

District 11 Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2017

The meeting was opened at 7 by Mel H.

District 11 Statement of Purpose: Deb R.
Tradition of the Month: Jay B.
Concept of the Month: Bruce W.
Declaration of Unity: Amber J.
Role Call: 20 or so.

Officer Reports

Secretary: August minutes accepted as submitted.

Treasurer: The following report was accepted as submitted.

DISTRICT 11 TREASURER'S REPORT

Aug 2017

Checking Account Activity

Balance as of 8/1/2017: \$2818.41

Incoming:	Westside	22.74
	West End	50.00

Total Incoming: \$72.74

Thank you for your support

Big Books for Treatment Ctrs.	228.12
Rent	50.00

Total Outgoing: \$278.12

Balance as of 8/31/2017: \$2613.03

Chair and Area 34: September 2017 DCMC report

Hi everyone,

Here we are on a beautiful, warm September day. The warm is very nice after last week's chill.

It was a little chilly for our picnic last Saturday also, but it was well attended. Thanks to everyone who helped with the setup, cooking, and cleanup. It was a fine picnic. We'll talk about the details in old business.

Next month is District elections. The committee chairs who took their positions late in the 2 year period may continue their committees. For the rest of us, in the spirit of rotation, our positions are up for election. I encourage new people to step up for this service. For me, it has been a wonderful 2 years working with people who make things happen.

As a District, we need to decide if the newly elected start their positions in November or January. I have no opinion on this, it's totally up to the group conscience. We can talk about that in new business.

WMAA 34 Report

Things happen a little slower at Area 34. They are still debating and postponing votes on the proposed new meeting agenda and the proposed elimination of November and June monthly meetings.

It has been decided, however, to postpone printing the directories until after January so the Area officers can be updated to the incoming officers.

I will be attending the September meeting next Sunday in District 6.

That's all for now. Grateful to be serving,

Mel H.

Committee Reports

PI/CPC: Not present

Corrections: No report.

Grapevine: Not present

Treatment: Not present

Accessibility: Not present

Central Office: Ted K. is now the vice-chair for CO. He reported that Thursday and Friday morning shifts need volunteers. He asked that a roster be provided to help insure better communication between DO and District, particularly in the case where someone who is in Health Care wants so that, for example, if someone in the health-care industry wanted to attend an AA meeting, that person would need to contact the PI/PCP Chair, but currently CO does not seem able to do that. Art H. will be sure that a current roster is sent both to CO, and to Ted K. Ted also brought along a Second edition *Alcoholics Anonymous* signed by Bill W.

Amber J. reported that she has been told by a member that she had tried twice on a Friday to go to CO, but both times found the office closed. So, to reiterate: Volunteers are needed at CO for the Thurs. 2-5 shift, and the Friday- 10-2 and 2-5 shifts.

Ted K. also reported that there will be an Intergroup Central Office national meeting, and that Jodie S. will be attending.

DCM Reports

Brenzie Not present. Bruce W. reports that some turnouts are down, but others are doing ok.

Grand Traverse No report

Kalkaska Marv. S. reported that most groups are doing well, with some down and some way up. Marv reported that he tries to make meetings outside of his county, for example, in Wexford county.

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Group Information and Announcements

Three groups from Wexford Co. want to be listed in our district.

Marv. S. offered to help.

Eric C. announced that at the Area 34 Assembly Sunday in Fremont there will be discussion with the GSR of the Atheist and Agnostic Spirituality group in Kalamazoo to help coordinate a secular AA panel at the State Convention in August 2018. Eric reported that his group is trying to get more secular AA meetings in the state.

For further information, inquire at SecularAAinMichigan.org

Jay B. of Common Ground thanked us for the copies of the Big Book, and he reported that they have been distributed. He reiterated the need for a list of those willing to be temporary sponsors and again suggested that a

format for such a list be presented CO and then brought to District meeting.

TC group representative reported that Munson meeting is looking for speakers for the Saturday speaker meetings. Contact TC group for more information. He also reported that TC group is holding six meeting a day but needs volunteers to chair many of those meetings.

Mark S. of Millpond group wondered how many groups give BB to newcomers. The majority of groups represented do so. There is some discussion, and Mark received the feedback he sought.

Bruce W. of Honor Serenity wondered whether a GSR can chair two meetings. He was informed that there is no connection between being a GSR and the number of meetings a GSR should choose to chair.

Old Business

Reimbursement to Deb R. for Fall Picnic expenses

District has already allocated her \$400, and the the total expenses were \$378.77. She reported the difficulty she had with getting sufficient meat and had several ideas about changes to make next year. Deb reported that she felt the picnic was a success, and that she would very much hope we try to do it again next year.

Cliff W. asked why we didn't have a 50/50 drawing. Mel answered that we were trying to provide cost free events, and that a 50/50 drawing did no meet the criteria for such a cost free event.

Planning for Sponsorship Workshop

Deb R. reported that she was hearing requests for separate male and female sponsorship workshops. There was discussion of whether this is necessary Ted K.suggested that if such a separation was desired, perhaps it could be done by having a break out session after the speakers.. Marv emphasized that unity is essential to the program and so separating by gender doesn't help with unity.

Jay B. stated that the need is for sponsors and that it would help to have a large group telling what sponsorship is, and so help motivate people to step up to sponsor. He suggested that people really need to know What a sponsor is and how one goes about being a sponsor.

Marv volunteered to chair this workshop on sponsorship.

Amber reminded the group that we attempt to do these workshops on a quarterly basis, and so the fourth quarter would be the next logical time to hold such a workshop.

Motion by Kevin D. workshop be scheduled for Dec. 2

Seconded. Nichola S.

Motion passed.

Start time was suggest as 10 AM.

Bruce W. will make an inventory of everything we have left over from previous events. Scott S. will see if he can secure the venue from the Band.

Motion by Kevin D. to table further discussion until next month .

Seconded

Passed.

New Business

At what point after elections do new officers s and committee chairs take on their new responsibilities . Marv. suggested that they do so after the first of the year. Discussion followed

Motion by Marv S. that new officers and chairs take up their new duties after first of the year .

Second by Deb R.

Amber J. in minority position.

Motion passed.

Deb R. brings up doing a dance for New Years. Mel suggest that we take it back to the groups. Eric C. will check with one of the groups he attends that holds such events . Suggestion that District 11 can help with financial support.

Motion by Art. H. to table dance planning discussion.

Seconded

Passed

Motion to close at what, maybe 8:40?

Seconded

Passed

Next Meeting: Will be October 10, at a venue to be determined.