

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

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Meeting called to order on 10/23/15 at 4pm

**In Attendance:** Dean, Wanda, Brenda, Corey, Jim, Misty

- Quiet Time/Serenity Prayer
- Tradition 10
- Daily Reflections
- Introductions
- Meeting Agenda Approved
  - Conference assembly bid info/update tabled until next meeting due to attendance
- September Meeting Minutes were Approved
- Treasury Report was Approved

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

- \$44.19 under printer supplies - Boxes of checks had to be purchased
- Bill was submitted from Dean for a room at Three Lakes, WI Assembly in the amount of \$66 - Approved

**DCM Report:** (Dean)

- Dean apologized for the low attendance at this meeting. Many people could not get away from work due to it being Friday afternoon. Please don't hesitate to volunteer that a meeting time won't work for you when they are suggested and set.
- Went to assembly in Three Lakes. Was a business meeting; no voting.
- Elected co/alternate chairs to some committees
- Committee reports were given on all the different committees
- One more committee meeting on Dec. 12th for DCMs
- Mary Jo, the current delegate had several heart attacks. She is ok and recovering.
- Finance report was given at assembly - All the committees have a budget. Some people don't spend any. Some overspend. Interesting differences.
- They're working on making budgets for next year's committees. Budgets they're making are for the INCOMING committee members.
- Discussed structures and guidelines for Area 74 - how we keep track of minutes, who they get sent to, what the jobs are, how to bid for conferences, how to bid for assemblies.
- Now and Then Discussion - The secretary keeps a list of contacts. She gives those to the Now and Then editor. There are many duplicates. This affects mailing costs. Was discussed at assembly and how to streamline process.

- DCM Conference call on Sept. 30th. Talked about service, upcoming workshops. 5 or 6 people on call.

## 7th Tradition Observed

### GSR Reports:

- **Jim:** Grand Marais GSR - Was out of town last Sunday and Brian took over. Very small meetings.
- **Wanda:** GSR for Potluck Friday night Manistique. Averaging 6 or 7 people. Local football season almost over and is effecting attendance. Down from 20+ people over the summer after transition from campfire meeting to indoor.
  - October 30th - Halloween party meeting with costumes - Looking forward to costumes. Games after meeting. Should be fun!
  - December 4th - Annual Christmas party meeting
  - Wanda is speaking in Brimley, Thursday, Oct. 29th at 7:30pm
  - Third anniversary banquet at Germfask, 630PM, St. Theresa's, 29OCT.
- **Misty:** Manistique Thursday 730pm Happy Hour at Presbyterian Church. Meetings have been smaller over the last couple weeks. People moving out of UP for winter. One new member just moved to town. Rent and contributions to be paid soon.
- **Brenda** - GSR for Tuesday night 12 and 12. 5 -10 people in attendance. Seems like new people hit that meeting.

### Committee Reports:

- **Hotline/Phone:**
  - Derek has hotline
- **Archives:** (Update sent to Dean from Neal)
  - Spoke to half a dozen people for district history. Many have agreed to give a history.
  - Dean has history forms to distribute to the longer standing members to fill out for Manistique area
  - This information goes into the Area 74 book
- **Conference/Assembly Planning:**
  - Munising Building has been reserved for Conference dates, Alger Parks and Recreation

### Business:

- **Radio PSAs:**
  - They will run PSAs for us. They will run a couple times a day, a couple days a week for several months. Not a very defined schedule.
  - They can do a single station
  - They can do all the stations in the network
  - They can read text we give them
  - Dean provided standardize text which Neal transcribed from GSO
  - They will read a phone number at the end
  - Must be less than 30 seconds

- o Dean recommends just starting in Manistique area so not stepping on anyones toes.
- o Houghton, Marquette and Escanaba are in their network which is outside of our district.
- o Dean will check about the Newberry station being part of the network.
- o At the next intergroup, Dean suggested talking with the other district committee members about their feelings on radio PSAs.
- o **Voted and approved to start a PSA in Manistique only.**
- o **Action Item: Please review the PSAs provided via email by Dean and Neal and select your favorite PSA verbiage. Be prepared to discuss at next meeting to vote on what message will be played in Manistique.**

- **Group Numbers:**

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

### New Business:

- **2016 Workshop**

- o Sponsorship suggested for next workshop topic. **Voted and approved.**
- o Next month we should look at picking out dates

- **Review of 2015 Workshop:**

- o About 30 people there. Well under budget. Looking at Johnny Dawgs to cater the Area Conference.

- **Freedom Voice - Hotline**

- o 9.95 per month or 8.96 per month
- o Forwards calls to multiple groups or Round Robin process
- o We can forward our existing number for no charge
- o We can get a new number
- o Auto attendant which can differentiate between the purpose of the call and routing to the appropriate number
- o Menu for caller, press one for... Press two for.... What if they press nothing?
- o Customized on hold message
- o Activity can be tracked with very specific parameters.
- o Audio files can be sent/forwarded as emails
- o All numbers can have their own voice mailbox
- o We're currently spending \$120 per month on our Tracfone hotline.
- o Might be worth exploring this option when current plan expires
- o If you pay by check, there are some hoops to jump through. If paid by credit card it's simpler.
- o There is a free trial period that can be used for testing the service
- o Group meeting should be held to discuss who would be willing to be a contact for their area
- o Marquette is considering using this as their hotline also
- o Write up going in Now and Then about this opportunity with Internet Phone.

- **Discounts on Literature from Area 74 -**
  - o Shipping costs are very high for individual groups/districts. Area 74 has a literature committee. The committee chair pools all the district orders together for discounts. New Literature chair is coming in January.

**Dates to Remember:**

- Nov 14th Traveling Intergroup - Ishpeming
- Dec. 12th Area Committee Meeting, Three Lakes, WI
- Jim suggested putting a map on the fliers for locations of events. Not everyone has Internet or GPS

**Next Meeting:**

- Saturday, Nov. 21st, Germfask - 6pm - St. Therese Church

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