



* **Greeters: *Mike & Brad***

1. Serenity Prayer (6:30)

2. Introductions (6:33)

3. Welcome New GSRs and Others (6:40) Mike D. is the new Intergroup liaison; Kathleen, newly arrived in the Twin Cities is the new alt GSR for the Dynamic Women group.

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

Elections will be held tonight, so the format of the meeting will be a bit different.

- **Pick up your Delegate's reports from General Conference**
- **November 28, 29 & 30:** Founder's Day Weekend Celebrating 74 Years, Double Tree Hotel, St. Louis Park; **website: www.foundersdaymn.org**
- **December 6th:** Area Committee Meeting, Best Western Hotel, 1111 Range St, Mankato 55006
- **December 11th:** Final D18 Meeting of 2013-14 Rotation.
- **December 13th 10:00 AM–12:00 PM:** Area Rotation Meeting Elko New Market Public Library, 110 J. Roberts Way 55054
- **Nov 27th, 8am:** 28th Annual Thanksgiving Gratitude Meeting, Sponsored by 12 West AA;
- At Park Tavern, St. Louis Park, MN; 8:00 am Breakfast for purchase; 8:30 am AA Meeting (Free)
- **December 31, 2014:** New Year's Eve Pass It On Marathon DeLasalle Highschool, Mpls 55401; <http://www.aaminneapolis.org/pages/pio/pio.html>
- **January 2-4, 2015: Area 36 Recovery, Unity, Service Conference (RUSC),** Holiday Inn, Owatonna, MN
- **January 24, 2015 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM):** Area 36 Trusted Servant Leadership Training, Bethel Lutheran Church, 1321 North Avenue, Northfield, MN See emailed flyers for RUSC and TLST or Area 36 website.
- **February 27 - March 1, 2015:** West Central Regional Conference, Divots Conference Center & Norfolk Lodge and Suites, 4200 W. Norfolk Ave., Norfolk, NE:
- Pepitos Event for Thanksgiving Day; training mandatory to be of service

5. Intergroup Report (Mike D.) 12st step opps; AA orientation meetings; Pass it on Marathon flyers; Winter Open House at Intergroup; 9-11; 11-1 drawings, etc. needs meetings taken to people at several Correctional Facilities.



6. GSR Sharing: Problems & Successes (6:55):

Derek: homegroup having dec 16th potluck; 6pm

Pat: GSR for Amigos sat am group; 8:30am; group is now starting to look for some service opportunities

Jen: Up the Creek had elections; new GSR is Mark; they also elected a new alt GSR, new intergroup rep, secretary, etc.

Malcolm: Bridge to Shore group at 2218 is Monday evening; come around 7 for fellowship and coffee;

Big Book meeting from 8-9pm

Barry: Is new acting GSR at Sahara Club; Xerxes; decided they needed liability insurance for its 26 meetings; just became a 501c3 non-profit. They are learning about the relationship between AA meetings, groups, and the organizations where meetings are held; Short discussion about traditions and importance of non-affiliation; see AA.org for our fellowship's ESH about these relationships.

Flo: Enjoyed going to Archives Alive!; great turnout, & 1,8,19 presented; this is our living history; when meetings have potlucks or events, keep the flyers and get them to the archives! They are our history!

7. Officer's Reports (7:05)

- District Committee Member (Karl); d18dcm@gmail.com (3 minutes) see report attached to e-file. Area 36 budget passed; finance proposals for combined... passed; others didn't;
- New Area 36 Officers were elected!
 - Lisa G. new Delegate; Kurt K. Alt-Delegate; Missy P. Chair; Mary M. Alt-Chair; Jeanne H. Secretary; Karl R. Treasurer.

Alternate DCM (Kevin); d18AltDCM@gmail.com (3 minutes)

Secretary (Jeanette); d18secretary@gmail.com (3 minutes)

Treasurer (Tom); d18treasurer@gmail.com (3 minutes) Contributions a bit low; not a lot more activity; budget for D18; operating fund total of 2,233.36 (including debit of CPC plus prudent reserve).

First come, first served non-official policy for reimbursing committee chairs to District & Area related events is not integrated into D18 Policy; however that would be an easy amendment to put through.

8. Concept 11: Jen; 5 minutes (7:17) Read the concept and shared about how many organizations fail without the wisdom of this concept to guide them. The company she works for is handicapped by the structure, because only 6 of about 180 people are allowed to make meaningful decisions; they lose



business because of it; a lot of running around; lots of micromanaging that prevents projects being completed.

9. Old Business (7:22)

D18 Budget Discussion (10 mins)

Discussing, approving &/or amending the budget recommended by the officers. Motions? Conversation?

Flow: impact on budget for necessary literature may be affected by

Archivist expense: \$50 per quarter is officers suggestion for a prudent allotment of funds for the Archives position; this would be \$200 per year.

Are committee chairs reimbursed for travel to RUSC?

Archives chair/committee; throughout year can archivist request funds as a committee chair if there is no other archives chair? All amounts available for request from district under the Finance Policy

If there is an Archives Committee Chair, would the Archivist need to work with the committee to request any additional funds? Yes.

Discussion about relationship between Area archives and d18 archives, including who “owns” D18 archives when they are given to Area 36, how the committee chairs work together (Area/District), whether D18 should be responsible for rent in Area 36 archives or the upkeep of those archives, the size of D18 archives material vs. that of other districts in Area 36. AA member said that Area is actually responsible for all archives of all districts; another suggested that having an area archivist and district archivist is somewhat redundant. Due to volume, participation in maintaining Area archives is appreciated. If needs additional money, could potentially request money from districts

There is nothing in finance policy and hopefully the next rotation will address the concerns that have been raised about the archivist position and its funding.

Would like to hear from archivist what the value is of the archivist activities. Archivist declined.

- **Motion:** To approve the officer's prudent budget; Maggie 2nd

Vote: 24 In favor; 0 opposed ; **motion passes.**

10. New Business (7:32)

a. Committee Financing Requests (see below in RC/SN Committee report)

b. District 18 Elections, moderated by Missy P., Area Secretary, Elections Official (45 minutes)

Outcome of Elections: Our new D18 officers are:



DCM: Kevin M. (Chunks and Measures)

Atl DCM: Jen N. (Up the Creek)

Secretary: Brad E. (This Simple Program)

Treasurer: Jason V. (Pocket our Pride)

Details of Elections:

The Committee decided to use the *Third Legacy Process* as found in The AA Service Manual. Decision for all floor nominations to be accepted for the voting process. An informational sheet about *Third Legacy* voting procedures was passed out; the "Job Duties" for each position were read by Missy before each position was elected.

DCM election: (position description read)

Dave J (D18 Treatment chair), Brad E. (D18 RC/SP Chair), Kevin McG. (D18 alt-DCM) and Carla N. (Bridge to Shore) were willing and able to stand for DCM.

1st vote: kevin 9; carla 9; brad 7; dave 1

2nd vote: kevin: 11; carla 9; brad 5; dave 1 (only those with 20% of vote went on to next round)

3rd vote: kevin 10; carla 15

4th vote: kevin 10; carla 15

2/3 majority vote was not obtained, the committee voted to go to the hat. Kevin was selected from the hat. **Kevin McG. is our new DCM.**

Alt-DCM Election: (position description read)

Flow (Grapevine Chair), Piyush B. (Literature Chair), Dave J. (D18 Treatment chair), Brad E. (D18 RC/SP Chair) and Jen N. (Up The Creek) were willing and able to stand for Alt-DCM.

1st vote: flow 2; Piyush 2; Brad E. 11; dave J. 0; Jen N.; 11

2nd vote: flow 1; Piyush 1; brad 10; dave J. 1; Jen 12

3rd vote: brad 11; Jen 15 (17 needed for 2/3)

4th vote: Jen 18; Brad 8; **Jen N. is our new Alt-DCM**

Treasurer Election: (position description read)

Brad E. (D18 RC/SP Chair), Tony M. (GSR Minnehaha Family Groups) and Jason V. (GSR for Pocket Our Pride) were willing and able to stand for Treasurer.

1st vote: Brad 12; Tony 0; Jason: 12



2nd vote: Brad 12; Tony 0; Jason; 12

3rd vote: Brad 10; jason 12

4th vote: brad 10; jason 12

2/3 majority vote was not obtained, the committee voted to go to the hat. Jason was selected from the hat. **Jason V. is our new secretary.**

Secretary Election: (position description read)

Piyush B. (Literature Chair), Dave J. (D18 Treatment chair), Brad E. (D18 RC/SP Chair) Derek E. (GSR for Shoulder to Shoulder) were willing and able to stand for Secretary.

1st vote: Piyush 3; Brad 16; Dave 0; Derek 5 (needed 15.8)

Brad E. is our new secretary.

11. Committee Chairpersons Reports: 1 minute each (8:17)

Archives (Ken): d18archives@gmail.com: Nicollet Group disbanded and Ken (archives) was provided access to these records going back to the 1940s; also documents their move from 2218 to form this meeting; great time preparing for the Archives Alive! event

Corrections (Rhoda): d18corrections@gmail.com absent; no report

Grapevine (Flow): 612-374-2491 (email will be passed on from d18grapevine@gmail.com): grapevine inc publishes as much as AAWS! Encourages all to subscribe to Grapevine; new Grapevine book: Grapevine Quote of the day.

Literature (Piyush): d18literature@gmail.com

Went to Assembly meeting and talked with Area lit person to gain some better understanding; received GSO packet that was really helpful, and is starting to get more information and ideas!

Newsletter and Website (Sarah): d18newsletter@gmail.com ; d18webchair@gmail.com absent (no report)

Public Information/CPC (Maggie P.): d18publicinfo@gmail.com

successful events! CPC Breakfast went really well, thanks to the committee members who really stepped up to make it happen. Request for names for the professionals in your lives to

Finance (Mike C.): d18finance@gmail.com

discussed what happens when we have too much money, which is the situation presently; when more than 25% of the budget? Prudent reserve? Then we need to discuss/decide what to do with



Group Records (Drew); d18grouprecords@gmail.com absent (no report)

Treatment (Dave J.): d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com

Is planning to request funds from district for some big books.

Remote/Special Needs (Brad): d18remotecommspecialneeds@gmail.com

RCSN Committees from five districts are planning a really cool event and will be requesting a contribution (1/5 of expenses) from D18. Held Jan 17th. Area RCSN meeting will be in New Hope and will have a flyer available at the next assembly;

Wants be requesting funds for the workshop; Reason for the amount requested: ASL interpreter for the Workshop planning meetings. must be paid who is attending meetings is \$80 per meeting; in past have been collecting by attendees at committee. 5 districts would like to participate; for our d to contribute 1/5th of expenses @ \

- **Motion (Brad):** Requesting 1/5th of total budget for the AA is for Everyone workshop in Jan 27th, 2015: District portion is \$130 for a workshop. Is also requesting \$160 for ASL interpretation at the committee meetings. Full request is \$290

Discussion about details.

Dave **proposed an amendment** to separate the request for workshop and for interpretation at committee meetings; 2nd: Chris

accepting amendment to split: vote in favor: majority against: 2

minority opinion: Treasurer shared their opinion

Vote to split the amendment; 6 voted in favor to split the motion into two separate motions; 12 voted against the amendment. The amendment failed.

Vote who was in favor of original motion: 17 for the motion; 4 were opposed to the original motion.

Motion passes.

12. GSR Highlights Malcolm, 3 minutes **(8:27) Awesome!** Welcomed new Alt-GSR Kathleen who is new to Minnesota and district; international in July in Atlanta! IG report: Orientation meetings at 10am; DCM: Kevin, alt-DCM Jen, Jason treasurer; concept 11 awesome!

13. Request for Volunteers for next meeting (8:30): Malcolm & Liz greeters; concept 12 = Flow; GSR highlights: Riki

***Closing: "Responsibility Statement" (8:31) 8:53 ended**