

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

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Meeting called to order on 03/19/2016 at 11:00AM

**In Attendance:** Dean, Brian, Jim, Ken, Nikki, Harland, Neal, Misty, George, Bonnie, Cheryl, Jim, Lyle, Wanda, and Dawn

- Quiet Time/Serenity Prayer
- Readings: Tradition 3, Daily Reflections
- Introductions
- March Meeting Agenda Approved
- February Meeting Minutes Corrected and Approved
  - Remove Neal's expenses for Spring Conference Call - those haven't been received yet.
  - Correct spelling of Harland's name

**Action Items:**

- **Misty** - Correct March Meeting Minutes and redistribute
- **Dean and Bonnie** - Continue work on budget for DCM and Workshop expenses
- **Dean** - Submit change form to get Au Train in District 20
- **Dean** - Check with Iron Mountain/Kingsford Intergroup to see if they need Literature Table
- **Neal** - Provide group with reports on Archives via email
- **Cheryl** - Order PI Chair Kit for Nikki
- **Cheryl** - Order Sponsorship Pamphlets for June Workshop
- **Misty** - Correct contact list and redistribute
- **Dean** - Redistribute revised meeting lists via email
- **Misty** - Obtain PO Box for 2017 Spring Conference

**PI Chair Election**

- Nikki elected PI Chair

**Treasurer's Report:**

- No contributions received yet for March
- Paid rent for whole year
- Paid Neal for phone costs
- Paid DCM expenses for conference
- Trying to get the EIN in Bonnie's name. Paperwork was sent in December. Bank opened account anyway. Will go get Conference money into it's own checking account. All money is currently in bank.
- **Budget** - Dean provided Bonnie with proposed budget. Changes were made based on emails. Increased DCM expenses. Hotline increase added.

- We wanted \$500 for GSRs and Committee Chairs to attend workshops; there wasn't \$500 left.
- Bonnie and Dean will work on DCM and Workshop expenses for the budget
- Dean provided contribution addresses for GSO, Area 74 and District 20

### DCM Report:

- Delegates Workshop - Dean distributed the report he gave at the Area Committee Meeting on March 10th for District 20
- Split into various committees and viewed all things GSO considering
- Cheryl on CPC committee
- Nikki and George on PI committee
- Brandon and Gayle on Literature committee
- Committee Report highlights
  - We now have a PI Chair
  - We have 22 or 23 meetings in our district and had 16 attendees at last District Meeting
  - June 18th Workshop
  - Hotline service - we are the first to implement the Internet Phone
  - PSA is now running on radio and 3 calls were received
  - Committee Chair reimbursements
  - Seven people attending ACM
  - Dean wants to attend more groups
  - Workshop agenda finalization
- Had a conference call about Area 74 website
- April or May - Matt (Webmaster) should start attending these meetings to provide reports so he has a voice

### **7th Tradition Observed**

### GSR Reports:

- **Nikki** - Thursday Night It's in the Book - Germfask 6:30pm - Agreed to have a meeting after the meeting to go over the workshop. Updating the 12 Traditions Illustrated. Went well. Wanted to give their opinion. Hoping to do it again. Opportunity for the Delegate to voice his opinion as well since it's his home meeting
- **Harland** - Wed night Macmillan - Maintaining about 21 people - Suggested having more appeal to younger people. People didn't want to change meeting format
- **Neal** - Friday morning Newberry - Attendance bouncing around. Averaging about 10.
- **Misty** - Manistique Thursday night Happy Hour - \$130 GSO contribution made - Smaller groups recently. Daily Reflections - going well. Good discussions.
- **Cheryl** - Munising Friday AM 12x12 - Same
- **Bonnie** - Munising Friday PM - Lots of newcomers getting close to a year of sobriety. Stage 2 Recovery book by Ernie Larson getting a lot of interest. Some members want more weekly meetings. Last Monday launched an informal get together at Hardee's. 7 or 8 people attended. Spent time looking at Stage 2 Recovery Book. Very good!

- **Lyle** - Au Train - Between Districts 19 and 20 - Having a hard time getting information. Suggested submitting a change form to get in District 20 in order to get consistent information. From 6-8 members
- **Wanda** - Manistique Potluck - Friday after intergroup will start outdoor campfire meetings again. They will run through August.
- **Jim** - Grand Marais - 3 people last week
- **Ken** - Newberry Tuesday morning - 5 - 10 people. Improving, starting to pick up. A few newcomers.
- **Dean** - Manistique - All Manistique meetings have been a little smaller than usual.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Hotline:**
  - No calls - George distributed report that provides stats on the hotline action. All data currently from test calls, but you can see how it works.
- **Literature:**
  - Cheryl provided spreadsheets of literature inventory for pamphlets and books.
  - Do we want to add literature inventory/information to website? Motion made, seconded and passed to start that process.
  - Wants to have better records of what's being sold
  - Literature Chair position hasn't been transitioned. Motion made and seconded to have Cheryl continue as Literature Chair.
  - Please get in touch with Cheryl before meeting if you need an order so she doesn't have to bring all the inventory to the District Meetings.
  - No recent sales
  - Cheryl will pick up more books from Area 74 and try to place all future orders through them to cut down on costs.
- **Corrections:**
  - Going well
  - 2 inmates moving so Harland trying to provide applications and necessary literature
- **Archives:**
  - Neal brought the reports Derek requested re: Archives
  - Bonnie has information on Munising's group history. Will be writing an article about that and sharing it with Archives. She writes for the Alger Country paper.
- **PI: (Nikki New Chair)**
  - Tengo esperanza
  - Actors portraying AA members in AA announcements. Faces aren't shown in announcements.
- **CPC:**
  - Cheryl read over kit
  - Had first conference call. Interesting to hear what other people in area are doing with CPC. Many people starting to go into doctors offices, court systems - putting up literature racks.
  - Sending out letters to doctors - not getting a lot of response - doctors are busy
  - Brochures in waiting rooms might be effective

- Misty suggested getting website information out to ER staffs so meeting lists and hotline info can be distributed to patients showing interest in recovery
- Cheryl will check on costs of racks for distribution in offices
- Went to Workshop and looked at different pamphlets in kits
- “Three Talks to the Medical Society by Bill W.” Large pamphlet - expensive. Considering discontinuing, but has good history and want to keep it in archives.
- Looking at verbiage changes to some literature.
- Looking at revisions to lead professionals to [AA.org](http://AA.org) or Grapevine
- Last Monday of March next conference call
- **Website:**
  - Dean will add literature tab when Cheryl provides information
  - Dean will add conference tab
- **2017 Conference:**
  - Nikki volunteered to be greeter chair
  - Wanting to have flyer approval in April for distribution at May Conference
  - Misty will get PO Box early April
  - George has provided more hotel information
  - Sydney’s wasn’t enthused about buffet rather than traditional service
  - Bagel place would do onsite lunch which could be added to registration
  - No one is committing a year out
  - \$22 for banquet - \$18 for registration - Plus lunch option checkbox
  - Conference Theme - Derek, Frank and Dean will decide “UP with AA, Serenity, Sobriety?”
  - Next conference call 6pm Wed., April 27th

### Old Business:

- **Sponsorship Workshop June 18th 2016 - Germfask, St. Therese**
  - Derek will be giving Delegates report
  - CPC Chair will give report
  - Jim suggested using AA’s Sponsorship Pamphlets
  - Flyer approved for distribution
  - George will MC
  - Derek, Barry, Bonnie, Lyle and Jim on panel
  - Focus should be on sponsorship; not being a sponsee
- **Contact Lists**
  - Misty received contact list from George. Misty distributed hardcopy list to group. Corrections to be made - Misty will redistribute.
- **Meeting lists:**
  - Dean updated with open and closed statements/explanations. Will redistribute via email.

### New Business:

- **7th Tradition addresses - Distributed**

### Dates to Remember:

- April 1st Sharing Session/Feasibility Study- Rhinelander, WI

- April 2nd Winter Assembly - Three Lakes, WI
- April 9th, Iron Mountain/Kingsford Intergroup
- April 27th Conference Call 6pm (2017 Spring Conference Committee)
- April 30 District 20 Meeting, 6pm
- June 18th District 20 Meeting following District 20 Sponsorship Workshop, Germfask, St. Therese

**Next Meeting:**

- Saturday, **6pm**, April 30th, 2016 Germfask, MI, St. Therese Catholic Church

**Meeting Adjourned/Closed with The Lord's Prayer**