

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

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Meeting called to order on 11/21/15 at 6pm

**In Attendance:** Dean, Derek, Brenda, Misty, George, Neal, Jim, Tim, Bonnie, Wanda

- Quiet Time/Serenity Prayer
- Tradition 10
- Daily Reflections
- Introductions
- Meeting Agenda Approved
- October Meeting Minutes Approved
- Treasury Report Approved

**Treasurer's Report:** (Wanda)

- Large donation from Germfask in November
- Should have a decent budget for next year when the treasury is turned over

**DCM Report:** (Dean)

- Request from NY from Mary Jo on Corrections. Discussing a Corrections Workshop. Gathering information.
- New flier on website for WICYPAA. Much debate at last assembly about WICYPAA. Wanted a letter of reference from the Area. Voted down on giving them a reference letter based on structure and guidelines although no one had anything but positive things to say about the group. The conference is not being held in Area 74. They are not a registered AA group.
- December 12th Committee Meeting Three Lakes, WI
- Derek added that we should be inclusive. The General Service Board DOES accept contributions from YPAA groups. Bill W. supported them 100%.

**7th Tradition Observed**

**GSR Reports:**

- **Jim:** Grand Marais GSR - Sometimes three; most of the time two people.
- **Wanda:** GSR for Potluck Friday night Manistique. Attendance seems to be picking up. December 4th - Annual Christmas party meeting - Ham and Fixings!
- **Misty:** Manistique Thursday 730pm Happy Hour at Presbyterian Church. Doing well. Rent paid, contributions to soon be made again. Back up to 10 -15 people.
- **Bonnie** - Musing Friday Evening - things leveling off. Almost like a newcomers group. Another overdose in the community about a week and a half ago. Group size

- doubled after the funeral. The hand of AA needs to be out there. One of the attendants who is now off paper is continuing to come. Feeling very encouraged!
- **Neal** - Friday morning Newberry meeting GSR. Average attendance is 7 with wild swings. Mostly young people. Group conscience meeting held. Average sobriety 2 years. Open to idea of allowing addictions beyond alcohol being included. It seems to help court ordered people be honest.
  - **George** - Not currently a GSR but attends some meetings in area. Germfask meeting seems to be growing to 8-12 people instead of 2-4. Macmillan meeting always good. Attendance down probably because of deer season. Newberry corrections meeting good. Manistique Friday night meeting fantastic.
  - **Brenda** - Tuesday Night 12x12 First Baptist - Haven't been attending. Will pass GSR position on.
  - **Derek** - In the Book Group on Thursday night in Germfask. The attendance has really fallen off. Winding down Area Treasurer position. Very rewarding experience.
  - **Dean** - Manistique. Started a Tuesday morning meeting in June. Rent and contributions being paid. 5-10 person meeting. Group hasn't been registered yet. Encouraging.

**Committee Reports:** (Kits are available for all the various chair positions)

- **Hotline/Phone:**
  - Derek had hotline - 1 missed solicitation call
  - Bonnie taking over hotline for the month
- **Archives:** (Neal)
  - Seems to be doing the right things. Mostly listening on conference calls. They are encouraging about our work. Been gathering information for the history book.
- **2017 Area 74 Spring Conference**
  - Gary from Gwinn will be new DCM in January
  - No one wanted to serve on any committees of all the people with whom Dean spoke.
  - Dean received a folder of information from the last Area Conferences. Included many phone numbers, contact names, amounts of food and coffee needed, cost of speakers and travel arrangements. Has Marquette meeting minutes.
  - A lot of cooperation from Marquette. They're excited. District 16 people have shown some interest.
  - Seed money should be requested
  - Bonnie will open an account for the Conference when she opens account for the District
  - Derek will provide an EIN number and Bonnie will need to get one as well
  - We will have many challenges that aren't faced when holding these functions in a hotel; we make our own coffee, provide food, get chairs and tables, etc.
  - Need to create a committee
  - George elected Conference Co-Chair
  - Derek will have a mock up of a flier next month
  - Bonnie will walk around facility and try to get a floor plan
  - What businesses are in the Alger Parks and Rec. Bldg.?

- Program Chair position will be absorbed by Committee Chair and Co-Chair
  - Misty voted Registration Chair
  - Wanda voted Hospitality Chair
  - Neal voted Publicity Chair
  - Can start having conference calls for these meetings rather than having them in conjunction with the District Meetings.
  - Will look into venue and come back next month with more information
- **Literature** - Made \$60 at Curtis
  - **PI/CPC** - Cheryl chairing next year
  - **Website** - Doing a lot of work in the background. There was a tab for New Events or News, which now links to Calendar on website. Dean putting all information on the calendar with fliers for all groups.

### **Business:**

#### • **Radio PSAs:**

- Radio Results Network can put PSA on all stations or one station.
- 30 seconds or less
- Will run several times a week, for several months on a rotating basis with no defined timeline.
- Manistique will pursue PSA in our city only and use the hotline number.
- Jim liked “Alcohol Didn't Work Anymore” and “AA Made the Difference” and “The Door is Always Open” (favorite) and “I Just Wanted to Die” and “Never Alone Again” and “People Just Like Me.”
- Bonnie - should be short and to the point and include as many types as possible
- Dean suggested listening to these audio files online. They are on [aa.org](http://aa.org) and type in “PSA” in the search box.
- Misty - #1 People Just Like Me - #2 The Door is Always Open
- Derek asked if we could play more than one in rotation?
- Suggested everyone listen to the audio files on [aa.org](http://aa.org) and come back with a decision next month.
- Bonnie will check with their local radio station Munising.
- Derek added there is a video PSA that was picked up by CNN Airport on [aa.org](http://aa.org) also.
- Dean will ask if PSA can be switched/rotated
- Misted added might be a good idea to start sooner rather than later to reach people during deer hunting and the holidays.
- Group will provide emails with top three choices so we can move forward sooner rather than waiting until next month's meeting.

#### • **Group Numbers:**

- Dean will make some inquiries and see how this is being handled.

### **New Business:**

#### **• 2016 Workshop**

- Sponsorship will be 2016 Workshop
- Suggested end of May; beginning of June
- June 18th, 2016 tentatively, Germfask
- Food to be worked out
- Format to be worked out

#### **• Freedom Voice - Hotline - Internet Phone**

- Internet phone provides many more features
- Won't have to carry around the hotline Tracfone
- Could start Freedom Voice when Tracfone runs out of minutes
- Not so much a huge cost savings for us, but so many more technical options
- Need people willing to volunteer their numbers for the queue in their areas
- George suggested creating a committee with a Committee Chair
- Over 2,000 minutes with renewal due in March 2016 on current Tracfone
- \$105 per month for Tracfone now
- PSAs will create more phone calls.
- Background hold music/message can be customized
- Voted to move forward with the Internet Phone
- George will be the Hotline Chair - Voted - Approved

#### **• Discounts on Literature from Area 74**

- Area 74 will take orders from the Districts for a bulk buy to save money.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- Dec. 4th - Manistique Christmas Party
- Dec. 12th - Area Committee Meeting, Three Lakes, WI
- Feb. 20th - Intergroup in Nagaunee, MI

### **Next Meeting:**

- Saturday, December 19th, Germfask, St. Therese Catholic Church, 11AM  
(George will follow up to see if the church is available)

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