

District 11 Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2017

The meeting was opened by Mel H. at 7:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer

District 11 Statement of Purpose: Nikola S.

Tradition of the Month: Scott S.

Concept of the Month: Deanna D.

Declaration of Unity: Mark S.

Role Call: 22 voting members. There may have been more, but that is what I counted at the start of the meeting.

Officer Reports

Secretary: Accepted as published

Treasurer: It was suggested that the P.O. Box address be included in the minutes so people know where to send contributions to District. The address follows:

District 11 AA

P.O. Box 1231

Traverse City, MI 49685

The report was accepted as presented.

Chair and Area 34:

August 2017 DCMC Report

Hi everyone,

Not much to report this month. I attended the Central Office meeting in July. They sent us a report of how things are going (included in July's minutes) and worked on a schedule to have a representative at our District meetings.

I also attended the State Conference. We hosted the panel "AA's Principles, Practice makes progress". Thanks to Dave B. and Deb R. for their input. Also, Dick A. from Ludington assisted along with a new Dave from Holland who is new to AA (47 days). Thanks to both for sharing. Condolences to Amber and Brian J. as they had a family member pass and could not attend.

We have a Picnic to finish planning and a name to draw for the November ECR Forum, so let's get to business.

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WMAA 34's July meeting was held before ours, so that report was included in our July minutes. I will be attending the August meeting in Alanson.

Thankful to be serving, Mel H.

Committee Reports

PI/CPC: Christina T.

Luke and Christina continue to work on getting the mock meeting started, but have met with a somewhat tepid response from the professional community. Nevertheless Luke, a veteran, has made contact within the veteran community, and as a result there will be a mock meeting in September. Contact will be made with nursing homes and the committee will work with Dave B. to set up travelling groups to nursing homes. Bill suggested that Nexus be consulted as well. Christina will follow up with Bill.

Corrections: Scott S.

Scott has had a conversation with northwest Michigan correction chair and asked for names of people who are going into jails at the moment.

Grapevine: Phil S.

Not present

Treatment: Marc M.

Deb R. has the book of big books for the treatment facilities, but needs to have records kept about where the books go.

Accessibility: David B.

No report

Central Office Liaison: Jodie

Someone from CO will be at District meetings going forward.

Megan has gotten call lists out and Jodie has forms to take to groups.

Group schedules are also available.

Office volunteers are needed for Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, all day

A Saturday phone volunteer is also needed.

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CO also needs people willing to step in when a volunteer cannot fulfill their obligation.

The current shortage of volunteer will lead to shortening of hours.

Board members are also needed.

DCM Reports

Grand Traverse:

Pixie brought notices of things happening in the County, but there was no formal report.

Kaskaska:

Marv reports meeting attendance is down a little. Kewadin and Rapid City groups are doing very well. Coming up this month: Fifth Tuesday, August 29.

Leelanau:

Benzie Tim S.

There was an open speaker meeting at Honor Serenity that was very successful. Tim has attended a number of meetings and notes good attendance.

Group Information, Announcements, and Concerns

Randy from Brown Bag group that meets in Benzonia reported that the meeting is doing very well, but there is a concern about one individual who has proven to be disruptive. Randy was looking for guidance. Marv suggested that a few established members take him aside and talk to him. Marv also pointed out that boundaries need to be set. Scott S. pointed out that the group has a responsibility to the whole group and the newcomer. Jodie S. suggested a group conscience approach, and that she has also seen individuals in a group take such people aside to talk to them about the problem. Tim S. points out that Benzie County traditionally has not had much structure, and that that might be part of the problem.

Jay from Common Ground talked about Phoenix group and Bridging the Gap and reported on what his group has done. He pointed out a lack of

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available sponsors for those coming out of treatment, and asked for help in getting together a district-wide sponsorship list. Mel suggested we could have another workshop on sponsorship. Deb pointed out that Area 34 has sponsorship resources, and is a good place to go for information. Tim S. shared how his groups encourage sponsorship. Dave B. suggested that each group come up with a list of willing sponsors and then bring those lists to District in order to create District list.

Old Business

Drawing for scholarship

Scott S. is being sent.

An alternate is Kevin D.

September District Picnic

Deb has revamped the food list and presented a revised list of servings and cost.

Motion to accept Deb's estimate

Seconded.

Discussion: Heather offers leftover stuff from the last workshop

Motion passed.

Further considerations:

Grill: Mel will provide the event grill.

Tables: Mel pointed out that there a picnic tables. Other tables have been offered. A second canopy has been offered.

Games: Croquet (I really had to look for how this is spelled.) and other games have been offered.

Deb asked for volunteers and several offered to help. Grill masters have stepped up. Coolers have been offered. All volunteers are asked to arrive by nine.

There is not interest in having a District Literature chair.

Motion that District does not require a literature chair

Seconded

Motion passed.

New Business

Deb R. brought up elections upcoming and that groups need to be made aware of that fact.

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Discussion of policy for printing contact information in the District minutes.

Heather H. suggested that having contact information printed in the minutes makes it easier to contact Committee Chairs and officers. She saw no anonymity issues being raised by the practice. After discussion, the group felt that first name, last initial, and email or phone number is okay to post in the minutes.

Motion to close meeting.

Motion passed.

Meeting closed at 8:30.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 PM at Suttons Bay Library, 416 Front St., Suttons Bay.