

Meeting Minutes

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September/October 2016 District Meeting

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Meeting called to order on 10/1/2016 at 6pm

**In Attendance:** Misty, Neal, Dave, Wanda, Dean, Jim, Nikki, Kathy, Ken, Brian

- Quiet Time/Serenity Prayer
- Readings: Tradition 9, Daily Reflections
- Introductions
- September Meeting Agenda Approved
- August Meeting Minutes Approved

**Action Items:**

- **All** - Review the meeting list and ensure your groups are properly named, location is accurate, dates and times are accurate
- **George** - provide inventory of Turtle Lake Conference donations
- **Cheryl** - Follow up with Fish Basket on Saturday lunch for conference
- **Cheryl** - Follow up with Bonnie on putting together a panel

**Treasurer's Report:**

- DCM Expenses
- Website Expenses - Annual domain name charges for our website
- Dave provided report on budget
- Dean submitted expenses for Turtle Lake Conference

**DCM Report:**

- Dean provided two separate reports for the group
- Area Committee Meeting
  - Discussed upcoming intergroup
  - Prudent reserve conversation
  - Registered one new group and three new GSRs
  - Involved in monthly DCM and PI Committee conference calls
  - Freedom Voice hotline service continues to work well for us
  - Website information provided at meeting including the calendar updates
  - Spring 2017 Conference status updates and flyer provided. All flyers were taken.
- Dave O. now registered as GSR for Tuesday Manistique
- Au Train group registered and Lyle GSR
- Ed D. registered as GSR to replace Bonnie
- Jim S. registered as GSR for Grand Marais
- Attended Area 74 Fall Conference in Turtle Lake, WI in September
  - Sharing session on "What does Area 74 expect from its trusted servants?"

- WICYPAA - Reviewed a donation of \$2800. Many people believed it violated Tradition 7. Dean voiced opinion that GSO is asking for more money and we're turning down money because relationship terms aren't defined.
- Liability Insurance being requested for groups holding meetings or events at some churches and other venues. GSO/AA cannot take on the liability of an individual person.
- All dates were determined for upcoming Area 74 events
- DCM call was cancelled

## 7th Tradition Observed

### GSR Reports:

- **Misty** - GSR - Manistique, Thursday, 730pm Happy Hour Group, Presbyterian Church - Meeting going well. Sporadic attendance; one week 17 - next week 6.
- **Wanda** - GSR - Friday Night 6pm Potluck/7pm Get Everybody Together/Campfire Meeting - Meetings are at the Hiawatha Township Hall for the winter. This time of year attendance goes way down. 7 for potluck last night, 10 for gratitude meeting.
- **Cheryl** - GSR - Friday AM Munising 12x12 - Methodist Church - It's been getting more attendance lately. Three newcomers a few weeks ago. Doing well.
- **Neal** - GSR- Friday morning St. Greg's Newberry - Snowbirds left, but the numbers are still holding steady. Mixed group of addicts and alcoholics, court ordered members, but it seems to work for everybody.
- **Jim** - GSR - Grand Marais Sunday 1pm - 1-3 people on average.
- **Dave** - GSR - Manistique, Tuesday, 730pm, First Baptist 12x12 - Averaging 5 to 6 but all regulars. Going well.
- **Nikki** - It's In the Book, Thursday night, 630 pm St. Therese Catholic Church - Germfask - Celebrating 4 year anniversary with potluck - Oct. 20th - Flyers on the way.
- **Kathy** - GSR Sunday night Big Book Munising at 7pm - New GSR - new people coming around. Provided an updated meeting list for Munising area with GSRs included.
- **Ken** - Newberry Tuesday morning - 12 -14 people. Tuesday night prison meetings dropping off a little due to prisoner movement.
- **Brian** - From District 18 in Marquette County. Just visiting. Provided a video for prison meetings geared toward inmates. "New Freedom" Available for anyone to watch on the [AA.org](http://AA.org) website.

### Committee Reports:

- **Hotline:**
  - N/A
- **Literature:**
  - Cheryl purchased books at Conference and Assembly
  - Provided new inventory balance via email to be put on website
  - Email Cheryl if you have any literature needs and she'll bring it to the Curtis Intergroup
  - Cheryl will have a literature table in Curtis at Intergroup

- **Corrections:**
  - N/A
  
- **Archives:**
  - Neal hasn't been on the calls, but reading the minutes and communicating via email.
  - Trying to find out how much room will be needed at the 2017 Conference for the Archivist
  
- **PI:**
  - PI call not scheduled
  - Tried to meet at the conference, but didn't work out
  
- **CPC:**
  - Wasn't able to attend last call
  - Going to attempt to put a wire rack with pamphlets at either the courthouse or the hospital in Munising
  - New meeting lists came out in Munising including NA meetings
  
- **Website:**
  - Updated Literature inventory and Treasurer's Address
  
- **2017 Spring Conference, Munising:**
  - Dean provided a separate report to the group
  - Conference call held Wednesday, September 28th
  - Dawn approved to do a skit - she will organize
  - Flyers distributed at Conference
  - Two Al-Anon people attended conference call. They will work on panels and speakers
  - DJ is lined up. \$250 includes DJ and equipment. He will also provide extra equipment for us to use for the weekend.
  - George brought back extra supplies leftover from the Turtle Lake Conference. George will inventory and get the list out to everyone.
  - Dean talked to the Area 74 Archivist. They can share a room with Literature and Grapevine
  - Workshop of past and present delegates - Dean trying to reach out to them.
  - Gopher State Recording in Northern Minnesota that covers the U.P. for the recording of speakers, etc. at conferences and assemblies. On their website they have CDs from AA events all over the country.
  - Ice Cream Social - 3 tubs ice cream, squeeze bottles of sauce, etc. Very simple setup.
  - Food Truck - Sam hasn't gotten back with Misty. Cheryl sees him often. Cheryl will follow up with him so they can meet with Dean, Neal and George when they're inspecting the Alger venue on the 5th.
  - Working on a chair, table, room, etc. count

- Panels - Jim has volunteered to do a panel. (Longtimers)
- Cheryl will check with Bonnie to see if she's interested in putting together a panel with her group.
- Kathy suggested a panel on Young People in AA
- Time in the schedule allowed for AA panels, Al-Anon Panels, Meetings, etc.
- Dawn suggested that we could pay for everyone's lunch on Saturday. Profits are supposed to be split between District and Area if there are any.
- Two more registrations received brings the total to 9.
- Press your groups to register ASAP - we need the money

### **Old Business:**

- Prudent Reserve Discussion:
  - Think about: "What is the purpose of a Prudent Reserve for a District Meeting?"
  - Move to next agenda
- Au Train Registration - Done
- Password and Login Information for District 20 website provided to backups - Done
- Grand Marais Registration and GSR Registration - Done
- Review the meeting list to ensure it's accuracy for your groups
- Registrar follow up, Dave O.'s GSR Registration, Newberry Tuesday morning meeting, How to remove meetings - Done
- Next Year's Workshop - October or November 2017 suggested. Also liked bringing in Area Officers for educational purposes.

### **New Business:**

- **Guidelines** - Many places have a very detailed set of guidelines to run their district meetings.
- **GSR Workshop** - Many places are providing a GSR meeting prior to the District meetings
- **CPC/PI** - Packets to hand out to newcomers, hotels, etc. A newcomers packet.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- October 8th - Curtis Intergroup
- October 29th - Area 74 Assembly, Three Lakes, WI

### **Next Meeting:**

- Saturday, November 19, 6pm Germfask, MI, St. Therese Catholic Church

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