

District 3 Meeting

Introductions: Bob P., GSR; Melvin S., DCM; Stan R., GSR & Treatment Rep.; Paul H., Corrections; Creed T., GSR; Becky A., GSR and Literature; Paul A., GSR; Gary S., GSR; Jim V., GSR; Trish M., GSR; Wally F., GSR; Will K., Webmaster and Treasurer; Lisa W., Secretary

Concept 11: Trish: electing trustees of WSO, choosing best people, giving them power of decisions, choosing best employees of WSO.

Tradition 11: Gary: no sensational advertising, personal anonymity, attraction not promotion, down with self-aggrandizement.

Reports:

Secretary (Lisa): Paul A. moved to accept the Minutes from last month, Becky A. Seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer: Will K.: \$1400 at beginning of month, went over expenses. We are now exceeding donations versus expenses. (Formal Financial Report submitted).

DCM: Melvin: discussed expenses involved in West Central Regional in Wyoming, Becky A. May want to go to to represent us. He mentioned Paul H. Could get reimbursed for driving to the Statewide Correction Workshop. (Melvin was grateful NOT driving.) He talked about sponsoring a workshop here someday. Melvin and Paul H. attended the Statewide Correction Workshop. He considered the workshop to be a very good experience; he was given the chance to help out collecting money for lunch. Paul gave a detailed summary of this workshop to the district meeting members. Melvin also attended the open speaker meeting at the Former's Group on Saturday, Nov. 9th which had about 35 in attendance.

On Saturday, Nov. 16th, he attended the Service Workshop in St. Cloud; there was about 50 in attendance. Most people there were younger women interested in the topic of Sponsorship. Melvin attended in order to familiarize himself on case our District decides to provide some kind of workshop.

He stopped at the Wadena Round Robin on the way home. There was about 35 folks in attendance, with Alanon and AA speakers from the Fargo area. (In Service, Melvin)

Alt. DCM: Paul C.: absent

Helpline: Bill D.: received one call this last month, not using QR code stamps currently. No need due to website change. He believes the QR codes are working as the phone calls are down.

Literature: Becky A.: donating more books to the "little libraries" stationed locally (Audubon and Cormorant). She will be purchasing "Plain Language" Big Books, which are now available, for GSRs to purchase for their groups.

Treatment: Stan R.: Bell Hill Recovery is closing, in Wadena.

Corrections: Paul H.: Melvin and Paul drove to Foley for Corrections on Nov. 2nd. The warden from St. Cloud Prison was there. Paul learned plenty about what is expected of Corrections Chairs. There were excellent speakers, including Carl D. From Colorado. He's been a Corrections volunteer for nearly 20 years. Paul said he had an interesting take on the prisons. The Warden, Jesse Pugh, spoke on the St. Cloud prison, also quite intriguing. Craig from District 36 also shared his experience. Mark presented an excellent format of folders featuring the history of prisons. Mark's position will be up in January so if anyone's interested and has some experience, talk to Paul H. There are meetings in the prison. There was a guest speaker from Angola Prison out of Colorado who told very interesting stories. They're looking for an Area chair. Extremely educational, there was a skit (Bridging the Gap), excellent experience for them. Becky is going to order several "Plain Language" Big Books for Wadena, Ottertail and Becker County jails. Paul is looking for a woman to write to a prisoner who will be getting out in December. She lives in the Frazee area. Talk to Paul if interested. Becker County Jail meetings are going well. Four inmates attended last week. Paul is going to contact the Wadena Ottertail jail to see if they need any literature before he leaves for Florida. (Thanks!)

Webmaster: Will K.: new website up, in temporary mode, there's a form for meeting updates, home page, events page. District 3 MN A.A.com is the name of our new website. How to find A.A. (finding meeting guide) available through this site. We will be tabling the idea of publishing contributions for each group on our website, along with our financial statements. Conclusion: talk to groups about how they feel about having donations published on the web before we make a decision.

GSR Reports:

Wally F. at Frazee Mtg.: thinking about changing A.A. meeting time to 7pm (from 8pm). New Year's Eve event starting 6pm Potluck, 7pm - Al-Anon and A.A. speakers at the Frazee Event Center. He would like to order some new Plain Language Big Books for new people. He will bring up the publishing of his group's donations on the website at the next meeting.

Trish M., Former Groups (DL): "Our seven meetings are going well.." They had a chili/potluck/speaker meeting Nov. 9th, which went well. Their Business/Group Conscience meeting is held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm.

Jim V., Erhard and Alternate for Underwood Mon./Thurs.:

Erhard: Steady attendance, 15-20, open discussions good, a few new people. Halloween party on Nov. 1st did not have many folks attend, only 10-12 people showed up.

Underwood: Mondays: Steady, but fewer people coming, very good discussions. Thursdays: 12X12 discussions, numbers vary weekly, also very good discourse!

Gary S.: Menahga: 6-12 in attendance. Their Business meeting did not cover enough info to send out at this time.

Bob P. Friday noon, DL Lutheran church: no changes; about 8 folks in attendance, did have one return from relapse who everyone supported.

Paul A.: Friday night A.A. is seasonal, closed until spring, resumes in April 2025. Mon. & Wed. attendance roughly 15-25. Saturday and Thursday meetings range from 8-15. He continues to bring meetings to Lakes Counseling the 3rd Tuesday of every month, for which they are very grateful!

Stan R.: DL, St. Mary's of the Lake, Friday 7:30pm group will remain open through winter months. Saturday 8:30am Attendance 10-16. No issues have been brought up from either group.

Becky A.: Eye Opener, Mon. And Wed. 10 am: Attendance is steady: 12-15; there are newcomers occasionally. Fulfilling our November speaking obligation at Lakes Counseling.

Creed T.: Underwood: "All is well". Attendance down a little. Monday night (open/topic) about 15 average. Thursday is open, Step meeting.

Old Business: "Workshop Presentation - "Delegating: Is it ok to ask for help?" Jan. 11th and 12th: Crookston... Trish is attempting to round up some helpers. She will call Melvin and/or Becky about any assistance she can find for this presentation. Melvin read out of "Pass It On", a historical account of service. We discussed many nuances on the subject of delegation.

New Business: any committee chairs up for rotation this year? Literature and Treasurer positions open this year.

Calendar: Area Committee Meeting: 12/01 Aitkin meeting.

Concept 12: Creed volunteered

Tradition12: Wally will do it.

Next Meeting: Dec. 15th @ noon in Perham

Motion to close with the Responsibility Statement Becky A. And Wally. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa W.