DISTRICT 11 GSR MEETING NEW HAMPTON – April 29, 2014

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike C. DCM District 11

Corey L GSR/Webmaster Wed. Night Meredith

Jeff B.

Greg C. District Treasurer
Scott W. Meredith 12 & 12
Tracy D. Free At Last GSR
Todd C. GSR Loony Noonie

Ken G. GSR Center Sandwich, Thurs Big Book

Dave C. GSR Friday night Men's Group

Rob P. Tuesday 12 & 12 Group
Elizabeth L. District 11 Hotline Chair
Marcia M. GSR Plymouth Happy Hour
Pam L. GSR Up Close & Personal Group
Dorothy M. GSR Women's Wed Night Plymouth

Mary Ellen B. Corrections Chair/Attitude Adjustment Lakeport

Michele B. GSR Sat. Nite Franklin Primary Purpose

Dan P. Alt. DCM

Billy S. GSR Laconia Thursday Nite Original

Mike C. called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A Moment of Silence was observed followed by the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were made around the table as noted above.

DCM REPORT: Mike asked that everyone sign the attendance sheet and add their email addresses. He asked that everyone introduce themselves when speaking and thanked everyone for coming. Mike was able to attend the recent Area 43 Convention in Nashua. He was there on Saturday, April 12th and very much enjoyed a day of workshops, great speakers and fellowship with other attendees. He was also able to purchase a 75th Anniversary Big Book Commemorative Edition from Dan at his Big Book table at the convention. He stated, "they are very nice, and the Area Functions Committee and all who served put together and presented a fine event." Approximately 400 attended.

Sunday, April 27, Mike traveled to the Hooksett Service office for the monthly Area 43 Committee Meeting where he submitted a report for our district. Our Area Delegate Ken L. is attending the 64th General Service Conference. It was decided at the Committee Meeting that we would send Ken a fruit basket from the Area in appreciation of his service.

There will be a Post Conference Assembly Saturday, May 17 in New London hosted by District 18. Our Delegate Ken L. will present news and experiences from the General Service Conference. Mike encouraged GSRs and any other interested AAs to attend. He explained that Assemblies are very informative and provide many opportunities to expand our circles of contacts in service to AA. Mike added that the lunches were very good too.

Mike reminded us that there are flyers and other materials on the table for our use and thanked everyone for their service to our District and AA.

ALT DCM REPORT: Dan participated at the Area 43 Convention and sold 100 75th Edition Big Books. He has ordered 100 more and has 50 left that are not already reserved. Dan also attended the Function committee and recommended attendance at the Post-Conference Meeting to all GSRs

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Liz notified the group in March that she would not be available to attend on April 29. Dorothy brought copies and submitted the March meeting minutes. No changes were noted from the previous month. Motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded, vote unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Greg submitted a report of the month's expenses and receipts. He noted that a copy of the report would be attached to minutes of the meeting. The Prudent reserve was about correct at \$2,500 he stated. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted, seconded, vote unanimous.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REGISTRAR: Mike stated for Kevin (who is out of state) that changes would be made to the Meeting List by June.

FUNCTIONS: Pam said the Function Committee had last met on April 28. She said that most logistics were covered for the Spring Fling scheduled for May 24 from 11 to 4. She thanked Mike for helping with the music. She said that people had signed up for food service but that donations of desserts and extras would be needed. The menu will be hot dogs and coleslaw. After discussion about grills vs steamers, it was decided that steamers would be used to cook the hot dogs. Flyers are now available and made available at the meeting. She thanked Greg and Dan for their efforts in printing flyers and was now aware of the cost involved in printing. She said there would be five hours of fun, including face painting, games, and a Red Ball discussion meeting. The question was asked, "What is a Red Ball?" Dan explained that it was like a dodge ball game and the person who was tagged or caught the ball would be the next person to share at the meeting. Pam asked that the flyers be passed out to as many areas as possible. Corey offered to list the event and the directions to Leavitt Park on our website. The last function Committee meeting will be May 15 at 7 pm at the Congregational Church.

PI/CPC: Catherine not in attendance. Mary Ellen said once Bike Week was closer, volunteers will be needed to distribute literature.

GRAPEVINE: Ken read the definition of what the Grapevine position is. He wanted to know if any of the meetings needed literature racks. He has four extra racks for free. Ken asked if each group had Newcomer packets available and felt that it was essential that each AA group had information at the meetings. He related that when he saw the booklet "Came to Believe". it made a huge difference for him as a newcomer. Ken asked that he could get copies of the GSRs email addresses so that he could promote the Grapevine and extensive literature available. Dan asked that we bring that question to New Business. Mike thanked Ken for his enthusiasm and action.

HOT LINE: Elizabeth told us that names on the Hotline List will only be removed if the phone number is disconnected or if the person requests that their name be removed. She also told us that if you receive a request, you can text back that you received the name and number to the Hotline. She also advised that it was easy to fill out the application form and to list whether you were male or female so that you are connected with callers of the same sex. Elizabeth also said to write the names of towns that you are willing to return calls to as it is helpful to the Hotline.

WEBMASTER: Corey said he would add the Spring Fling flyer on the website 4/30. Everyone acknowledged that Corey was doing a great job maintaining the site.

TREATMENT: (no chair). Mike said there is a kit available that describes the responsibilities of the Treatment Chairperson for our District. He explained that the person or persons would be a liaison for individuals soon to be released from jail to help get them to meetings. He stressed that it would be a temporary sponsor and not permanent. He stressed that a transition would be very helpful for those individuals. Mike said anyone interested could call him at 455-Redacted

CORRECTIONS: Mary Ellen asked about the difference between the programs for treatment facilities and jail. Dan explained there is a program called Bridging the Gap for individuals coming out of Rehab facilities, but isn't quite off the ground yet. Mary Ellen suggested speaking to those in our groups who had participated prior. Mary Ellen said applications are still available and NA members may also volunteer. It was stated that Tamara McGonagle was the contact at the women's jail and Eric G at the Belknap City Jail.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mike brought up the request by Ken to have a District 11 GSR email list. Mike stated that Liz had the list. Elizabeth commented that it had been decided previously that the email list was not to appear on the district website. Todd reminded us that GSR information is listed when the GSR registers with the State. Discussion followed that it would save time for those trying to pass on information to other GSRs within District 11 without having to make a request through Mike to request to Liz to send the information. A motion was made to update a District 11 list of GSR names and email addresses from the secretary. Those on the list would have the opportunity to keep their email address confidential to the secretary or be placed on the list for distribution to the other District 11 GSRs. The motion was seconded and passed vote unanimously.

Scott, representative from the Monday night Meredith 12 & 12 meeting was present. He asked if anyone had suggestions to increase attendance at the meeting. He said the meeting had been successful in the past but was down to two or three and didn't want to see it fail. He asked that anyone with ideas call him at 707-Redacted The meeting is currently focusing on the Steps and Traditions.

Ken asked if we needed more copies of the meeting lists to be made for Bike Week, and it was restated that Kevin would be working on it. Pam asked where the lists were distributed and Mary Ellen suggested police stations, restaurants, hotels. She also suggested sliding it into a plastic folder.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm with the Responsibility Declaration: "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Respectfully submitted

Report generated by Dorothy M for Liz W, District 11 Secretary