

District 12 Meeting Minutes
July 20th, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the serenity prayer and introductions. Sixteen members were present. Concept Seven was presented by Addy R. Chris L. volunteered to present Concept Eight for District Meeting in August.

Officer's Report

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

Report: Terry reported background items that will be discussed in Aitkin. She reported that issues addressing the change of literature be brought up for vote in the next General Service Conference (GSC). There will be a vote taking place in Aitkin to add this as a possible item for the GSC. Terry led some discussion around changes that have been concerning to Area 35 in the Literature of AA.

Alternate DCM: Shelley Houston (651) 343 028 shelleyincambridge@hotmail.com

Report: Shelley yielded her time.

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

Report: Addy reported no changes. Meeting Minutes with incorrect year was amended. (Minutes from last District Meeting were accepted)

Treasurer: Roy S. royszmatta@gmail.com

Report: Roy reported a beginning balance of \$4323.47. He reported total credits of \$318.50. Roy reported total debits of \$40.00. Ending balance was 4603.07. Less prudent reserve of \$1000.00, leaves a balance of 3603.07 for service.

Committee Reports

Archivist: Steve Engel
sengel1951@yahoo.com

Report: Steve was absent. No current report.

Corrections: Frank Kampa

Report: Frank reported that FPC is not currently interested in restarting meeting. St. louis County jail meeting are happening at both men's and women's jails in the county. Meeting at NERRC are still on hold, as current contact is unavailable. Frank denied further report.

DULYPAA: Vacant, On Hiatus

Intergroup: Twin ports Intergroup (218) 727 8117
Chris Lukken (715) 817 3580

ctlukken@gmail.com

Report: Chris reported intergroup is settling in to new location in the Seafarer Building. Chris reported hours are 10am to 6pm. She reported still needing more volunteers as hours have been extended. Chris reported a campaign to reach more volunteers and offered a flyer that was developed by intergroup. She reported that the Intergroup Secretary has resigned. Intergroup is currently looking for a new secretary.

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

Report: Scott was absent. No report.

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

Report: Rich reported working on the information table for the St. Louis County Health and Human Services Conference. Rich report the Conference will be held at the DECC October 11th through the 13th. Rich reported on current status of billboard which are now down. He denied reports of how effective the billboards were. Terry reported that Scott stated that there was an increase in traffic on the District website while billboards were up.

Veterans Outreach: Frank Kappa

Report: Frank reported checking the St. Louis County Veterans office, and they are displaying our literature and are well stock. Frank reported outreach efforts in the Superior, WI area. He reported gratitude for his efforts from Veterans. He specifically stated that a Brail book was accepted with immense gratitude.

Treatment: Kevin Knodel (702) 217 6886 k.knodeljr@yahoo.com
Report: Kevin was absent. No current report.

Webmaster: Scott A. (763) 228 0730
Report: Scott was absent. No current report.

Church Liaison: Ginny N.

Report: Ginny reported that the church has been working hard to address access to the church for district meetings. Ginny reported that we are welcome here.

Old Business

Old Business was discussed during report by CPC/PI Chair.

New Business

Presentation by Pat, the Area 35 Literature Chair:

Literature chair Pat, stated his primary goal is reaching as many alcoholics as possible through the use of literature. He reported that shipping prices have skyrocketed, and that ordering through Area 35 with an order of \$500.00 or more will receive free shipping.

Pat presented on many pieces of literature offered through the fellowship of Alcoholic

Anonymous. He shared all of this literature with those present. He stated the need for members to share about the literature that is available as a means to carry the message more effectively; that there are those who would find the present literature supportive for their efforts in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Pat presented items of both audio and visual media that is offered through AAWS and that can be ordered through both AAWS and our Area Literature Chair.

Presentation by Mike, the Area 35 Grapevine Chair:

Mike reported on the history of why Bill W. provided many writings to the Grapevine. He reported Bill did this as a means to carry the message and correspondence with other groups. He reported on current literature offered by AA Grapevine. Mike also reported audio/visual media that is also offered by the AA Grapevine. Mike reported that Grapevine is coming out with another book addressing having a home group, stating that it is the heart beat of AA. Mike reported that the grapevine has dealt with financial issues, and further issues after switching to a new printer of physical media. He reported significant wait times for delivery of literature. Mike reported on how to contribute articles and joke to the AA Grapevine.

GSR Reports

Day by Day - Friday - 9am - Open (Topic Meeting)

Zoom Meeting ID: 844 077 825 Password: 1609

GSR: Shelley H. (651) 343 0288 shelly@turningpointduluth.com

Report: Shelley reported on the group conscience that led to breaking of as a Zoom meeting only format. She reported this has allowed the meeting to be self-supporting and allowed attendance of snow birds. She reported strong group. She reported reading a daily reading for group format.

Serenity Club - Friday - 6pm

In Person

GSR: Don G. (717) 919 2986 dc.gotelaere@yahoo.com

Report: Don reported on the Living Sober Meeting held at the Serenity Club.

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

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

GSR: Nancy A. chzyd@gmail.com

Report: Nancy reported Monday is a Big Book Meeting, Tuesday is a 12 Steps and 12 Traditions Meeting and Wednesday is a Topic Meeting. She reported attendance has been good with both core members and newcomers. She reported to enter on the east side of the building.

Noon Big Book Meeting - Thursday - 12pm - Closed

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

GSR: Cheryl N. cherylnewmanedberg@gmail.com (218) 316 1212

Report: Cheryl reported that attendance has been a mix of usual members and newcomers. She denied further report.

Sunday Big Book AA - 9am - Closed

Duluth Alano Club - 3009 Restormel St., Duluth - In Person

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

Report: She reported in person attendance has remained around 30 people in attendance.

Nuts @ Noon - Friday 12pm - Open (Topic Discussion)

1st Presbyterian Church 3rd Ave E and 2nd St., Duluth (enter through side door) - In Person

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

Report: Ginny reported that the parking lot behind the church has been closed. She reported an offer of a voucher offered by the group for the Sheraton parking garage. She reported possible inventory and that everyone who leads the meeting should have a sponsor; however, this was shot down.

Crossroads - Thursday - 7pm Closed

Holy Cross Church, 410 N Arlington Ave, Duluth, MN

GSR: Adam M. a.michaelson1986@gmail.com

Report: Adam reported that attendance has been around 20 in the Big Book study group. He reported the discussion meeting has less attendance of 10 people. Adam 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 on current attendance through the meeting. He reported on current format and welcoming atmosphere.

Barnum AA - Wednesday - 5pm

In person

Barnum Community Center, Barnum, MN

GSR: Debbie H.

Report: Debbie reported the format is a step meeting with attendance of 10 to 15 people in attendance.

Closing

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