

## **District 3 Minutes for September Meeting 9/18/2022**

Open with Serenity Prayer 10AM

**Introductions:** Melvin S., Kay H., Becky A., Patti D., Bill D., Pete S., Stephanie H., Melissia M., Gordy A.

Tradition 9 - Pete S. Concept 9 - Budd M. has Covid so Melvin S. filled in

**Secretary Report** – Stephanie H. minutes from last meeting were read. motion to approve by Becky A. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patti D. 2 errors were found and fixed approved by vote

**Treasurer Report**– Open Position Melvin S. is still filling in Will K. may be interested in the position. Melissia M. said she would check at Perham printing for a quote for the meeting schedules

Beginning Balance \$3,206.20

Deposit – St. Mary's of the Lakes 8/28/22 + \$200

Arvig Autopay - \$35.49

Ending Balance \$3,370.41

Checks written in September by Melvin S

#1029 9/2/22 Perham Alano club Contributions zonal forum \$25.00

#1030 9/2/22 Patti D. supplies for zonal forum \$59.00

#1031 9/6/22 USPS PO box 6 mos \$91.00

#1032 9/13/22 Copy Kat Printing meeting schedules \$139.59

checking balance \$3,195.41

Outstanding check #1027 from 7/17/22 to Pete S \$13.20

motion to approve Becky A. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill D. approved by vote

**DCM Report**– Melvin S.

Gene Gwin our Treasurer Passing- My last month report was filled with hope of Gene recovering from a heart attack but he suffered a couple of strokes according to his daughters. He passed away on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

August 28<sup>th</sup> – Two of Gene’s daughters agreed to meet me in Elbow Lake to turn over treasury materials. I had to work and left right away from DL. I picked up a breifcase and a box. There was no ledger adn the checkbook ledger wasnt used for about one year prior. Of course, there was no computer print out either.

September 10th - I drove down to Elbow Lake with Budd M. for Gene’s memorial service. We appeared to be the only AA people attending. Gene has a large family, eleven children from 2 wives. Lots of grandchildren and great grandchildren, also many friends from his senior living center. He was spoken of lovingly. I was told by his daughter that she believed Gene was 48 years sober. I also picked up meeting schedules ordered by Gene M. from Budd M.

September 16th - I drove to Wadena to attend the Friday Noon meeting which was on our district schedule. I hoped to make a connection with this group, but found that the meeting was moved to Tuesday instead. I realized Wadena meetings on the district schedule, AA meeting app, are not the same, big mess up. I did make a phone contact from the clubhouse.

September 17th - attended Perham Round Robin which had an excellent turnout. The speakers did a fine job.

Bill D. made a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky A. approved by vote

**Alt. DCM Report**– Melissia M.

She has been sick and hasn’t traveled to meetings. She has moved and has a better signal now, She lives in Perham and works until 4:30-5. There was some confusion with meeting updates, she will get quote from Perham printing for schedules, The current price to beat is 14 cents a piece for 1,000 and 16 cents a piece for 500 from Kopy Kat Printing. She can coordinate helpers to attend local meetings to get updates on meeting schedule, She can contact group records and they will update the meeting app. Motion to approve by Stephanie H. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordy A.

**Cpc/PI** – Open

**Grapevine** – Melissia M.

They are developing a smartphone app that will have the current issue of the magazine, archives, a search feature, audio playlist, day count, meeting schedule, maintenance check, quote, sobriety calculator, store, you tube, and more. La Vina has a new book out Sobriedad Emocional, mas alla del horizonte. Stories by sober member of AA describing the positive transformations sobriety can bring. There is an

upcoming price increase, the top 10 selling books will increase by \$2.49 on 1/1/2023 and the rest will increase as they go to reprint. Other ancillary items prices will increase on 1/1/2023 as well. Motion to approve by Becky A and 2nd by Patti D.

**Helpline** – Bill D.

This last month we received 5 calls. Two were for local meeting information. Gave them what I knew and told them about the Meeting Guide App and how to use it in the future. One was to complain about Detroit Lakes meetings not being open that were scheduled. One was for meeting info by Alex. I helped him with the app. One was from a guy calling from Wadena wanting help and literature as he's a new GSR.... I literally passed my phone across the table to Patti.

Had new pinups made with our new edits. They look great! We can always use some help refreshing pinups. Again, please check and see if the meeting list is current for your groups. We have more District 3 business cards as well as the new pinups. Take a few and use them. It's nice having some more bodies willing to help.

Motion to approve by Stephanie H 2nd by Pete S.

**Literature** – Becky A./Budd M.

Bill D. brought the tubs. Becky said the inventory will be done, the tubs will get re-organized, and they will plan on having a table at the Round Robin on October 29th and they will have the chance to purchase items at the Fall Assembly.

Motion to approve by Patti D. 2nd by Stephanie H.

**Treatment** – Patti D.

I had a sit down meeting at Lakes Counseling Ed, the owner and Jessica, the Program Director on August 31. I brought them some pamphlets. Young People in A.A., If You are a Professional, The A.A. Group, How A.A. Members Cooperate With Professionals, Is A.A. For You, Information on A.A. (White Sheet), Understanding Anonymity

Lakes Counseling requested a daytime meeting and Grace Lutheran AA has changed their meeting time from evenings to days. They are open to other groups doing A.A. meetings during the day between 10 and noon. If your group would like to have a commitment please contact me and we can set that up. They are also interested in having random A.A. meetings during the day on an unscheduled basis. A.A. members can call Jessica at 218-847-0696 to do that. They are also interested in Bridge the Gap. Received a call from the GSR for Last Chance Ranch A.A. which takes meetings

into Bell Hill for information about A.A. meetings in Treatment Centers. The gentleman was a new GSR taking over for someone who had not been active. He has a box with some information but really has not had any help or idea of what to do. I encouraged him to come to the District. I also sent him information and pamphlets. I included the name and Email and phone numbers of the Area Treatment Chair and Group Records. G.S.R., Your A.A. General Service Office, The A.A. Group, Understanding Anonymity, How A.A. Members Cooperate With Professionals, A.A. in Treatment Facilities Motion to approve by Becky A. 2nd by Melissia M.

### **Corrections** – Bill D.

Good morning. Well, here's my first Corrections Report.

I spoke with Erica (The Program Director) at the Wadena Co. Jail. We exchanged info and I asked what they had going with AA and what we, District 3, could do to help. She said they have no meetings currently but would like to have them again. I said that I would bring it to the District to see about that. I asked if they could use some literature, and she said yes. I told her that I would get some starter stuff (with some Big Books) and arrange to deliver it and meet with her. I spoke with Sgt. Preston Byrd at the Otter Tail Co. Jail and we exchanged info. When I asked him about AA, he said a man named, "Stan" come in on Mondays for men. I asked him to forward my number to Stan so I could speak with him. He said he would. When I asked about women's meetings, he said that on the 1st and 3rd Mondays, they have Celebrate Recovery on their schedule and they have been having those meetings. He said on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, AA is on the schedule but no women volunteers from AA have been holding meetings. We have a literature rack in the jail waiting room. He said he would check to see if any books or other literature was needed. I suggested we schedule a face to face and he said to get back to him. I spoke with Scott at the Becker Co. Jail a couple of times. He said I could bring in some literature and that they still had some Big Books. He said that they are still not having programs, as the mask mandate there was not followed by other program people. Perham Solution Groups has that as a regular commitment and stands ready when the jail is. I spoke with Kevin K. (an old DCM) from Moorhead, and he said the Clay Co. Jail as well as the Juvenile Detention Center are being taken care of through the Fargo/ Moorhead Intergroup. He said they have regular meetings and have literature. I will be attending a combined Area 35 & 36 Corrections Service Workshop online on Oct. 8th from 10 am until 3 pm. A flier is at Area 35's website. We can use some volunteers to bring meetings into the jails. Please talk to your groups.

We discussed sharing about the BB online as opposed to more paper copies. We also talked about Bridge the gap and the information is found on the GSO website to connect to inmates. The penpal opportunity coordinator is Ilene Elders 2128703085 [corrections@aa.org](mailto:corrections@aa.org) f97 is the flyer information on the gso website Stephanie H. motioned to approve 2nd by Becky A.

**Webmaster** – Pete S.

The Website is updated as usual. We have some communication about the costs changing for 2023. We agreed that the district should be paying for the website costs from now on. Pete S. will update the payment information.

**GSR reports** :

Grace Lutheran – Eye Openers DL Monday 10am & Wednesday 10am

Becky A. attendance is excellent. A couple of newcomers. Tom B. spoke lakes counseling 10am 1st Tuesday of the month. Plans are in the works for co-sponsoring Round Robin Gail is making a flyer. Stephanie H. is willing to help.

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

Attendance is excellent, 30+, sometimes needing to break into 2 groups. They are supporting Lakes Counseling DL with AA meetings. They are receiving strong donations, paying bills, rent, maintaining BB supply and coins for anniversaries. They had their Fall Round Robin Round Up on September 17th from 6-9 pm. They had Brats and Burgers potluck, attendance was great, over 60 people from all over the Lakes Area. Sharon J. was the Alanon speaker and Becky A. was the AA speaker- they both gave wonderful talks, warm hospitality and AA friendship. She is attending the Fall Assembly in Crookston.

DL Friday Noon Group – Melvin S. First Lutheran Church

He is the contact but no longer the GSR, he reports business as usual, older crowd, and they are co-sponsoring the Round Robin at 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran on October 29th.

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

He reports that 6-8 people and a couple of newcomers at the Friday Night group and the Monday Night has the normal 4-6 people, they will be moving in november to United Methodist Church

St. Mary's of the Lake – Budd

Alano Club – DL Alano Club Formers Group

Tue BB 7pm well attended 10-12 people

Wed Grapevine 12pm 10-12 people

6pm Womens meeting 10+ women

Thurs. AA Topic 7pm 12-15 people

Saturday Mens 7 am 15 men

Womens meeting 9am 15 women

Sunday 12x12 1 pm 5-7

Stephanie H. contacted Melissia M. to have the Saturday meeting removed from the calendar, other meetings well attended, attending the fall assembly

### **Old Business**

Open positions:

Treasurer- tabled

CPC/PI - no takers

Area Inventory reminder to go to your email, Stephanie H. forwarded the link, so you can participate.

Fall assembly issues to be decided on– past delegates eligible for service positions not previously held is not an official policy. It's an unwritten area 35 rule.

State fair should area 35 support? The booth has a lot of information and people from everywhere come to get information and it's worthwhile to continue supportive this outreach.

District packets – do we have more pamphlets? Becky can make a committee to assemble more packets. We decided we should assemble more packets after the inventory is done by Becky A.

### **New Business**

Sending Alt. DCM Melissia M. to assembly. Stephanie H. Volunteered to carpool and share a room with Melissia M.

Cobblestone Inn is the next closest hotel Motion to approve made by Patti D. 2nd by Becky A. voted and approved

Area Grapevine presentation – Mike Urman will attend our meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> He will speak for 15-20 minutes

We discussed paying Roger back for back pay to cover the website set up and upkeep for 2 years that he paid for. It will be \$975 Motion to approve by Patti D. 2nd by Bill D. It was voted on and approved as well as the website upkeep being set up auto pay and paying Pete S. \$75 for website upkeep for the last 3 months,

There will be new costs for website starting in 2023

Should we add emails for \$10 apiece? Approved by quick vote and we will replace the one for CPC/PI for Grapevine Rep for now

We may need to find the budget in old minutes for the literature chair if Becky A. cannot find it in the tote.

Stephanie H. will email the minutes earlier in the month and everyone can pre-read them to save time during the meeting.

Stephanie H. is wondering if she can get info on what is being voted on at Fall Assembly. Steve Lear normally has a hotsheet

Should we add a booth at the local county fairs? It should be included in the budgets think about it and we vote in January

The Alano club believes a key for office was given in December to Gene M., we need to ask him about it and find it.

Area 35 Fall Conference October 1-2

Next District Meeting : October 16<sup>th</sup> 10AM

Concept 10: Patti D. Tradition 10: Melissia M.

Motion to close: motion made by Bill D. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Becky A.

Closed with Responsibility Declaration