

District 16 Minutes
United Methodist Church & Virtual Zoom Meeting
Wednesday December 1st, 2021

The meeting opened at 6:31pm with a moment of silence followed by the "Serenity Prayer".

Attendance and Introductions: Katy P. DCM, GSR; Dave C. Alt. DCM, Alt. GSR; Tom R. Treasurer; Bruce M. Area Literature; Mark R. GSR; Mariah N. Secretary; Fuller GSR; Jeff T.; Lori H.; Pam M. Grapevine/Literature, GSR; Heather E. GSR; Dan H.

District 16 Officers Reports:

DCM Report: Katy P.

November was another quiet month. I attended the TSG open speaker meeting on November 13. I missed the food, but made it for the speakers who were awesome!!

Thank you to the Tuesday Night Solutions Group for a job well done!

I would like to thank everyone for all of your support during my time as DCM. It has been an honor to serve and represent you all! A special thank you to Dave Clark for serving as alternate DCM this rotation. He was a huge part of helping me stay on track with his experience and wisdom. This has been a different time with COVID and all the shutdowns. I am blessed to have been a part of a district who has stepped up to the plate and offered online meetings

through zoom or other platforms, and in person meetings in garages and at parks. I am grateful to be a part of all of this. There is more to come!

Thank you for allowing me to serve and grow with you, and for all you do!!

In Service,

Katy P.

Alt. DCM Report: Dave C.

Not much to report for the month of November. I did get a chance to serve AA by manning the Literature table at the open speakers meeting, November 13. I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your Alt. DCM for the 2020 - 2021 rotation. It was quite a challenge. What with the covid and all but when we let go and let God all turned out fine. Looking forward to servicing the District in the next rotation as DCM, I'm happy to report that we will have a full set of chairs to serve you in the next 2 years. (if the 2 who stepped up, Heather E. for Literature Chair and Jeff T. for Alt. DCM if that are ratified tonight) I would like to thank all who have stood for chair

positions in this rotation and thank you all in advance for helping me represent District 16 to the best of our ability in the next 2 years.

Yours in service, Dave C,

Secretary Report: Mariah N.

PLEASE SEND ANY GROUP CHANGES TO MYSELF OR MARY S. SHE WILL BE UPDATING MEETING DIRECTORIES IN JANUARY. mariah.nelson390@gmail.com
mary.schnell51@gmail.com

Minutes are available on the District 16 Website www.district16online.org for easy access.

Dave C. motioned to accept the minutes from November, Tom R. 2nd motion. None opposed and motion carried.

Treasury Report: Tom R.

Beginning balance of \$3334.85. Checks written 1196 to Katy P. for Area 35 Assembly of \$181.68. Deposits Made: As Bill Sees It \$100.00, Hill City \$80.00, bringing the total to \$180.00. Ending Balance of \$3333.17, less \$500.00 prudent reserve, leaving \$2833.17. Pam M. motioned to approve the report and Bruce M. second, none opposed and motion carried.

Chair Reports

Archives: Joe P. not present, no report.

Corrections: James S.

After several weeks of the jail not accepting any visitors due to a positive covid test in the women's unit, they resumed volunteer activities. We have been averaging 2-4 inmates/week.

The men's programming room appears to be running low on big books. As a district, we should anticipate ordering more books some time in Q1 of 2022.

We can always use more men to help carry the meeting into the jail on Thursday nights. It doesn't have to be a regular commitment, but adding 1-2 more men would help improve the consistency of being able to carry a meeting into the jail when I am out of town. Like this week...

Thanks

Respectfully,

James Schwindeman

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Grapevine/Lit: Pam M.

Book sales from September 2nd - November 24th.

B-24 Large Print Big Book 1-184 (2) \$6.00 each, \$12.00

B-1 Big Book Hardcover (4) \$9.50 each, \$38.00

B-16 Large Print Big Book soft cover (3) \$9.50 each, \$28.50

B-19 Large Print Daily Reflections (2) \$10.25 each, \$20.50

B-8 Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers (1) \$10.50 each, \$10.50

B-14 Large Print 12X12 (1) \$8.90 each, \$8.90

no# Visual History of AA (2) \$12.00 each, \$24.00

TOTAL: \$142.40

DONATION: \$7.60

Deposit at December meeting:\$150.00

PI/CPC: Mary S.

I delivered AA Directories to Judge McBroom for the Wellness Court. She requested directories and I delivered them last week.

I'm going to need to print more directories in January, so I would appreciate it if the GSR's could give me accurate information about their meetings, and who their contact phone numbers are.

Also, **I received a notice about the Calumet meeting a while back, could someone send me more accurate information about that meeting?** If so, I will include it in the new directory.

Please let the GSRs know that I need to receive their information if they want it printed in the AA Directories. I mean really, how will I know if I'm not told????? It's best if it's put in writing. My email address is: mary.schnell51@gmail.com

I will be happy to continue serving as PI/CPC Chair if no one else wants the job for the next rotation.

Sincerely in service

Mary S.

Treatment: Glenn M.

While we've been able to provide speakers for both the men and womens programs at Hope House Treatment Center, we have had to stop due to Covid at their facilities.

It's unknown when and if we will be able to speak there again. We heard from Lakeview Behavioral Health and they would like daytime individual speakers for their Day Group 9-12 on the 4th Tuesdays of every month. We spoke there on 11-23-21. They are interested in couples;

(family members from both AA and Al-anon) to share their combined stories at 6:30PM on the first Wednesday night of the month for the Family Group and we will start tonight, December 1st. I've asked for volunteers to be on the Treatment Committee to help coordinate the speakers and possibly work one on one with a certain facility. I have one lady to date! We have very few Speaker/Temp Sponsor forms turned in. I have used these first, especially the known snowbirds (there are more on the table and I can attach to either an email or text to be printed out, filled in and returned) if the volunteers have had the Covid 19 vaccine and if you haven't previously filled one out please do so. I again offer and remind the Centers about the availability of Temporary Sponsors and keep them supplied with meeting directories. In-person contact with the other Treatment facilities is still on hold, but by staying in contact and dropping off meeting directories, we are giving and receiving information and encouragement! Hopefully soon the other restrictions will be lifted and changed.

Glenn Miller 2020-2021 Treatment Chair

GSR Reports

Sunday Candlelight Marble - Jen S. 320-280-9162 Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday at 7pm in person and zoom. Open topic, Big Book, Daily reading. Attendance is 8-10, with 1 newcomer. Meeting inside the building. No Zoom

Thursday Candlelight Zoom Meeting - Jen S. 320-280-9162 Zoom ID: 663 514 4463 Pass: Marble2015 Topic, Grapevine, Big Book, How it Works.

Bigfork Sunday Night Group- Ron D. GSR, attendance 5. Open meeting, Topic and Steps.

Bigfork AA Zoom meetings

Time: Sunday 6:30pm ZOOM ONLY

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/113612999>

Bigfork Tuesday AA Group- Ron D. GSR, attendance 8-10. Open meeting, Topic and Steps.

Grace Lutheran Church in person only

Time: Tuesday 7:00pm

Saturday Night Keisler House- Jim N. Changed format to reading a few paragraphs from the Big Book and then discussing. There have been a lot of newcomers lately. Meeting is going

well. Attendance is 25-35. The group has been giving or selling Big Books and doing medallions every week. Now meeting outside on the patio when it is nice enough.

Cohasset North- Fuller GSR. Attendance averaged about 12-15 down slightly. Reading and discussing 12X12. Meeting inside the building. Have had a few new people.

Monday Noon Big Book- Glenn M. GSR (218) 398- 7385 email: glennm.gr@gmail.com (open meeting) attendance is 3-6. Open with Serenity Prayer, read Tradition, Big Book, close with The Lord's Prayer.

11 AT 11- Glenn M. GSR (218) 398- 7385 email: glennm.gr@gmail.com Closed Meeting. Average Meeting Attendance: 4-6. (Based on the 11th Step). Call to order and the Serenity Prayer. Introductions, Announcements, Preamble, Daily Reflections, How it Works, Readings from the Big Book, Discussion, Promises, 7th Step Prayer to close the Meeting. Needing another reliable person to help run the meeting every so often.

Deer River Big Book- Katy P. GSR. attendance 10-12. Bethany Lutheran Church, read out of the Big Book one paragraph at a time and discuss group conscience topics, and medallions. Monday at 7:00 Meeting inside the Church.

Tuesday Night Solutions - Pam M. GSR. (651) 724-7327 email: pmatteson9@paulbunyan.net attendance 20-25 in person, Big Book and Traditions, Speaker meeting on the 5th Tuesday of the Month. No longer offering ZOOM.

Thursday Night Big Book Study- Mark R. GSR mark.jason.reiser@gmail.com Read and discuss a paragraph at a time out of the Big Book, every 4th Thursday read and discuss from 12X12. 18-20 in attendance. Group is doing well.

Longville Friday Night - Dan D. 218-820-9009 elkoholic@tds.net located at City Hall Read and discuss from 12X12, one step each week. Open topic on the first Friday of the month. Attendance is 5-10 people.

Friday Night As Bill Sees It - Ero S. 218-326-3442 eeroschulz1@yahoo.com United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids MN. Discussion on As Bill Sees It and Daily Reflection. Attendance is 23 people.

Discover AA- Curt K. 218-245-9422 curtmesaheart01@gmail.com located at 21988 Shallow Lake Rd in Warba. Monday at 7pm. Read out of the 12X12. Closed meeting. Average attendance is 6 people. Meeting going well

Lawrence Lake- Curt K. 218-245-9422 curtmesaheart01@gmail.com located at Lawron Presbyterian Church 35254 Scenic Hwy 7, on Thursday at 7:30pm. Read out of the 12X12. Closed meeting. Average attendance is 15 people. The Chairperson now chairs 6 months at a time, then rotates. Jeff T. will be taking over the GSR position. jefftheel2010@gmail.com
218-259-4383

Area Events

- December 5, 2021 Area Committee Meeting in Aitkin, MN 9:00am
- January 15-16, 2022 46th Annual Area 35 Workshop in Detroit Lakes, MN

Old Business

- Vote for Alternate DCM and Grapevine/Literature Chairs: Jeff T. for Alt. DCM and Heather E. for Grapevine/Lit. None opposed

New Business

- Introduce and welcome new Chairs and Officers
- Add Webmaster to District Officers List: Dave C. motioned to add Webmaster, Bruce M. 2nd motion, none opposed and motion carried.
- Reminder to follow Covid Guidelines in your groups so that we can remain having in person meetings. Make sure to social distance, wear masks if needed and If you are sick, please stay home.

Reimbursements:

- Katy P. requested \$50.00 for paper and ink, Dave C. motioned to pay reimbursement, Pam M. 2nd motion, none opposed and motion carried.
- Bruce M. requested \$117.25 for Area 35 Literature books, Tom R. motioned to pay reimbursement, Heather E. 2nd motion, none opposed and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm and closed with "I am Responsible." Next District 16 Meeting will be January 5th, 6:30pm at United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids MN
Yours in Service,

Mariah N. District 16 Secretary 218-360-1912, mariah.nelson390@gmail.com

From Dan H:

Service Material from the General Service Office

1 RESEARCHING A.A. GROUP HISTORY

The General Service Office Archives Department is frequently asked how A.A. Groups can write their group history. Listed below are some typical questions that the Archives Department uses when writing a group history. It is suggested that groups try to answer these questions and, as needed, contact both the General Service Office Archives and their local Archives for information. If groups are conducting an oral history, the G.S.O. Archives has prepared an Oral History Kit that can be used as a guide – experience has shown that many groups have found it to be helpful. The Oral History Kit is available on the Archives portal of G.S.O.'s A.A. website at www.aa.org.

- Who were the founding members of the group?
- Where and when was the first meeting held? In date order, list where later meetings have been held. Include city, state, building, residence, church, clubhouse, etc.
- Did the group list with the General Service Office at the time the members first met?
- What is the group's name? Have there been any changes to the group's name over the years?
- What initiated the meeting: was it the offshoot of a parent group; was there a split due to disagreements; did a few A.A.s simply decide to start a hometown group, etc.
- How did the founding members let the community know that a new A.A. meeting was forming? • How many members attended the group's first meeting?
- Describe member composition, for example, men only, women, young people, etc.
- How did the group experience growth over the years?
- Are group inventories conducted regularly and have they been helpful?
- Who were the early group officers? List, for example, GSR, Group Contact, Chair, Group Secretary, etc. • Has the group used a steering committee?
- Have any group members participated in District, Area or other service to the Fellowship?
- How often were meetings held and has that changed over the years?
- What meeting formats have been used – closed, open, discussion, etc.
 - Describe the group's growing pains or controversies.
- How does the group celebrate group member's anniversaries of sobriety?
- How has the group celebrated the anniversary of its' founding?

- Describe how the group has cooperated with professional agencies (by signing court cards, supporting a meeting in an institutional setting, taking regular phone duty at the Intergroup or Central Office, etc.).
- Has the group participated in special local or regional A.A. functions, such as conventions, conferences, round-ups, forums or workshops?

For information on how to contact your local Central, Intergroup Office or Area, go to the A.A. Near You portal of www.aa.org. G.S.O.'s Archives Department can be contacted via their portal on the website or by calling (212) 870-3400