

-District 12 Meeting Minutes

February 16th, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the serenity prayer and introductions. Ten members were present. Concept 2 was presented by Karen. Thank you, Karen. Addy R. volunteered to present Concept Three for next month. Thank you!!

Officer's Report

DCM: Terry A (612) 910 4832 theresa.ahlgren@yahoo.com

Report: Terry reported on plan to attend the West Central Regional Forum in Omaha. All Agenda items are not currently available for Area 35. She reported several glitches in the background information. He reported the Delegate will send out the information when available. Terry reported plans for Area 35 Spring Assembly on April 1st, 2023.

Alternate DCM: Shelley H (651) 343 028 shelley@turningpointduluth.com

Report: Shelley reported that Area 35 website has the flyer for the West Central Regional Forum. Shelley reported attending group and proposed group inventory process. She reported experiencing some limited understanding of this process by those in the group.

Secretary: Addy R (218) 260 0268 ratliff.net@gmail.com

Report: Addy reported no changes. (Minutes from last District Meeting were accepted)

Treasurer: Roy S. royszmatta@gmail.com

Report: Roy reported a beginning balance for January of \$5,678.44 Roy reported total credits of \$445.00. Roy reported total debits of \$218.35. Roy reported part of debits was renewal of Grapevine Subscriptions for jails. Roy reported an ending balance of \$5905.09, less prudent reserve of \$1000.00 leaves a balance of \$4905.09 for service.

Committee Reports

Archivist: Steve E sengel1951@yahoo.com

Report: Steve reported archive materials remain stored in the Duluth Alano Club at this time. Steve reported receiving further Archive materials. No further report.

Corrections/Veterans Outreach: Frank K

Report: The AA 5:15 pm Monday meetings at the Duluth Federal Prison Camp have been placed on hold until spring. Both prisoner and AA Volunteer participation was minimal. We assume that conflicts with prisoner meal time and several of our qualified volunteers being out of town for the winter or on health restrictions were responsible. We asked the FPC if we could have another night and/or time and they indicated the Chapel was scheduled for other meetings the rest of the week. The St Louis County Jail men's meeting has been moved to earlier in the evening (3:15 – 4:15)

because jail staff is not available to manage allowing prisoner attendance after 4:30. Quite often, only one or two prisoners are attending. Our AA Volunteer contact Nick K. indicates we will continue conducting meetings for now and hope Staff facilitation will improve. This month we connected with North East Regional Corrections Center staff and have received permission to start AA meetings again. Our NERCC AA Volunteer contact Servando M. was willing to volunteer to start and manage other AA volunteers, but as of today, he has a change in job assignment and will be out of the area for at least six months. He is in the process of contacting other AA members to see if someone else can fill in for him until he returns to Duluth. I have purchased more AA directories and have delivered supplies of directories, general AA literature and literature specific to AA prospects with military backgrounds to the Douglas County Jail, St Louis County jail, Federal VA office, St Louis County VA office and the Superior VA Clinic. I have a package ready for NERCC if we are able to move forward with meetings there. They are taking inventory of supplies on hand from previous meetings and will let me know if they need more Big Books or 12x12's. If we haven't already renewed their Grapevine subscription, I am recommending we do so now.

DULYPAA: Vacant, On Hiatus

Intergroup: Twin ports Intergroup (218) 727 8117

Intergroup Representative: Chris L (715) 817 3580 ctlukken@gmail.com

Report: Chris reported intergroup board met on the second Sunday of this month. She reported an overall loss of \$235.00 for 2022. Intergroup ins now open 10am to 6pm. She reported need for volunteers. Chris also reported on past possibly of needing new place; however, she reported there is currently no plans for Essentia to buy the property for at least 5 years.

Literature: Scott A (763) 228 0730 alhlgrenscott@yahoo.com

Report: Scott reported on Literature and revisited the Birthday Envelope. He discussed general cost that were discussed by presented literature. He discussed the pamphlet, *Where Money and Spirituality Mix*. He discussed possibility to my packets of pamphlets for specific areas of outreach.

PI/CPC: Rich G (218) 343 2120 richardgould4@gmail.com

Report: Rich reported on current progress of obtaining billboard space from Lamar. He reported just needing to go over the contract for the billboard from Lamar. He reported plan to discuss during Old Business.

Treatment: Kevin K (702) 217 6886 k.knodeljr@yahoo.com

Report: Kevin reported over the past month he has been obtaining information of treatment centers in the area to be prepared to reach out to the. He reported working with Bridging the Gap. He requested that those present consider being available to bring a meeting to a treatment center.

Webmaster: Scott A. (763) 228 0730 alhlgrenscott@yahoo.com

Report: Scott made a report that he has printed off cards for the website. He offered these to those present to bring to their groups. He reported events listed on the website.

Church Liaison: Ginny N.

Report: Ginny was absent. No Current report.

Old Business

Rich discussed exploring options for billboard space. He reported one location on Tower Ave. in Superior, WI. The other location proposed was 2nd Ave. E. and 2nd Street. Rich reported Lamar is holding these proposed locations until tomorrow awaiting completion of our contract. A motion was made for approval of contract for one month.

New Business

Discussion of changing the preamble on the District 12 website. He reported request from someone adhere to changes in the Preamble. Motion was made to remove Preamble from District Website. Motion was not passed. Second motion was made to change language from, "Men and Women," to, "People." Motion was passed.

Terry discussed some of the agenda item. She reported that background information will be available at a later time on the Are 35 website. Hot Topics list was proposed by Scott.

GSR Reports

Lester Park Big Book Thursday 7pm - Open

In Person

GSR: Kevin K (702) 217 6886 k.knodeljr@yahoo.com

Report: Kevin reported recently taking on position for the group. He denied having a current report.

Nuts @ Noon - Friday 12pm - Closed

In Person

1st Presbyterian Church 3rd Ave E and 2nd St., Duluth

Topic Discussion

GSR: Paul B. (218) 590 6719 pdbull.g@gmail.com

Report: Ginny reported attendance of over 20 people in the meeting. She reported some controversy around service animals. She reported varied ages in those attending. Good range of recovery.

Basic Text Meeting -Thursday - 7pm - Closed

United Presbyterian - Superior

In Person

Big Book Meeting

GSR: Dana P. cdjmtage@msn.com (763) 321 8875

Report: Dana reported on current attendance and format. Dana reported attendance of eight individuals on average. She reported Big Book Study Group format. Dana denied further report at this time.

Sunday Big Book AA 9am Closed

Duluth Alano - 3009 Restormel St., Duluth

In Person

GSR: Michelle J. upnorth.renee@gmail.com

Report: Michelle reported on current format and attendance. She denied further report.

Coppertop AA meeting – Friday - 9am

230 E Skyline Pkwy, Duluth, MN 55811 - In person

GSR: Rich G. richardgould4@gmail.com

Report: Rich reported that attendance is around 30 members in attendance. Meeting membership is interested in Area. He reported step discussion in three break out groups. He reported he will be sent to the Are 35 Conference.

Rule 62 Group - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 12pm

219 North 6th Ave E, Duluth, MN 55805 - In person

GSR: Nancy A. chzzyd@gmail.com

Report: Nancy reported attendance has been good; numbers have been going up. She reported on current format of all three meetings. She reported plans to attend spring assembly.

On Awakening Group - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7am - Closed Meeting

Arrowhead Place 201 W. 2nd St., Duluth - Use back door please

Separate; In Person and Zoom - Zoom ID: 622-319-760 Password: 12

GSR: Karen S.G. karen.st.george@gmail.com (218) 343 3791

Report: Karen reported in person attendance for the group has been above twenty and close to thirty people in person. She reported working off of pages 85,86 and 87 from the big book. Karen reported on attendance via Zoom. She reported good sobriety in the group.

Living in the Solution Monday 7pm

St. John's Church (Woodland)

In Person

GSR: Scott A. (Current Contact)

Report: Scott reported on good attendance and current format of meeting. Scott reported he is the current contact for the group.

Basic Text AA Group - Sunday 9am - Closed Meeting

Big Book Discussion - Hybrid

Duluth Alano - 3009 Restormel St., Duluth

Zoom ID: 578-142-580 Password: 12

GSR: Michelle

Report: Michelle reported attendance has been steady around 20 to 25 people. He reported a lot of people from out of state. Marty reported questions about billboard.

Day by Day - Friday 9am - Open Meeting

Zoom

Topic Meeting

Meeting ID: 844 077 825 Password: 1609

GSR: Shelley

Report: Shells report that the meeting is only on zoom. (Affiliated with the John Club) Shelly reported on good attendance of those with long-term sobriety. She reported attendance has been 8 to 12 people as of recent with an average of 10 people in attendance. She discussed current flyer for upcoming roundup.

Closing

District meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm with the responsibility statement.