

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

Website: www.district20area74aa.org

Hotline: 906-440-1343

Meeting called to order on 9/26/15 at 4:15 pm

In Attendance: Cheryl, Bonnie, Lyle, Ken, Jim, Neal, Wanda, Harland, Derek, Dean, Misty

- **Quiet Time/Serenity Prayer**
- **Tradition 9**
- **Daily Reflections**
- **Introductions**
- **Meeting Agenda Approved**
 - o Added "Telephone System for Hotline" under New Business
- **August Meeting Minutes Approved**
 - o Revisions:
 - Cheryl - Friday AM Meeting GSR
 - Bonnie - Friday PM Meeting GSR
- **Treasury Report Approved**

Treasurer's Report: (Wanda)

- Munising PM meeting contribution to be added
- Working Balance = Checkbook balance minus \$150 prudent reserve
- Sept. 26th Workshop Expenses
 - o \$300 total budget
 - o Catered food was comped because Johnny Dogs forgot our order for the workshop. Derek suggested paying them \$100 as a thank you for coming through at last minute. Motion seconded and approved.
 - o Cheryl suggested donating \$50 to Alger Parks and Recreation for use of building. Motion seconded and approved.
 - o Workshop expenses came in well below budget.
- Wisconsin Rapids DCM expenses were approved.
- Website Domain expenses brought up and tabled.

DCM Report: (Dean)

- **Area 74 Conference - Wisconsin Rapids**
 - o Elections were held. Went to hat several times because two thirds majority not reached.
 - o Derek elected GSO Delegate.
 - o Brian was elected Corrections Chair.
 - o 9 people were in attendance from District 20.

- o 22 people in attendance from Upper Peninsula. (This is a major improvement in numbers of attendance.)
- Dean provided final conference reports.
- Dean will be attending Three Lakes, WI conference on Oct. 17th, 2015.
- There are 23 districts in Area 74.
- Dean provided details of the DCM report he gave in Wisconsin Rapids Area Conference. It was his first DCM meeting.
- Dean thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as DCM.

7th Tradition Observed

GSR Reports:

- **Cheryl:** GSR for 12 Steps and 12 Traditions Meeting at Methodist Church in Munising. Steady attendance; going well.
- **Bonnie:** Friday PM Munising GSR. Medical Marijuana Card problem discussed. People are attempting to sell marijuana to the AA members. Keeping a strong hold on chairing the meetings. Bonnie and Cheryl are the only ones sober. Now meeting is smaller. The candlelight meeting is opening people up. It's becoming a nice little meeting with happier faces and growth. The medical marijuana problem is beginning to clear up.
- **Lyle:** Au Train - 4-8 people in attendance. Hunting season is coming. Meeting going well at Community Building on Tuesdays at 7pm.
- **Ken:** Newberry Tuesday AM group. 5 to 7 to 10 people in attendance. Visitors are beginning to leave.
- **Jim:** 2 people in attendance on Sunday afternoon. Sometimes there are visitors in the summer. Core group of 2-3 people.
- **Neal:** Newberry Friday AM. Attendance of 8-9. Losing the snowbirds.
- **Wanda:** Manistique Friday PM. Meeting has moved inside for the season. Potluck at 6pm; gratitude meeting at 7pm. About 6-8 people right now. Football season in progress so families are attending high school football games.
 - o October 30th - Halloween party meeting with costumes
 - o December 4th - Annual Christmas party meeting
- **Harland:** Macmillian - Gearing up for Intergroup. Attendance of 20-21. Lower attendance this summer than last.
- **Misty:** Manistique Thursday 730pm at Presbyterian Church. Daily Reflections discussion meeting. Meeting seems to be growing. Went from one table to two. 10-14 people usually in attendance. Contributions of \$46 made to each District, Area and GSO in September.
- **Derek:** Gave report for Nikki on Germfask. There are some court ordered members. Anniversary meeting on October 29th at 630pm with potluck.
- **Dean:** Manistique - Friday night meeting contributions were made. Wednesday night meeting contributions were made. New Tuesday morning meeting at Baptist Church started in June and they were able to buy tokens, pay rent and make contributions.

Committee Reports:

- **Hotline/Phone:**
 - Misty had hotline last month
 - Thursday night Germfask Meeting taking hotline for October.
- **Literature:**
 - \$263 (and change) current balance
 - Not a lot of sales
 - Literature needed in Curtis Intergroup Oct. 10th
 - Keeping track of profits from each individual Intergroup
- **Corrections:**
 - Harland going into prisons
 - Attendance is down over the summer
 - Approximately 12 inmates per meeting
 - 25 maximum are allowed in
- **Archives:**
 - Nothing to report
- **Websites:**
 - Nothing new to report
 - Dean tries to keep it up to date
 - Please submit information to Dean to get it on the website
 - Please distribute the fliers that are available on the website to your groups
- **Conference/Assembly Planning:**
 - First Conference/Assembly Planning meeting followed the District Meeting
 - Committee Chair and Co-Chair descriptions were distributed
 - Dates are May 18th, 19th and 20th, 2017 at Alger Parks and Recreational Building in Munising, MI
 - Dean elected Conference Chair
 - Derek elected Interim Co-Chair
 - Bonnie elected Treasurer
 - Cheryl elected Co-Treasurer
 - Waiting for further elections to enlist help from District 18
 - Separate meetings should soon be set up to begin event planning

Business:

- **Radio PSAs:**
 - What kind of phone number should be put out?
 - Canned message followed by “for more info, please call xxx?”
 - Using the hotline number was suggested
 - Website URL suggested
 - Could be played on 6 or 7 stations including Escanaba, Marquette, Manistique, etc.
 - If providing hotline number, district lines would be crossed without other districts having a voice in how the PSA was handled.

- o Derek suggested if broadcasting outside our district we should talk to the area PI/CPC Chair
- o Dean will gather more information about broadcast area and contact PI/CPC area chair
- o Hotline number would probably be good for our district to start
- o These are free PSAs
- o Bonnie expressed human voice/interaction is comforting to those in need of help.
- **Group Numbers:**
 - o Please ensure your individual group numbers are included and correct on group contributions to get credit from District, Area and GSO.
- **Elections:**
 - o Archives - Neal
 - o PI/CPC - Cheryl

New Business:

- **2016 Workshop**
 - o Start thinking about ideas so we can get a jump start on planning. (What? When? Where?)
 - o Sponsorship workshop suggested
- **Review of 2015 Workshop:**
 - o “Preaching to the choir” of already active service members. Need new people to come who aren’t yet doing service.
 - o Suggested having a short 15 minute presentation at Intergroups to let people know what service positions are about.
 - o When speaking on service, make sure you’re sharing your experience on the service position.
 - o GSRs should be taking fliers back to meetings.
 - o Disappointment was expressed on turnout. Discouragement expressed by number of volunteers for service work.
 - o Suggested possibly procuring a more centralized location and coordinating with other districts for more turnout.
 - o Bonnie suggested workshop on “Spicing Up” our recovery/meetings.
 - o Ken suggested going back to your groups and directly asking people for their help.
 - o Dean mentioned we shouldn’t forget that “The Choir” needs nurturing too.
 - o Misty suggested baby steps at groups to familiarize those new to service work so they weren’t afraid to commit. No one seems to know what a position entails until they are in that position. Start creating opportunities for service work at the group level so people can grow into more responsibility.
- **Internet Phone**
 - o Directs calls to individual phone numbers rather than carrying the hotline phone

- o Forwards calls to the relevant number programmed for the selected option. (I.E. For meetings in Newberry, press one. For meetings in Manistique, press two.)
- o Monthly cost - \$9.00
- **District 20 Feedback**
 - o Jim stated that District 20 is well-respected
 - o We're doing a good job.
 - o Start talking to your groups about funding GSRs for their traveling expenses.

Dates to Remember:

- October 10th, Traveling U.P. Intergroup, Curtis, Mi.
- October 17th, Area 74 Assembly, Three Lakes, Wisconsin

Next Meeting:

- When: Friday, October 23rd, 2015 at 4pm
- Location: Manistique, MI - Hiawatha Township Hall - 1595N M-94 (3 miles North of Manistique)
- Followed by Manistique's regular Friday night Potluck (6pm) and Gratitude Meeting (7pm)
- Please bring a dish to pass if you can

Meeting Adjourned/Closed with The Lord's Prayer