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November 2013 District meeting

Meeting called to order on 11/23/13 at 6:00 pm

In Attendance: Wanda, Dean, Tony, Derek, George, Dawn, Jim S., Kathiann, Sue, Brenda

- Serenity Prayer
- Traditions
- Introductions
- Amended Agenda approved.
- October minutes approved (Amended)
- Treasurers report approved
- 7th tradition
- DCM Report to District 20 11.23.2013
 - I attended the East Central Regional Forum in Fort Wayne, Indiana the weekend of November 15-17
 - I roomed with our Area Delegate to the General Service Conference, Marty L, so saved on expenses (no cost to District 20 on this)
 - The weekend was highly informative. Members of GSO staff and several trustees (class A and B) were present to respond to questions during general sharing sessions, including:
 - o The General Service Office Manager, Phyllis H.
 - o The AAWS Director, Roberta L.
 - o The Executive Editor of the Grapevine, Ami B.
 - o Grapevine Board Director, Clayton V.
 - o The Chairman of the General Service Board, Terry B.
 - o Trustee at Large US, Robert W.
 - La Vina Editor, Irene D.
 - I attended all main sessions and two workshops:
 - O How Do We Benefit from Group and Area Inventories?
 - A.A. and Advancing Technologies
 - The takeaway message [for me] from the Forum was the importance of the work that GSO does. The Big Book has now been translated into 72 languages with 18 languages currently in translation. The message is still being carried to places in the world where AA does not exist. AND, AA groups are currently not self-supporting based on the services they receive from GSO (see handout). As we transition away from book sales (due to migration to electronic media), group contributions will need to increase to cover the deficit. If you hear someone say "they don't need the money in NY", correct them. Contributions are necessary at all levels in the general service structure to keep AA alive for generations to come. We are responsible.
 - Anniversary Edition of the Big Book comes out in April 2014 with preorders starting November 15, 2013 I have printed a few of the flyers. Please copy and share with your groups

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Area Committee Meeting December 14 in Three Lakes, WI This will be my final duty as DCM.
 There will be a portion reserved for Committee Chair transition and I am sure Dawn and I will be busy with the outgoing Treasurer Mike McG.

- GSR
 - George—Steady, mid 20s
 - Derek. Tuesday steady. Saturday meeting continuing through winter. 1st anniversary
 McMillan was October 3rd.
 - Tony –Now official GSR for Thursday Germfask meeting
 - Wanda—Manistique Sunday open topic. 15 or so, picking up a little now that summer is over
 - Dawn—Tuesday women's meeting small but great!
 - Sue—reading "As Bill Sees It"
 - Brenda—New GSR Manistique Tuesday meeting
- Committee reports
 - Hotline to Paradise
 - Corrections
 - Newberry doing great
 - Opportunities exist at Alger max
 - CPC/PI—Dawn gave a report on a "CPC gratitude" meeting she attended while on vacation in Kauai' Also went to a District 6 meeting
 - Literature—Dawn gave a report on sales.
- Old business.
 - Newsletter---Derek brought in a mockup. Very nice. Will have inaugural edition in
 January. Outgoing DCM (Derek) will become newsletter chair
 - Sue has a storage cabinet we can use to store books, etc. at the church.
 - Reviewed budget for 2014
- New business
 - None
- Next meeting date and time. Saturday, January 25th at 6:00 pm.
- Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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