

Meeting Minutes
From: Misty
Area 74, District 20
April 2016 District Meeting

Website: www.district20area74aa.org

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Meeting called to order on 04/30/2016 at 6:00PM

In Attendance: Misty, George, Neal, Jim, Derek, Dean, Wanda, Bonnie, Dawn

- Quiet Time/Serenity Prayer
- Readings: Tradition 4, Daily Reflections
- Introductions
- April Meeting Agenda Approved
- March Meeting Minutes Approved

Action Items:

- **Bonnie** - Prepare reimbursement of Hotline costs for George
- **George** - Check on the follow-up emails for the Hotline regarding the call received this month
- **Dean** - Follow up on a “register by date” with caterer for the 2017 Conference
- **Dean/Lyle** - Follow up on Au Train registration

Treasurer’s Report:

- Month end report on balances given.
- Additional expenses for reimbursement were submitted. A contribution was received. Will add to those to ledger.
- George has payment receipts from Hotline. Turned into Bonnie for reimbursement.

DCM Report:

- Dean attended a Munising meeting last week. He’s been to several in the District.
- Was unable to attend last DCM call.
- Attended PI call on Thursday night.
- Attended an Area 74 Sharing Session in April on the Feasibility Study created by GSB. Study about “the future of AA, expenses, revenue, restructure, internal and external communications, etc.” Bob gave a presentation and everyone had a chance to make some comments regarding all the points. Beneficial information and sense of our Area’s conscience taken to NY by Derek.
- All references to Business Meetings will be changed to Service Meetings in the Area 74 Guidelines.
- Webmaster of Area 74 gave report at the Winter Assembly.

7th Tradition Observed

GSR Reports:

- **Misty** - GSR - Manistique, Thursday, 730pm Happy Hour Group, Presbyterian Church - Business as usual - Following up with GSO on a \$46 contribution made in Sept. 2015 that wasn't credited to our group. Elizabeth in NY is researching with information that provided on the cancelled check and group's records.
- **Wanda** - GSR Friday Night 6pm Potluck/7pm Get Everybody Together/Campfire Meeting. June 17th will be first outdoor campfire meeting. Signup sheet coming soon. Sunday, May 15th at 2pm, Service Meeting with an Area Business update being provided by Manistique GSRs. Directly following is the Sunday afternoon 3pm Open Meeting at the Hiawatha Township Hall.
- **Bonnie** - GSR - Friday night Munising - Monday night Stage 2 Recovery at Hardee's - Members showing interest in attending the Friday night campfire meeting in Manistique.
- **George** - Alt. GSR for Thursday night Germfask - Going well - Snowbirds returning - attendance steady - probably 10-12 soon
- **Neal** - GSR- Friday morning Newberry - Same - Snowbirds back soon - Couple new people - Couple of returning members
- **Jim** - GSR - Grand Marais - 4 in attendance last week
- **Derek** - Delegate - Good week in NY although long. Meetings daily from 8am to 9 or 10pm. Feels good about understanding conference committee and how it works. Served on Literature Committee. Elected Alternate Chair for next year. Plain language Big Book did not get turned into a motion. Committee will look at the Plain Language Big Book further. Great experience. Will be creating a report for Area 74. People in attendance from all over the country. Derek was able to share our Area's conscience about the Feasibility Study. Sharing sessions were really interesting. Remote communities/informal communication network. Derek wants to become more involved with this because it pertains to our Area.
- **Dawn** - Attended NY as a Guest of Delegate. Had opportunity to meet people and participate. Made it possible to learn about and understand the process. Attended an open meeting with 3 speakers about Step 3, Tradition 3, and Concept 3. Learned so much. The time these volunteers and service workers put into serving AA is staggering.

Committee Reports:

- **Hotline:**
 - 1 call received - George did not receive an email about the call as he thought he should
- **Literature:**
 - Tab on District 20 website for all the literature we have for sale
- **Corrections:**
 - No update
- **Archives:**
 - Neal received a folder from Ken with more information on Macmillan.

- **PI:**
 - Dean attending conference calls
 - First call was regarding the website
 - Thursday's call was about meeting lists being submitted to the website. If list received by the 15th of the month, they will be updated on website by the end of the month. Deadline information will be in the Now and Then.
 - All meeting lists (new or updates) go through the PI Chair
 - There is a password protected, secure website with minutes, agendas, and other committee information to which few people have access. Trying to get that opened up a little.

- **CPC:**
 - No update

- **Website:**
 - Dean added the Literature tab

- **2017 Conference:**
 - 2017 Spring Conference Committee had a call on Wednesday
 - Flyer has been updated from first draft
 - Area 74 Spring Conference is the official "title" on the checking account
 - Dawn thought a "Register By" date might be added for banquet attendance guarantee
 - Misty obtained PO Box for registration.
 - Area 74 Spring Conference, PO Box 212, Manistique, MI 49854
 - Working on firming up the conference agenda now - thinking about adding AA and Al-Anon Meetings, more specific panel information, speakers, etc.
 - Misty distributed a some basic food truck information from the internet to explore for Saturday lunch at conference
 - George received confirmation from Holiday Inn regarding rates
 - Flyer changes taken by Derek for correction and will be redistributed
 - George would like to confirm the final flyer with the hotels before distribution

Old Business:

- **Sponsorship Workshop June 18th 2016 - Germfask, St. Therese**
 - Flyer has been distributed
 - Jim suggested sponsorship packets; Cheryl ordering
 - Sloppy Joes, Chips, Salads
 - Wanda has supplies from last workshop
 - Lunch starts at 11am
 - District 20 Meeting to follow Workshop

- **Kit for PI Chair**
 - Still working on getting a kit for Nikki

- **Meeting lists:**
 - Have been distributed detailing open/closed definitions

New Business:

- **Prudent Reserve:**
 - Discussed the differences between AA Group Prudent Reserve and District Prudent Reserve
 - Printing supplies? DCM Expense Reimbursement? Rent? These are already line items in the budget.
 - Prudent Reserve is an Emergency Fund to fall back on when our budget is balance is at zero.
- **Au Train Registration:**
 - The Au Train group is not registered at all. Dean/Lyle will follow up with GSO registration and get them in District 20.
- **New Business Cards:**
 - Provided

Dates to Remember:

- May 14th, Workshop, Palmer
- May 14th, Calumet - Copper Country Intergroup
- Area 74 2016 Spring Conference, May 20th-22nd, Ashland, WI
- June 4th District 20 Meeting, 6pm (This is technically the May meeting, but May schedule is full and Memorial Day weekend wasn't feasible.)
- District 20 Sponsorship Workshop - June 18th, 2016, Germfask, St. Therese Catholic Church
- June 18th District 20 Meeting (After workshop)

Next Meeting:

- Saturday, June 4th, **6pm**, 2016 Germfask, MI, St. Therese Catholic Church

Meeting Adjourned/Closed with The Lord's Prayer