

Items in Italics have not been edited. The rest of the text has been edited to the best of my ability as an aid to our conversation at our upcoming District meeting tonight.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service, as I continue to grow towards my HP's ideals for my actions. Jeanette

**Greeters: Rhoda & Ricky**

**1. Serenity Prayer (6:30)**

**2. Introductions (6:35)** 31 members present

**3. Welcome New GSRs and Others (6:40)**

Kat K. -New alt-GSR for children of chaos

Joy B. -New GSR for Sarhara Women's Friday @ 4:30 meeting

Kathleen K. - New alt-GSR for Promises at Knox group

**4. Introduction and Announcements (DCM (Karl) 6:45)**

36th Annual Oldtimers reunion and BBQ at 2218 Alano Club; this Sat, 9/13/14

**Open Committee Chairs for 2013-14:** Archives (until Jan 2015)

Ken R. standing in as Archives chair, but we still need a standing chair!

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> (Sat):** Area Inventory @ Wooddale Church, 6630 Shady Oak Rd., Eden Prairie

**Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>:** Area 63 (So. Dakota) Fall Conference @ Ramkota Best Western Inn 2111 N. LaCrosse St., Sioux Falls, SD

**October 4<sup>th</sup> (Sat):** District 18's Sponsorship Workshop; **9:00 am to 1130 @** Auditorium of 2218 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

**October 4<sup>th</sup> (Sat):** Burnsville event afternoon.

Annual Cleaning day and dance at 2218 Alano

**October 9<sup>th</sup> (Thur):** District 18's monthly Business Meeting; **6:30pm:** Discussion & (perhaps) Approval of 2015 Budget.

**October 18<sup>th</sup> (Sat):** Area Election Assembly @ New Ulm Community Center, 600 N German St, New Ulm, MN 56073

**Saturday, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>** area 35/36 area workshop; 10-12?

**November 13<sup>th</sup> (Thursday):** D18 Elections. Come one and all to serve!!!

**November 5<sup>th</sup>:** CPC\* Breakfast- **7:30-8:30am @ Eastside Neighborhood Services Building. 1700 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, Mpls, 55413** \*Communication with Professional Communities Breakfast co-sponsored by D13 and D18. Contact CPC chair for postcards for the professionals in YOUR life!

**Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sat)** 7-10pm: Saint Paul Intergroup's Gratitude Night

**Nov 28<sup>th</sup> (Fri) to 30<sup>th</sup> (Sun):** Founders' Day: Celebrating 74years of AA in Minnesota! Double Tree Park Place Hotel. St. Louis Park

**December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Area Committee Meeting, Best Western Hotel, 1111 Range St, Mankato 55006

***5. Intergroup Report (6:55): important meeting : board elections; Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, deadline today; turn in tonight if you want to be eligible... Lots of great speakers. Sat, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. \***

*AAWS will be increasing price of books as of October 1<sup>st</sup> \$.5-\$2 per book increase; intergroup will be changing prices accordingly*

*Intergroup will be updating 12<sup>th</sup> step list; they will be calling, so make sure to return call if you want to remain on their 12<sup>th</sup> step list.*

**6. GSR Sharing (6:58)**

**Problems & Successes**

Riki: GSR for This simple program, had been having problems with late-comers getting locked out; just text or call the phone number on door and they'll come open door!

Liz: Dynamic women: Had been having problems getting new people to fill service commitments. Now they have a "service speaker" talk each week for 30-60 seconds about their service and how that enhances their sobriety; seems to be working to get new people interested in service.

Jen N. As GSR it has been difficult for group to really address issues related to their group, because there has been so much district/area business that it is getting in the way of talking about things that are important to the meeting itself. Discussion led to her thinking that perhaps in the future they can plan for this busy time of year.

Suggestion: bonus business meeting to discuss meeting specific business; opp for people to bring sponsees and how imp't to address what comes up in business meeting. Food helped to attract, but this gave us a way to clean up the slate.

Reed: brought fliers for their anniversary meeting: 30<sup>th</sup> sept Tuesday at 7:30 (420 Cedar Lake Rd. S. Mpls, MN 55405

## **7. Officer's Reports (7:08)**

**District Committee Member (Karl);** [d18dcm@gmail.com](mailto:d18dcm@gmail.com) (3 minutes): Read on the website! Or See attached at end of pdf (not in printed copies)

Working on budget for d18 and getting to know area36 budget and meeting with some other gsr's and past delegates, so can gain some knowledge about that; other district and area business keeping business; serving on rus conference committee is all great!

**Alternate DCM (Kevin);** [d18AltDCM@gmail.com](mailto:d18AltDCM@gmail.com) (3 minutes)

upcoming workshop; interactive workshop with lots of discussion. Harry c. will be there to talk and facilitate discussion. Also will have a panel Q&A at end of the time.

**Secretary (Jeanette);** [d18secretary@gmail.com](mailto:d18secretary@gmail.com) (3 minutes): Has not completed minutes for last months meeting.

**Treasurer (Tom);** [d18treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:d18treasurer@gmail.com) (3 minutes)

Updated finance report is on the tables. Question about DCM travel and lodging; does that cover altDCM too? Yes.

## **8. Committee Chairpersons Reports: 2 minutes each (7:20)**

Archives (Ken); [d18archives@gmail.com](mailto:d18archives@gmail.com) absent

Corrections (Rhoda); [d18corrections@gmail.com](mailto:d18corrections@gmail.com) : Checked in with Mary from Area. Please keep sharing the need that we need people to volunteer to take meetings to area correctional facilities.

Area 35/36 joint corrections conference being organized for 2015. What's the biggest need? Sherburne county jails: need 8 people at a time!!! Second: (first for women's aa meetings): is a need at shakopee women's prison.

Grapevine (Flow); 612-374-2491 (email will be passed on from [d18grapevine@gmail.com](mailto:d18grapevine@gmail.com))

Cans for the Can Plan! Collect all the cans you can and put the money into the pink Corrections Literature can. Suggests that groups make this a service position.

Literature (Piyush); [d18literature@gmail.com](mailto:d18literature@gmail.com) Is continuing to learn about his responsibilities. Talked with Marty T, who was Lit chair previously, and went on AA.org to find info on the position literature.

Newsletter and Website (Sarah); [d18newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:d18newsletter@gmail.com) ; [d18webchair@gmail.com](mailto:d18webchair@gmail.com) 5 copies of newsletter for table district18mpls.org reminder to other committee chairs to get their reports in early (or at all) to Jeanette ((secretary) and herself.

Public Information/CPC (Maggie P.); [d18publicinfo@gmail.com](mailto:d18publicinfo@gmail.com) "Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee; two events (pride and state fair) took precedence over the radio spot service announcement. Now returning to this project. Presently writing a letter to radio stations requesting that they will put an AA related message on the air.

Lots of help from district18 did indeed show up and help at the fair. All of our spots were filled so great job district members who showed up for AA. GSR brought concern that he had seen someone wearing a religious shirt who was taking care of the booth at some point (unsure of day). Suggestion to bring this concern to Area Chair. Affirmed that everyone received information about basic requests of people doing CPC work.

Finance (Mike C.); [d18finance@gmail.com](mailto:d18finance@gmail.com) Present, but defer to later business.

Group Records (Drew); [d18grouprecords@gmail.com](mailto:d18grouprecords@gmail.com) Busy working on this in background; has made some pretty good headway. All GSRs signed up last week, and it was great to see that many of the groups had current contact information, but there are some groups that aren't listed, which means that they are not listed with AAWS in NY City.

Remote/Special Needs (Brad): [d18remotecommspecialneeds@gmail.com](mailto:d18remotecommspecialneeds@gmail.com)  
Treatment (Dave J.): [d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com](mailto:d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com)

### **9. Concept 9: Mike C. 5 minutes (7:40)**

*This concept all about leadership; realized that a bunch of old guys were being depended on to lead and that they needed to bring in people who could lead. If you have an A plan, but B people, then things won't go well. So need to elect people to lead that are able to fill the responsibilities of the position.*

*Think about taking this back to your groups. This isn't about personalities. Leadership roles (e.g., GSRs, elected positions in meetings and positions in district and area) are really important. It's not just about showing up and filling the position.*

The driving question should be “who is the best qualified person to fill this particular role.”

### **10. Old Business (7:45)**

#### **a) Further discussion of committee proposal from Aug 9<sup>th</sup> Area Committee Meetings** (DCM; 10 mins)

We will also be talking about this next month. Did anyone get the opportunity to share the proposals with your groups?

Riki GSR: only discussed two this month. Finance committee requests. We panned it because there was till not enough information to make an informed decision.

GSR: We want more background information so that we can make an informed decision.

DCM: There isn't any more info than I've provided. I have asked for more. Usually proposal committees go through structure committee so that more information/questions and background information is attached to the proposals.

GSR Chunks & Measures: Group conscience was that there are some great ideas:

P1: Group decided that they are for the consolidation of activities proposed in the amended Calendar.

P2: Support eliminating the sending of finance letter.

P3: didn't like it.

*Question: all of the positions being axed from the budget were...?*

GSR Up the Creek: P1: many group members are concerned that the calendar as a whole should be discussed and want it to go to Structure Committee or have a PRO-CON discussion at Area. Prefer that don't combine delegate's workshop and assembly because there's too much in those to combine the events. (acknowledge that this has gone through Structure committee before, and it died.)

#### **b) CPC Event Discussion (CPC Committee; 5mins)**

Jason (Alt-Chair). Thank you to Lindsey for all the stellar work to get postcards designed and printed. Committee will meet next Wed 7pm? at Caribou Coffee on New Brighton. We will now need volunteers to make phone calls. Human resources, cops, clergy, lawyers, healthcare professionals... **Get ahold of some of these cards and get these to the professionals in your lives!!!** We will have a stack of these at next district meeting so that these can get out to meetings.

We are creating database so that we can continue where we left off next time we do this (every two years) so that can continue the learning/info forward. It will be on google drive.

### **11. New Business (8:00)**

a) **Committee Financing Requests** (none received as of Monday 9/8/14) none.

b) **D18 Budget Discussion** (10 mins)

DCM: Your job **next month** will be to **vote** on 2015 District budget.

**Treasurer: Please send/call me with your questions!**

We have distributed two budget options as a place to begin our discussion:

The “**All desires budget**” (side 1) has a deficit of **-3670.00**; we don't think this is a good, prudent idea; It isn't prudent as our traditions ask us to be. Seems to me that we should not budget or spend above what the groups are funding us to do. The budget request from the **Archivist (\$2671)**, to fund that position, is quite high, and accounts for a good amount of the deficit.

We left the amount for **committee expenses** (combined = **\$1995**) the same on this budget. Travel (\$3400 total for DCM/alt/officers/committee chairs): We had a lot of local events this year, which kept travel expenses down. However, WC Regional meeting is in Nebraska and Regional Forum is in Wyoming, so the cost will be greater in 2015. Our guidelines say that we are to fund the WC Regional and the Forum, as well as RUSC (Rec, Unity, Service Conf).

Committee Chair Question: Is there any explanation of the Archivist's budget? Do we know why it is so high? DCM: This is the budget he submitted for what he considers important for the archivist to fulfill the responsibilities of his position. Treasurer: It is all for mileage reimbursement; it does not include a request for any other travel related expenses (no hotels, etc). It is all travel to committee events, RUSC, or the Area Repository. Mileage is based on the approved cost (about 35 cents/mile).

Question: Doesn't area have own archivist that brings archives material to the same places? DCM: Yes.

**"Prudent Budget"** is on Second Page. This is DCM's suggested budget based on past 3 year averages for both revenue and spending, and also cutting some things a bit.

This reflects: \$1795 for all committee expenses combined, \$200 for archivist, \$2200 for travel. We cut the travel budget down significantly by having only the DCM go to WC Regional and the Alt-DCM only goes to the Forum, instead of both officers going to both events. Whomever goes to the event will make detailed notes and report back to the other officer and District as a whole.

Additional Discussion about specific scenarios about spending/deficits/overspending.

### **Area 36 Budget Discussion (10 mins)**

Area budget will be voted on, as well as election of officers at October Assembly.

DCM: Area has presented a budget with an \$1100 deficit. Uncomfortable with a budget that isn't prudent. 41% committee expenses at Area, while our district is only about 5%? Is it possible to cut some items, such as a fold-over letter instead of an envelope-stuffed letter for the Finance Letter? Cut some travel for some committees? Do we need to participate in all of the events? Discussion of specific questions about specific budget items followed.

Question: What are the archives? Is it a museum?

DCM/Treasurer: It is our history! There is a proper archive appropriate storage repository facility where there are many boxes filled with photos and other kinds of things. The Glenco Archives facility is less expensive than the last one was; 60 miles roundtrip to archives from Mpls.

**Discussion about possible D18 Founder's Day Suite (3mins):** Tabled until next meeting.

**GSR Highlights (8:13)** Thank you Tony! (3 min)

**Request for Volunteers for next meeting (8:16):** Greeters (Tony, Lucas); Concept 10 RIKI); GSR Highlights (Doug)

**Closing: "Responsibility Statement" (8:30)**

### **Reports from committee chairs and officers:**

#### **DCM Report September 11, 2014 District 18**

Hello all..... summer is wrapping up and school is back in session!

District 18 staffed two days at the fair-thanks to all who participated in helping to fulfill our primary purpose!!!!

Let's keep the momentum in reaching out to groups in our district.

I continue to serve on the Rusc committee – we are currently meeting bi-monthly to have all ready, agenda/readings/topics and speakers by middle of October. You maybe contacted soon to

serve in some capacity for the event, which will take place January 2-4<sup>th</sup>, 2015. It is an honor to serve on this committee.

August was budget month. Meeting with Finance chair and Treasurer to get the budget ready for the Districts' and groups' to review. In addition, I had meetings with area officers and past delegates to review the Area budget. Hopefully I can be a more informed trusted servant and answer questions the district might have in regards to the Area budget.

I had many conversations with members of the district and beyond trying to help answer questions around the proposals coming before the Area in October. I hope we have some great sharing at the district meetings about GSRs Group conscience regarding these issues.

I am very grateful to be of service-if I can help in anyway please let me know.  
In Peace and Service,  
Karl

**Remote Communities and Special Needs Committee Report:**

Brad

We sent a letter, Intergroup cards, and AA at a Glance to the clinical Psychologist at the Axis Medical center.

I attended an initial planning meeting for a Special Needs workshop on August 31st. The tentative date for the workshop is on Jan. 17, 2015.

The first official committee meeting will be on Sept. 12 with expected participation by Districts 7 & 13. Anyone interested can attend. Curran's from 7-8:30.