

DISTRICT 11 GSR MEETING
New Hampton, February 25, 2014

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike C.	District 11 DCM
Dan P.	District 11 Alt. DCM
Michelle B.	GSR Primary Purpose Group, Franklin
Kevin T.	District 11 Registrar
Billy S.	GSR
Will C.	GSR
Todd C.	GSR Looney Nooners, Laconia
Keith A.	GSR New Freedom Grp, Plymouth
Dorothy M.	GSR Women's Meeting, Plymouth
Rob P.	GSR Tuesday Night 12 Step Grp, Laconia
Mary Ellen B.	District 11 Corrections Chair
Pamela L.	District 11 Functions Chair
Greg C.	District 11 Treasurer
Ken G.	GSR Thursday Nite BB, Center Sandwich
Liz W.	District 11 Secretary

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

DCM REPORT: Mike started by welcoming everyone and thanking them for coming. Mike reported that since our last meeting he attended the Area 43 Committee Meeting in Hooksett, along with Dan P, and two other interested District 11 members. He submitted a report for District 11, heard the Area Officer and Committee Reports, and picked up a few fliers and other materials which we made available tonight. Some of the highlights from the Area Committee Meeting are as follows: Area 43 Delegate Ken L. distributed General Service Conference agenda for review by the Area members. He asks that all GSR's and other interested AA members attend the upcoming Pre-Conference Assembly being held on Saturday March 22nd 8AM to 4 PM in Keene. The purpose of this assembly is to help our delegates carry the informed conscience of our Area to the Conference in New York. Please attend the Assembly if you are able, as they are fun and informative.

Area Archives is preparing the means to receive monthly District Report information in order to include notable AA Activity in our Area in the Area Archives Data and History.

Area Corrections is asking AA members to consider Corresponding by mail with inmates seeking Sober Pen Pals. Correspondence would be with inmates from other regions of the Country. For more information make contact through the Corrections Chairperson link on the Area Website NHAA.net.

DCM REPORT: (cont.)

With the Area 43 Convention in Nashua April 11-13 fast approaching the Area Functions Committee is seeking interested groups, commitments or AA members to chair marathon meeting timeslots at the Convention. Meeting will run from 10 PM to 8 AM Friday and Saturday nights. Meetings run for one hour and fifteen minutes each. Contact our Alternate Delegate Paul S at altdelegate@nhaa.net if you or your groups are interested.

The Pipeline Newsletter seeks your submissions of 250-500 words for possible insertion in the Pipeline online Newsletter. Please contact the pipeline@nhaa.net for more information.

The Area Treatment Committee will hold a Roundtable during lunch break at the Keene Pre-Conference Assembly. If you are interested in more information, please contact treatment@nhaa.net.

The weekend of February 21-23 Mike attended the NERAASA Conference in Warwick, RI, along with many others from Area 43. It was a fun and informative event, with approximately 260 AA's in attendance. The many presentations, reports, and roundtables provided much worthwhile ideas and information which will be shared with the District. On Sunday the Northeast Region Delegates gave highlights from their respective Areas. Ken L spoke for Area 43, noting that we are continuing to do well in our task of our responsibility to those in need of the help of AA. Mike thanked the District for making his trip to the Conference possible.

ALT. DCM REPORT:

I attended NERAASA over the weekend. Mike and I split the workshops and forums to report on. The first one I attended was on the Twelve Concepts of world service. Often referred to as the forgotten, 12 principles in AA. 1- 3 address mostly history and how and why the responsibility for AA was transferred to the groups. 4-6 discuss the rights and responsibilities each of us have as trusted servants. 7-9 discuss structure and finance. 10-12 discuss finance and the general warrantees of AA.

Next I attended the Grapevine/La Vina forum. The Grapevine numbers are in the black by about \$300,000. For the first time in years it is not in the red due mostly to online subscriptions. La Vina numbers also broke even for the first time since its conception. On a lighter note, we were told the Grapevine almost didn't happen as this was the name of a magazine for retired FBI personal that paid GSO a visit after the first copy went out. GSO then changed the name to The AA Grapevine.

The next forum I attended was the trustees report. The Plan, which was such a point of contention at last year's General Service Conference, was sent back to committee and later died on the conference floor. However some of the initiatives in The Plan were followed through on.

- 1) The separate boards of Grapevine and AAWS will now share minutes and attend each other's meeting to improve communication.
- 2) The Pool of nominees for non-trustee directors will be widened to include non AA members.
- 3) Members of the boards will serve two years on each board instead of four years on one board.
- 4) Technological enhancements and design are underway including an online line store.

Last year GSO predicted a deficit of \$600,000.00, however we wound up \$300,000.00 to the good. Yet GSO warns us that we are not out of the woods yet as last year's numbers remained flat with the exception of December which is the largest month of contributions in AAs history (\$850,000.00).

The board also reduced the pension fund insurance payment by transferring 1.5 million from the reserve fund to the pension fund thus lowering the insurance cost by \$350,000.00. The trustees also talked up the 75th Anniversary Big Book and the Birthday Plan.

Other topics that came up in other workshops and roundtables included Safety in AA, the differences between an intergroup and an area, and the 70th anniversary of the Grapevine. GSR's (Liz recently sent an email regarding this).

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Meeting minutes from January 28, 2014 were reviewed. Motion made to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded, vote unanimous.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's report was reviewed; a motion was made to accept the report as submitted, seconded, vote unanimous. It was determined that the 2014 Budget would be discussed under New Business.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Kevin stated that he had 2000 meeting lists printed, and had delivered some of them to meetings, including the Plymouth area. Please contact him if there are any changes, or new meetings that should be added.

FUNCTIONS: The Ad-Hoc Committee met on February 6 to discuss the finances for the Function Committee. It was decided that there would be \$500.00 seed money sent in an account for the Functions Committee, that there would be two signers on this account, and that any money borrowed from the District would be paid back after an event, once the \$500.00 amount was reached in the account. Pam stated that the functions that have happened in the past, will be kept on the schedule for this year, depending on volunteers and participation perhaps they can stay on the Function Committee Calendar for the years ahead.

GRAPEVINE REP: Ethan has resigned from this position, and has turned over the racks and information that he had in his possession. This position is currently available.

PI/CPC: Representative was not present at this meeting.

WEBMASTER: Representative was not present at this meeting.

CORRECTIONS: Mary Ellen stated that there are three Men's meetings and three Women's meetings at the Belknap County House of Corrections. The men are meeting Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, and the women are meeting Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We are looking for volunteers for both the Men's and the Women's meetings. Men that might be interested please contact Eric at grizzig@myfairpoint.net. Women interested in volunteering please contact Tamara McGonagle whose contact information is listed on the volunteer information and the Belknap County application which are located on our website: <http://www.nhaadistrict11>

HOTLINE: Representative not present, but sent in a report. Hotline applications sent to all GSR's via email.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Pam L. of the Functions Committee requested that the District give \$100.00 to the Functions Committee to bring their account up to the \$500.00 amount suggested by the Ad Hoc Committee. Any money that comes in from a function that would bring this number up over \$500.00 will be given back to the District.

Greg C – Treasurer brought up the proposed budget for 2014 and suggested a few changes based on the usage from 2013. A number of budgets were reduced slightly, and monies were distributed to other areas that had a greater need. In the long run the budget change was only a reduction of \$25.00 in the overall budget. This proposed budget needed a motion to be passed. Motion made, seconded, unanimously approved.

There was some discussion about the amount that we should have set aside as a prudent reserve. Dan P. mentioned it was his experience that the District should have a prudent reserve of 6-9 months of expenses set aside. The prudent reserve is not to be touched for operating expenses. Greg said that he will look at our fixed expenses and determine the appropriate figures.

No further discussions, questions, or issues. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Declaration:

“I am responsible: When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Submitted by Liz W.