

# January 19, 2025 12 Noon

Open meeting with Serenity Prayer

Introductions/Attendance: Paul C.: Alternate District Chair (Melvin had a death in his family) and Wadena GSR; Becky A., GSR for Eye Opener and Literature Chair; Trish M., GSR for DL; Stan R., GSR St. Mary of the Lakes; Creed, GSR for Underwood; Paul A., GSR for Perham Solutions; Lisa W., Secretary.

Concept 1: Stan R.: World Service is essentially AA's Headquarters. Originally, of course, the initial board relied on Bill and Bob. By 1955: our founders decided the groups were responsible enough to direct their own decisions. Some worried about apathy, that Group conscience could deteriorate to the point of chaos, which could lead to more of a dictatorship than autonomy.

Tradition 1: Paul A.: Unity! So important. No mandates but care of every individual paramount. This is where we can't keep what we have unless we give it away. Realizing one's dire consequences should we abandon our priceless sobriety leads us to more "gratitude in action."

## REPORTS:

Secretary (Lisa): Becky motioned, Paul seconded, motion carried.  
Treasurer: (Will K.): absent.

DCM: (Melvin excused): Paul C. (Alt. DCM): Becky A., Paul C. And Melvin attended a workshop at the Crookston Inn & Convention Center January 11-12, 2025. Each district presented various information, financial, importance of leadership, attraction versus promotion, the importance of taking a group inventory, Leadership, etc. Their presentation was entitled to "Is it ok to ask for help?" - a discussion regarding how essential delegation can be ensued.

Helpline: Bill D.: ["Well, howdy there, District 3 people! Can't be there today as we're in Fargo helping our daughter move."] He received 2 calls on the Helpline for meeting info. Using the old QR codes as a deal was worked out about the old website. Tear-off are available. (Thanks, Bill D.)

Literature: Becky: new Plain and Simple Big Book now available. (They sold 70,000 copies the first month!). More copies coming soon. Becky ordered a total of about 40 to be distributed amongst various entities from our district. She plans on picking these up in Aitkin.

Treatment: Stan R.: Stan dropped off meeting schedules at Lakes Counseling and Day Star facilities. Stan did lead a meeting at Lakes on behalf of Grace Lutheran's Eye Opener group. Sidebar: Rewind is struggling to find male speakers evidently.

Corrections Chair, District 3: Paul H.: "Hello, Hope all is well and you're staying warm.. I have a few things to report: we had elections on the statewide corrections committee for chair. For District 35, we had two nominees, Carter L. was nominated for Chair. He's from Elk River; the Alternate was Tony S. from Virginia, MN. Mark R. will continue to be Secretary until we find somebody else." Paul talked to a few people about the jails. He talked to the Paul C. who goes to the Wadena jail and said they are continuing to attract regular attendance. Becker County had a few guys attend last week. He called Erica to see if she needed anything. He's planning on calling Hubbard and Ottertail jails to see if they need anything. That was all he had..

Webmaster: (Will K.): (absent)

GSR: (Please hand in a copy to secretary)

Becky: GSR for Grace Lutheran Church "Eye Opener" AA: attendance has been steady (10-12 participants). They continue to fulfill their speaking obligations at Lakes Counseling. Becky attended the Area Service Workshop in Crookston and helped with the Delegation presentation. She mentioned Marlene also pitched in to this endeavor. She commented that the other presentations from other districts were excellent. She particularly appreciated the speaker from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Trish: DL Former's Group: 7 meetings /week, still going well. 5-10 people per meeting. She mentioned two people from their groups attended the Crookston workshop, Marlene and their Alt. GSR, Bobbi, who returned and reported it was motivating and informative. There will be a Potluck/Speaker meeting on February 8th. Copies of the flyer were made and distributed at this meeting. She did forward the flyer to Will who can upload it to our website.

Stan R.: GSR for St. Mary of the Lakes: Friday 7:30pm attendance has been between 6 and 14 folks with a few newcomers. Saturday 9:30am, between 10-16. No issues were brought with either group

Creed, GSR for Underwood: attendance up from last winter, appx. 15/ meeting, up from last winter's numbers. Monday night is topic meeting; Thursday. Night: 12 X 12 meeting.

Paul A. GSR for Perham Solutions: 12-18 Monday night, down from a max of 25; he isn't sure whether this is due to snowbirds migrating or if Rewind's expectations have changed. Wed. Attendance also ebbing; we talked about why numbers might be going down. There is a new meeting in town called PIT? This could explain some of the diminishing newcomers.

Paul C.: GSR for Wadena meetings: contributions are rising along with attendance.

Old Business: we did reiterate the question regarding submitting donations for each group to the website. Still no concrete decision.

New Business: Looking for new members for district positions, Public Information CPC; GRAPEVINE Rep.

Calendar: Area Committee Meeting: February 2nd?

Concept 2: Trish

Tradition 2: Becky A.

Next meeting: Feb. 16th, 2025 @ noon in Perham

Motion to close by Becky, seconded by Trish, motion carried.

Responsibility Statement

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa W., secretary