

Dec. 15th, 2024 District 3 Meeting

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Introductions: Melvin S., DCM; Creed T., GSR; Becky A., GSR and Literature; Bill D., Helpline; Bob P., GSR; StanR., GSR/ Treatment Rep.; Paul C., GSR/ADCM; Jim V., GSR; Wally F., GSR; Lisa W., Secretary.

Concept 12: Creed (absent); Melvin handled it. Basically, guardrails - no immutable authority; integrity-bound, avoid any greediness, utilize consensual process when arriving at decisions, seek unanimity, avoid punitive actions, pursue democratic ideals.

Traditional 12: Wally covered this. Focus on principles, not personalities, watch our egos, promote humility, avoid desires for attention, focus on ability to share struggles minus any judgment.

REPORTS:

Secretary: Lisa: Becky motioned to accept minutes, Jim seconded.. carried.

Treasurer, Will K. Unavailable, but reports were submitted.

DCM Report: "On 12/01 Paul C., Becky A. and I attended the Area Committee meeting. There really wasn't much earth-shattering news. It seemed to take place just to tie up the year end.

"70,000 PLBB were printed and sold out. There are a couple of added corrections to manuscript and when they are done the second printing will start.

"GSO contributions were up from last year, we are still behind in prudent reserve though.

"Area Treasury, budgets are out so far, the Area has approx. \$61,770 in income this year. The Financial Oversight Committee stated all had checked out with the account.

"Pat M. Our Alternate Delegate informed me that the Trustee from Nebraska will attend the workshop in Crookston and Pat would like some of the DCM's and GSR's to take him out to dinner and ask him some questions about the GSO. If anyone has questions that they would like us to ask, please let us know.

"Becky A. from the Eye Opener group in DL and Marlene C. from the Former's group have offered to help with the Workshop presentation. Thank you!

"I worked with Jane from Photo Magic printing and Phyllis from the Area 35 group records to correct the schedule and meeting App. Please check that your group's information is correct.

"I attended 3 additional meetings in the district, and I thanked them for their contributions."

In Service, Melvin S.

(Alt. DCM: Paul C.)

Helpline: Bill D.: "Well, howdy there, District 3 people. Happy Holidays! I received 2 calls on the Helpline for meeting info.

Using the old QR codes as a deal was worked out about the old website. We have tear offs available." Bill did say at the meeting (live) that the QR codes are now functioning properly.

Literature: Becky A.: Attended the Area meeting at Aitkin with Melvin and Paul C. The new "Plain Language Big Book" will be available in its second printing after February. 60,000 from 1st printing sold immediately. She placed 2 more BBooks in Little Libraries. 1 Big Book and one 12X12 Hardcovers were sold.

Treatment: Stan R.: Not much to report on treatment front. I checked with Lakes Counseling and will be taking them new meeting schedules. I will also be speaking at their group meeting this Wednesday.

Corrections: Paul H.: "Sorry I missed the meeting, I did want to report people asked about what it was called for a temporary contact program. That's exactly what what it's called.. corrections temporary contact program. He's going to ask Melvin about making some flyers. We are having elections in January for a new Area Corrections Chair for 35. We will vote on that in January. We have two people that we need to vote on. That's all I have this month, again apologize for missing the meeting. Thanks, Paul.

Webmaster: Will K. (Absent), but the report was available.

GSR Reports:

Becky A., Eye Opener: Attendance is down as are donations. No one has stepped forward for new service positions. We are fulfilling our speaking obligation at Lakes Counseling. We do have a few newcomers now and then.

GSR for Frazee 12 Steppers meeting (Wally): they did change their meeting time to 7pm.. Wally called those who normally come but weren't there.. Wally reminded everyone about the New Years Eve Potluck 6pm (bring main dish or dessert), then Open Speaker Meeting 7pm (AA and Al-Anon speakers from Menahga), at the Event Center.

Bob P., GSR for DL, 1st Lutheran Friday Noon Group: average of 8 folks attending; no significant changes. Group decided it did not want group contributions added to district web site.

Jim, GSR, Underwood: Monday night: newcomers attending more often, trying to help them, up to 18 people attending. Wed, Eve (Erhard): Open meeting, good attendance, 15-20, good discussions/Varied but great. Thurs. (Underwood): 12 X 12 discussions, alternate 12 Steps and 12 Traditions (one per week), are very good. Attendance: steady 8-12.

Stan R. (GSR) from St. Mary of the Lakes: Friday 7:30pm: Attendance: 10-16 with a few newcomers. The group has decided to keep meeting going through the winter months. Saturday 9:30am: Attendance 10-16. Stan brought up the issue of finances posted on the District website at bot meetings. The consensus was that it was fine with the group if that's what the majority decides. No other issues were brought up with either group.

Paul, Wadena GSR: Jail meetings picking up more inmates; Wadena meetings growing.

Old Business: Melvin did go over Quarterly Contributions from various meetings from the area. Discussed finances. Attraction not Promotion.. just a reminder. We took a vote about sending the Minutes to the website, everyone voted unanimously in favor. We decided not to submit the contributions to the meetings to the website. Not everyone was in agreement with this. However, the treasurer report is part of the minutes so that will be submitted as usual.

New Business: we are looking for new members to cover positions for District meetings according to rotation expectations.

Calendar: Area 35 Workshop in Crookston 01/11/2024 @ the Crookston Inn.

Concept 1: Stan R. volunteered.

Tradition 1: Bill D. Volunteered.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2025 @ noon in Perham

Motion to close: Bill D. Moved to close, Jim seconded.. motion carried.