3 for volunteers from our area to sign up to be temporary contact people to take newly released people from treatment or prison in Area 36 to AA meetings. This would be for people who are from our area or are being placed in treatment or halfway houses. I brought the forms to be filled out by volunteers that would be sent to the Minneapolis intergroup. Our treatment chair for the area, Rico is working on setting up a similar database in area 35 and I will bring that information to the district when it is available. I also heard through an employee of Lakes Counseling in Detroit Lakes that they are interested in having AA meetings brought there during daytime hours. I will contact the facility and Jessica this coming week for more information about that and bring that back here. In the meantime if the GSR is good bring this information back to your groups and get AA members feedback that would be great. I reread the treatment kit after the Zoom meeting because it had been awhile. It turns out that that was useful because they have been a few issues with AA meetings at Lakes counseling. I heard that the facility has had questions about meetings and AA members running the meetings. There are guidelines that I can follow to make it better for them and AA members. I plan on going over the suggested information with lakes counseling and also share the information with the groups GSR's that are taking meetings in. She also attended the Zonal forum.

Corrections: Open position

Bill D. will check on if jail meetings are open again

Webmaster: Pete S.

He has updated the website minutes and flyers. He has consulted with Gertie about formats with email recovery. He has consulted about recovery receipts for Roger for reimbursement. He is now paying the monthly dues for the website out of pocket. We have no more ties with host gator or Go Daddy. We are able to print flyers and save the image just notice where it is loaded in folders. currently when people click on contact us it is forwarded to the webmaster and Pete S. We need more flyers to be uploaded. He has requested that the Google Calendar be removed of all the holidays, so it reflects only AA information.

It was discussed that we should find out who the domain host is and what the role of this Gerty, Pete S. Is under the impression that the extra work for uploading doesn't cost more, but we should find out for sure and also what our annual fee is.

GSR reports:

Becky A.: Grace Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes: Eye Openers DL Monday 10am & Wednesday 10am Attendance is up with an average attendance of 20+ on Monday and 12 to 15 on Wednesday. They will be co-hosting the October 29 round robin with First Lutheran. They fulfilled their obligation to speak at Lakes counseling the first Tuesday of the month. It was a small group.

Gene G: Cookie Monsters 1st Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls

No report

Stephanie H: DL Alano Club Formers Group Tue BB 7pm Wed Grapevine 12pm 10-12 people 6pm Womens meeting 10 people Thurs. AA Topic 7pm 12 people Saturday Mens 7 am good

Womens meeting 9am 15 Sunday 1 pm 5 people went to zonal forum and plan on going to fall assembly we had a great potluck and speaker meeting last night with Sharon J, 3 birthdays, and great fellowship

Kay H.: Perham Solutions MWF @ 7pm open meeting Th 12 Ladies and Saturday 9:30am open at Alano Club Highway 34

Attendance is strong about 20 people per meeting, many snowbirds and visitors. They posted this on the forum on Saturday, August 13, there was good district information and meal, there were three districts in attendance.

The Perham round robin is set for Saturday, September 17 they'll have a meeting and potluck Becky A. is the AA speaker and Mary Ellen is the AI-anon speaker?

They are supporting lakes counseling.

Melvin S.: DL Friday noon group First Lutheran Church

Co-Hosting round Robin October 29th, 2022.

Meetings are being attended.

Gordy A.: TGIF in Hawley Friday 7pm and 12x12 on Monday 7pm

Meetings are being attended. The meetings will be moving to the church behind Cenex. It is a Methodist Church but the date is not set yet.

Budd M.: St. Marys of the Lake Open meeting Saturday 9:30am on Co. Rd. 20 in DL

The first Saturday of the month as a step meeting the last Saturday of the month is a tradition meeting. All meetings in between our topic meetings. They have open meetings for AA and AI-Anon Attendance is around 20 to 25 people. He also attended theirs on a forum and Perham and felt that good information was shared there.

Will K.: New Beginnings NYM

They had their round robin on 8/13/22. They are working to put pamphlets in Fergus falls and Ottertail Jails.

Old Business:

Open positions:

Bill D. Is willing to do corrections Becky A. made a motion to approve Budd M. seconded and it was approved by vote

Budd M. and Becky A. are willing to Co- chair the literature position. Bill D. (?) made a motion to approve Patti D. seconded and it was approved by vote

Round Robin

Melissia M. Is updating the Round Robin schedule

New business:

Group inventory:

Area wants a group inventory done Melvin S. needs to forward the information.

Reports:

Going forward it would be very helpful to Email Stephanie H, the reports, so she can copy and paste. We passed around a sign up sheet with names and emails and made copies after meeting for everyone who wanted one.

Treasurer:

We need to find new treasurer, Melvin S. is interim, we will table this until next month

Meeting List:

Should we update the Open/Closed information on meetings list?

Treasurer position and budget: These were discussed and we agreed that the transparency and information should be readily available.

Website info-

Pete S. asked if we should if the chairs be added to the website with their emails?

Should Roger be reimbursed for all his past out of pocket expenses and should Pete S. get the \$25 covered by District? Pete S. is going to find out exactly what that covers and we decided to table this until next month

Fall assembly: Stephanie H. is going for DL Alano club Becky A. Is going for Grace Lutheran and Melissia M. Would like the district to cover some or all of her costs to go.

RR addition: DL Grace Lutheran and First Lutheran are teaming up for October 29th.

Sending Melissia M. To Conference?

Will K. made a motion for \$300 to be used to send Melissia M. to attend Fall Assembly but it was not seconded

For the 9/18/22 meeting

Tradition 9: Budd M.

Concept 9: Pete S.

Budd M. made a motion to close Stephanie H. seconded and it was approved

We ended with the responsibility statement