

District 16 Minutes  
United Methodist Church & Virtual Zoom Meeting  
Wednesday February 3, 2021

Opened with a moment of silence followed by the "Serenity Prayer". **Attendance and Introductions:** Katy P. DCM, GSR; Dave C. Alt DCM, GSR; Bruce M. Area Literature; Jim N. GSR; Tom R. Treasurer, Alt. GSR; Pam M. Lit, GSR; Mark S.; Barry; Fuller; Zoom: Mary S. PI/CPC, Alt. GSR; Jim S. Area 35 Delegate

**District 16 Officers Reports:**

**DCM Report:** Katy P. This has been another quiet month for me. There have been a few meeting changes. The Thursday Night Big Book Study has disbanded. I attended the Area 35 Workshop on January 16 on zoom. We had a great turn out for it being held on zoom. I believe there were about 68 in attendance. Let me know if I'm wrong, I didn't write it down. I enjoy attending the workshops, committee meetings, speaker meetings, etc. and believe that it is important for us to attend any way we can. Zoom leaves out the personal effect, but at least we can still be together. I am grateful we have this platform at this time. Bill W. speaks of 'these distraught times' in some of his writings. There have been hard times all throughout history, and it's interesting to me to learn about what people did to reach out to each other and help, and what we are doing now and will continue to do. We will be holding our joint workshop with District 8 on February 13. I will send out the flyer again as a reminder. I hope you all can attend. We will also be discussing the district website during old business.  
Thank you for allowing me to serve. Katy P

**Alt. DCM Report:** Dave C. First off I want to say I'm sorry for not sending in my January report right away as promised. I forgot. My thanks to Mariah for the reminder. The Biggest and most important thing to accomplish in January was the Area 35 Workshop Not only did it Work well by Zoom ( Don't get me wrong in person would have been better for this recovered alcoholic byfar) with that said I found I not only enjoyed the workshop I learned a lot also. AND Boy did our District do good on our part in the workshop A Big shout of appreciation To Katy, Ron, Jenifer, ( whose report is going to be in the Northern Light) and Pam I wasn't sure how it would work out but boy did you Folks shine. I felt so Blessed to be a part of this District, And now for the District 9 and 16 upcoming workshop on Feb 13th. First of all we had a big change. It will be on Zoom only so get your zoom info and join us as a lot of work went into putting this on. looking forward to Tawanna from Dist 9 (who is new to the program and service work) and Katy from District 16s reply to the question What is AA a newcomer's Question and answers. And then our own Mary

S. is going to inform us as to how to write a story for either the Grapevine or Northern Lights. and Last but not least Scott J. will be our speaker. looking forward to the day. Oh and I'm looking for someone to read How it works, and the promises if interested please let me know. or check in by zoom at 11:30 AM to let me know. Also the Area 35 Committee meeting will be on zoom Katy will give you the Zoom info later in Area events But I'd like to say I will be at Bruce's at 723 4th Ave SE, Grand Rapids YOU ALL ARE INVITED .so if you would like to join us please let either Myself (218-659-9952 or Bruce M. 218-220-0817 Know  
Yours In Service, Dave C.

**Secretary Report:** Not present, no report

**Treasury Report:** Tom R. Beginning balance of \$3139.95, no checks written. No Deposits. Ending balance of 3139.95 less \$500 prudent reserve, leaving \$2,639.95.

### Chair Reports

**Archives:** Joe P. not present, no report.

**Corrections:** James S. The Jail Zoom Meeting is going well, all males are welcome to join. If you have any questions please give me a call.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87120735617?pwd=aUk1em10TmltK2VtRDRkM2ZWN1VGZz09>

Meeting ID: 871 2073 5617

Passcode: 976303

Respectfully,

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**Grapevine/Lit:** Pam M. \$102 deposit and order to be placed

**PI/CPC:** Mary S. continuing to keep the meeting list updated.

**Treatment:** Glenn M. • I send an updated email to the Treatment Centers with the current 2021 District 16 meetings attached. I will continue to as I receive updates.

- I again offered Speakers when we can and reminded them about the available Temporary Sponsors. Our in-person contact with the Treatment facilities are still on hold until the State and the virus restrictions are changed.

Glenn Miller 2020-2021 Treatment Chair

### **GSR Reports**

**Bigfork Sunday Night Group-** Ron D. GSR, attendance 7. 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 7-8. Open meeting, Topic and Steps.

Grace Lutheran Church and Zoom

Time: Tuesday 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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

**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.

**Cohasset North-**Tom R. GSR 218-244-0478 Attendance 15-18, Reading and discussing 12X12, bring your own beverage, mask is required. Meeting inside the building.

**Monday Noon Big Book-** Glenn M. GSR (218) 398- 7385 email: [glennm.gr@gmail.com](mailto:glennm.gr@gmail.com) attendance is 3-8. We first Read and discuss a Tradition (both Short and long form). Then we read a few pages out of the Big Book and discuss them. Except the last Monday of the month after a Tradition is "Topic"

**11 AT 11-** Glenn M. GSR (218) 398- 7385 email: [glennm.gr@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Deer River Big Book-** Katy P. GSR. attendance 8-10. Bethany Lutheran Church, read out of Big Book, group conscience topics, and medallions. Monday at 7:00pm Meeting inside Church, masks are recommended.

**Tuesday Night Solutions** - Pam M. GSR. (651) 724-7327 email: [pmatteson9@paulbunyan.net](mailto:pmatteson9@paulbunyan.net) attendance 5 in person, 12 on ZOOM. Big Book and Traditions, Speaker meeting on the 5th Tuesday of the Month. ZOOM MEETING: id 410-701-748. If a password is needed, use 274100. Tuesday nights at 6:30pm. Is now meeting inside the church, following the Church guidelines and also in Zoom.

### **Area Events**

- Sharing Winter Workshop – check-in by 1130 -1145 – zoom only
- West central regional conference – March 6 only on Zoom, the other two days were cancelled
- Agenda items for our review will be uploaded by February 15 to area35.org—a password needed (ask Katy bc I didn't write it down)
- Spring Assembly – April 27-28 on Zoom

### **Old Business**

- District Website

### **New Business**

- **District Website**: Information to populate the new website is needed and Dave C motioned for a committee to be formed. Pam seconded. We will meet in person on Sunday February 14 at Bruce's at 2 p.m.
- A motion was made for a zoom account to be purchased by Katy for the District. The motion was seconded by Bruce. \$149 per year.
- A previous announcement said the Big Book meeting on Thursday at 6:30 at United Methodist Church in GR was being cancelled but Barry was in the District meeting representing the group. The meeting will be Thursday at 6 pm not 6:30 and Barry is the GSR.
- We talked about getting a new PO Box as part of the District Website, but Tom R from Cohasset has a PO Box already so it was decided to use the Cohasset P.O. Box.
- There is a new book about AA "A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous: An Archival Journey". The book will be released February 14 and cost is \$13. This is a souvenir book for the 2020 International Convention – powerful images-some never before

published – and short descriptive texts walk us through the people, places and things integral to AA early growth and forward to today's vibrant International Fellowship. To order talk to Pam M.

**Reimbursements:**

NONE

Meeting adjourned and closed with "I am Responsible." Next District 16 Meeting will be March 3rd, 6:30pm at United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids MN and on Zoom.

Yours in Service,

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