

Meeting Minutes
From: Misty
Area 74, District 20
December 2015 District Meeting

Website: www.district20area74aa.org

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Meeting called to order on 12/19/2015 at 11:00AM

In Attendance: Harland, Misty, George, Neal, Brenda, Cheryl, Brandon, Bonnie, Tim, Wanda, Dean, Derek

- Quiet Time/Serenity Prayer
- Tradition 12
- Daily Reflections
- Introductions
- Meeting Agenda Approved
- November Meeting Minutes Reviewed/Corrected/Approved
 - *Corrections:*
 - Page 4: Hotline \$105 Per MONTH; not per year
 - GSR Updates: Derek: It's in the Book Group; Paradise attendance, not Germfask
- Treasury Report Approved

Action Items:

- Dean - Provide Bonnie with Treasurer's Spreadsheet file
- Bonnie - Provide Dean with information necessary to make treasurer's position transfer
- Dean - Upload 7th Tradition Contribution information to website
- Brandon - Complete new GSR registration
- George - Give LeAnne the hotline for the month
- Dean - Provide Cheryl and Gail with the Area Literature Chair contact information
- Dean - Provide Neal with names and numbers of Manistique contacts for archives information
- Misty - Add Brandon's email address to the District 20 distribution list
- Dean - Provide list of the new/incoming officers to entire group
- Derek and Dean - Provide Cheryl with PI/CPC chair information/kit
- Dean - Provide GSO with chair information
- Dean - Provide usernames and passwords for website maintenance to select people as backup
- Dean - Add agenda item for January meeting to fund/reimburse individual committee chairs for attendance at workshops and area committees
- Dean - Move forward with the Manistique PSA (I Just Wanted to Die) and provide group with the Newberry station information
- All - Go over the Freedom Voice/Internet phone information with your individual groups to see if there are any volunteers to man the hotline
- All - Email George with names and phone numbers of hotline volunteers. Visit freedomvoice.com for more information.

- **Dean** - Agenda item for next month - Location, Date, Format for Sponsorship Workshop
- **Misty** - Create and provide a form for a distribution list for the group
- **Dean** - Provide Bonnie with non-profit EIN/501C number information

Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed checking account information
- Bill submitted from Dean for \$87.99 for hotel at Area Committee Meeting - Approved
- Contributions from Munising Friday morning group provided at meeting to Wanda and Derek
- Reviewed spreadsheet's forecasted expenses for the next year; a function recently added to the Treasurer's report. These estimated expenses are automatically formulated within the spreadsheet for the following year based on expenses from the current year.
- This will be the final report from Wanda and the position will be transferred to Bonnie
- Derek suggested we begin budgeting for committees

DCM Report:

- Provided a copy of his DCM Report for District 20, which he gave at the Area Conference Meeting on 12/12/2015
- There is a form in the *Now and Then* to be used if you ONLY want to receive electronic copies (rather than snail-mailed, hardcopies) of the *Now and Then* newsletter. This is an effort to cut down on costs and redundancies and of the mailing list.
- Distributed copies of the GSO 7th Tradition Contributions process
- Shared printout of deadlines for publications in the *Now and Then* from Bob
- Most of the committee meeting was a handoff from last years officers to the new officers

7th Tradition Observed

GSR Reports:

- **Wanda** - Friday night Get Everyone Together Campfire - Being held inside now - 11-15 people. Buffet at 6pm; gratitude meeting at 7pm. Dec. 4th was Annual Christmas Party; about 45 people. Great time!
- **Bonnie** - Friday meetings picking up. Reminded of importance of keeping the doors open for people who need meetings. There are some newcomers showing up.
- **Brandon** - New GSR Sunday night Munising - 20+ people there last week. Growing.
- **Cheryl** - Munising - Friday AM 12x12 - A long time member of the group just passed away. Newcomers showing up. People from other meetings in the area are now starting to come to the Friday morning.
- **Brenda** - Tuesday night 12x12, Manistique - Now able to attend meetings at night, which will allow her to maintain her position as GSR.

- **Neal** - Newberry - 7 or 8 people - Also treasurer for group. Has accrued a prudent reserve so can pay rent. Hoping contributions can be made soon. Had Newberry newspaper misprint fixed.
- **George** - Alternate Thursday night Germfask GSR - Numbers down a little. Solid meeting. Meeting is a little over 2 years old. Has grown since it's start.
- **Misty** - Manistique Thursday Night - Daily Reflections - Averages about 10-12 people, but occasionally up to 15 in attendance. Very good meeting. A couple newcomers.
- **Derek** - Area secretary registrar info given to Brandon to register as new GSR
- **Harland** - Macmillan - Maintaining attendance - Outside wintertime campfires starting after the new year. Dates to be determined and flier to be distributed
- **Dean** - Family member of one of our members passed. Strong support given from the Manistique group.

Committee Reports:

- **Hotline:**
 - Bonnie had hotline last month
 - Call received from a woman detoxing needing help
 - Checked back with the woman a several times that day
 - LeAnne will take hotline next month. George will give it to her.
- **Archives:**
 - Last conference call had additional conversation with the Area Archivist re: who started meeting in Newberry? Emailed GSO. Sent in all group numbers and asked for information about how the groups got started. Still waiting for response.
- **Literature**
 - \$337.82 in Account
 - Gail will be taking over in January
 - Curtis was last intergroup with a booth setup
 - Haven't had any recent sales
 - Giving out quite a few big books in Munising meetings so a purchase will probably be necessary soon.
- **PI/CPC**
 - Nothing to report until January
 - Trying to get more information on the position
 - Wants to start attending area meetings and budgeting to do so
- **Website**
 - Up to date
 - New tab for forms
 - Bonnie shared that a new person expressed difficulty finding the website for a meeting list in Munising
- **Corrections:**
 - Maintaining 12-15 people at prison meetings
 - Receiving positive feedback
 - Derek added that Newberry Correction Facility could also use a Thursday night meeting
 - Brian has forms to approve new visitors for meetings in corrections facilities

- Alger Max short staffed, under renovations, still not accepting meeting visitors. At least 4 people are signed up to go in since January but still can't get approved

Old Business:

- **Radio PSAs / Radio Results Network**
 - Votes received; "I Just Wanted to Die" was the favorite
 - Has to be EXACTLY 30 SECONDS to play on radio
 - Newberry radio is part of the network
 - Just Wanted to Die audio file, plus hotline telephone number and website information will be provide to radio station to start PSA in Manistique
- **Freedom Voice/Hotline:**
 - Looking for volunteers to answer the hotline calls. Please email George if you can volunteer or have volunteers from your groups
 - Grand Marais is covered
 - Newberry almost done
 - Reliable phone service is needed
 - George will streamline current hotline information packet to get all volunteers a copy of meeting lists, etc.
 - Visit FreedomVoice.com for more information
 - George will call other hotlines to see how it's being handled elsewhere
- **Sponsorship Workshop**
 - June 18, 2016 Date Approved
 - Work on location, format, etc. next month
- **Bulk Literature Area 74**
 - AA does not sell medallions

New Business:

- **Blind Copy (BCC) Distribution List Emailing**
 - BCC used to protect individual anonymity
 - Cannot "reply all" to group message - will only reply to the sender when BCC'd
 - Should use your own distribution list if you want to send a communication to the entire group
 - Cheryl suggested recreating a list of this groups' contact info
 - Misty will provide a signup sheet/form for those from this group who would like to be put on a distribution list for this group only.
- **District 20 Non-Profit EIN and 501C**
 - Dean getting communications from IRS. Issue has been straightened out.
 - District 20 CAN have it's own EIN and 501C numbers. A form must be filled out and submitted when the contact person changes when position terms end/begin. The numbers will stay the same, but the contact person changes.
- **Prudent Reserve**
 - Prudent reserve (agreed in the past) should cover about 6 months of rent, lights, coffee. DCM travel and expenses is a separate line item. Debating whether or not DCM expenses should be part of prudent reserve and should we increase prudent reserve amount.

- **2017 Conference Donation**

- Area event hosted by District 20
- Area gives 1000 seed money
- If profit made, profits are split between district and area
- If loss occurs, Area makes up difference to District
- Budget usually includes a line item for donations

Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 20th - Intergroup in Nagaunee, MI
- Calendar on website has all information for Area 74 events

Next Meeting:

- Saturday, January 23, 2016, Germfask, St. Therese Catholic Church, 11AM
(George will take notes)

- **Area 74 Spring Conference 2017**

- Conference Update provided
- Punchlist provided
- Conference call dial-in information provided
- Volunteer sign up sheets provided
- Flier draft provided

Meeting Adjourned/Closed with The Lord's Prayer