

## District 12 Meeting Minutes

May 18th, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the serenity prayer and introductions. Sixteen members were present. Concept 5 was not presented due to Delegate Presentation. Frank K. volunteered to present Concept Six at June District Meeting.

### Officer's Report

**DCM:** Terry A (612) 910 4832 [theresa.ahlgren@yahoo.com](mailto:theresa.ahlgren@yahoo.com)

**Report:** No report due to Delegate Presentation

**Alternate DCM:** Shelley H (651) 343 028 [shelley@turningpointduluth.com](mailto:shelley@turningpointduluth.com)

**Report:** No report due to Delegate Presentation

**Secretary:** Addy R (218) 260 0268 [ratliff.net@gmail.com](mailto:ratliff.net@gmail.com)

**Report:** No report due to Delegate Presentation

**Treasurer:** Roy S. [royszmatta@gmail.com](mailto:royszmatta@gmail.com)

**Report:** Roy reported a beginning balance for May of \$4872.97. Roy reported total credits of \$215.00. Roy reported total debits of \$40.00. Roy reported an ending balance of \$5047.97, less prudent reserve of \$1000.00 leaves a balance of \$4047.97 for service.

### Committee Reports

**Archivist:** Steve E [sengel1951@yahoo.com](mailto:sengel1951@yahoo.com)

**Report:** No further report.

**Corrections/Veterans Outreach:** Frank K

**Report:** No report due to Delegate Presentation

**DULYPAA:** Vacant, On Hiatus

**Intergroup:** Twin ports Intergroup (218) 727 8117

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**Report:** No report due to Delegate Presentation

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**Report:** No report due to Delegate Presentation

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

**Report:** No report due to Delegate Presentation

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

**Report:** No report due to Delegate Presentation

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

**Report:** No report due to Delegate Presentation

**Church Liaison:** Ginny N.

**Report:** No report due to Delegate Presentation

### Old Business

No old business was discussed due to Delegate Report

### New Business

Delegate Steve L. presented on his time at the General Service Conference (G.S.C.). *This is a generalization of what Steve L. presented to District 12.*

Steve reported initial discussion if Area Highlights were going to be presented and discussed. Steve reported significant discuss even though the initial reason Area Highlights were going to be dismissed was due to lack of time.

Steve reported that grapevine subscriptions have been down. He reported that La Vina circulation has increased.

Steve discussed current financial contributions to G.S.O. He reported some concerns of online donations being given, and then those who donate directly to the G.S.O. do not contribute to the local AA basket.

Steve presented on the Agenda Item of 2023:

**CPC:** One item was voted on and passed. There were several considerations that were reviewed, primarily regarding C.P.C. Literature.

**Grapevine/La vina:** Steve reported on his vote for issue discussed. He reported some concerns with Alternate Delegates undermining their Area Delegate. Floor actions were made due to this reported concern. Two booklets were approved, and three booklets for the La Vina.

**Treatment and Accessibility:** Pamphlet was a reviewed. Size of pamphlet was considered to be enlarge. This was approved. There were concerns about of the size not

fitting a literature rack. Consideration of carrying the message were reviewed for those with disabilities. Discussion for Bridging the Gap was reviewed. Pamphlet of Bridging the Gap was reviewed. Discussed was held about turning the pamphlet Bridging the Gap be made into a single page. Military Audio was reviewed with a copy of this audio be reviewed next year. Treatment work book was reviewed. Discussion of implementation of workbook for Treatment and Accessibility.

**Report and Charter:** The General Service Manual was voted on being printed biannually and several chapters being revised. Steve reported on the nature of our nonprofit status. Steve explained his voting on this matter and how it was related to Anonymity. Committee accepted request to review of manual further. ASL translation of the Service Manual was reviewed. This was sent back to Treatment and Accessibility to review the current need of a possible ASL translation.

**Finance:** Conference reviewed and discussed how donation were clarified that the G.S.B. should be the one to receive donations. Quarterly reports were discussed as a means to provide transparency. Steve reported both issues past with substantial unanimity. Maximum personal donation was reviewed and no actions were taken. Self-support packet was reviewed. Steve discussed further actions and processes which were reviewed, requested and discussed in Financial that affects the G.S.B., G.S.O., A.A.W.S. and A.A. as a whole. One significant issue that arouse in Finance was the discussion about returning modified literature to be returned to the original writing of cofounder Bill W. Further discussion was held regarding the writings of the cofounders. These changes have had some significant upheaval.

**Policy and Admission:** Steve presented information on the discussion for the possible amendment of Polling within the G.S.C. Virtual polling was discussed during the G.S.C. Many amendments were presented. Discussion on involvement of Alternate Delegates sitting in on polling was voted down. Transparency was discussed at the G.S.C. two times annually. This was approved through substantial unanimity after discussion and turned down amendments. Several other considerations were reviewed. Distribution of work load was reviewed.

**Corrections:** Some revision of wording regarding correspondence was reviewed at the G.S.C. Correction workbook was reviewed with possible revisions.

**Trustees:** Process of restructuring the G.S.B. was reviewed and discussed. Motion for procedure was made and approved with substantial unanimity. Voting and discussed at the G.S.C. was reviewed by Steve. Review of requested draft pamphlet be brought back next year.

**Literature:** Pamphlet on the Three Legacies was reviewed and suggested to be tabled due

to length. Suggestion was made on adding this pamphlet to possible addition to the GSR workbook. The 12 Traditions Illustrated was reviewed with current changes that was passed with substantial unanimity. The pamphlet To Young was reviewed. An animation video was proposed. Cost was not significantly more than just releasing a reviewed pamphlet. This was voted in favor. Further review of pamphlets was discussed. Pamphlets that are being developed to reach minority groups in AA are being developed. Other translations of the Big Book were reviewed. No action was taken regarding the Big Book and 12X12 workbook. No action was taken for the Plain and Simple Language Big Book. No action was taken on this. Committee reviewed progress report on the Plain and Simple translations. Steve discussed his review of the Plain and Simple Translation of the Big Book. There are current concerns regarding changes in the 12 Steps without two thirds majority of all groups. There was a Plain and Simple version of the Steps which was done without bringing it to the groups. There was not supposed to be a Plain and Simple version of the 12 Steps.

**Agenda:** Theme of Connecting with Love and Services was approved. Safety Throughout the Fellowship was approved as the theme of upcoming G.S.C. These passed with substantial Unanimity. Discussion of role in Committees were reviewed and revised.

**Public Information (P.I.):** The membership pamphlet was reviewed. Steve reported the pamphlet did not address the possibilities of the whole population of the fellowship. Steve reported there was significant review and considerations for P.I. at the G.S.C. this year. The inability to have free PSA slots for streaming services was discussed. Due to the premium nature of most streaming services, there is not slots for PSA's. The young people's video project was discussed and reviewed. Steve reported there was discussion of PSA's being played in some medical offices. Possible Podcast was discussed and reviewed. No decision was reported.

**International Convention:** Possible locations were discussed at the G.S.C. Only three cities met criteria for the 2035 International Convention. There were limited presentations submitted that met criteria.

**Floor Actions:** Steve reviewed floor actions that were reviewed at the General Service Conference (G.S.C.).

### GSR Reports

GSR Reports were suspended due to Delegate Presentation

### Closing

District meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm with the responsibility statement.