

District 11 Minutes

2015.09.20

Jason opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer.

Tim read the preamble.

Steve S. read the traditions.

Steve O. read the short form of the 8th concept.

Jason did the roll call.

Minutes read by Scott. Motion to approve as corrected by Steve S., 2nd by Jane. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Lisa. Balance July 26, 2015 \$195.64. Donations: Sunlight Group \$60; Unthirsty Thursday \$60; Friday Group \$50; Picnic \$140; 7th Tradition \$9; Returned Supplies \$9.92; Road to Recovery; \$35; for a total of \$363.92. Disbursements: #583 Walmart \$99.68; #584 \$CUMC (rent); Pavilion \$25; Ice \$28; #585 Lisa (ink, paper) \$36.48 for a total of \$214.16. Balance as of August 30 \$345.40. Motion to approve by Scott, 2nd by Steve S. Motion passed.

Literature: Lisa. Judy is building an order so contact her if you need something. Balance July 31 \$396.66. Deposited \$230.78 from sale of literature. Dividend on account, \$.03, for an ending balance of \$627.47. Motion to approve by Scott, 2nd Steve O., motion passed.

Intergroup: Jane. Founders Day October 17 at 1st Congregational Church. Breakfast at 9 a.m. Looking for an Alcahthon host.

Webmaster: Tim. Changing the web page often. Refresh the page if you haven't updated the site for a while.

Grapevine: Greg L. In attending the area assembly on 9/13/15, I was present at the GVR workshop with the area GVR. Several ideas on how to make AA members more aware of the Grapevine as a sobriety enhancer were discussed. One that caught my attention was the idea of giving a Grapevine subscription away at an AA picnic, or other event. Perhaps before next year's District Picnic, if the money is available, District 11 could look into having a drawing to win a Grapevine subscription.

Area Assembly Report: Jason. There were five of us from district 11 that attended the area assembly in Marion, IL hosted by district 17. Paula E facilitated the DCM College. The main topic of DCM College was, "What exactly is a DCM and what is expected of them." The DCM is the link between GSR's and area officers. Paula stressed that AA service manual is an excellent resource to learn how to be of service. We also touched on the importance of spirit of rotation within a group or on a district level. DCM college as always was helpful. Steve O. facilitated GSR School. Topics that were discussed were: A has no opinions on outside issues and lack of competence in treatment centers. There was no old business to discuss. In new business, area approved Carl M. to buy a new banner for spring conference for no more than \$225. Also in new business, separating the spring conference and March assembly. This topic was discussed quite a bit, both sides had good points. Motion failed to separate the spring

conference and March assembly. Area committee chairs gave their reports of the sharing session. We all had a great time.

Grateful to Serve

Jason K.

District Picnic: Lisa. Supplies Sams Club \$146.37; Walmart \$99.68; Pavilion \$25; Ice \$28; for a total of \$299.05. Donations were \$140 and \$9.92 worth of stuff was returned for refund. Cost of the picnic was \$168.97. 55 people attended. It was hosted by Evening of Sobriety at the park in Stonington.

Oral Group reports given.

New Business

Steve O. talked about the lack of workshops that we have had in district 11. Workshops are available for any committee.

Scott moved to take the workshop issue to the home group and come back to the district with interest. Second Jane, motion passed.

Discussed the handicap accessible issue we took to the area and was passed by Area 21 to the effect that area events would be held in accessible facilities. An ad-hoc committee is working on setting up guidelines for this.

Tim started a discussion about service and suggested that sponsors should tell there sponsees to do service.

Motion to close by Steve S. passed

Group Reports:

Unity at 6 pm

Unity at 6 meets at 1st United Methodist Church at 6 pm on Fridays. The second Friday of every month is a speaker meeting. Home group meets on the 3rd Friday of every month at 5:15 pm. Attendance is good and finances are a steady.

Karl Anderson GSR

Get High on Life

GHOL meets at AFFAS on Thursday night at 8 pm. The first Thursday of odd# months is a speaker meeting preceded by a potluck at 7 pm. Birthdays are celebrated on the 4th Thursday of every month followed by cake after the meeting. Home group meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month following the meeting. Attendance fluctuates and our finances are tight.

Karl Anderson GSR

Unthirsty Thursday

Currently a Big Book study Thursday at 8 p.m. at the US Bank in Taylorville. The group is currently reading the chapter "To Wives". The average attendance is around 10 people. The group is doing OK in self-support.

Greg L

Tuesday and Friday Groups

8 pm at US Bank on the square 1st Tuesday and 3rd Friday are open; all others are closed discussion meetings. Visitors are welcome.

701 Group

Meeting has been well attended. Has been averaging 15-20 people. We are currently starting over on the first 164 pages and are on the forwards at present.

We have gained 3 new home group members including one who drives from Springfield every week. After going through some of the bumps and bruises of a newer group we are coming up on our 6th year of carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.