

Approved Minutes for District 18 Business Meeting: January 11th, 2015: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Ave Mpls, MN 55403



Greeters: Malcolm and Jeanette

1. **Serenity Prayer (6:30)**
2. **Introductions (6:32)**
3. **Welcome New GSRs and Others (6:40)** Keith is the new GSR from **Central Pacific**.
4. **Intergroup Liaison Report - Mike D., District 18 Intergroup Liaison**
The Pass It On Marathon was a success with over 400 attendees. Northeast Intergroup has closed. Gratitude Night is February 21st at the convention center. Mike has tickets and they are \$12. Intro to AA is every Saturday. 12th Step group opportunities: 4th Tues phones (4:15-7) and Smith Lodge (Mon/Fri @ 6). Call Intergroup for more info. 952-922-0880
5. **Introduction and Announcements (District Committee Member (Kevin) 6:44)**

Open Committee Chairs: Archives, Remote Communities/Special Needs

- **January 17th: AA is for Everyone: How to welcome those with special needs**
Workshop sponsored by Area 36 RCSN & Districts: 7, 8, 13, 18, 21
New Hope Alano, 7550 Bass Lake Rd, New Hope, MN (1pm - 4pm)
 - **January 24th: Area 36 Trusted Leadership Training**
Bethel Lutheran Church, 1321 North Avenue, Northfield, MN (9:00 am to 4pm)
 - **February 14th: Area Committee Meeting**, Best Western, North Mankato, MN (9:30 am to 5pm)
 - **February 27th – March 1st: West Central Regional Service Conference**,
Norfolk Lodge and Suites, Norfolk, Nebraska
 - **March 21st: Area Assembly**, Best Western Nicollet Inn, Burnsville MN (9:00 am to 5:00 pm)
 - **April 11th: Delegate's Workshop**, St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)
6. **GSR Sharing (6:51)** Problems & Successes
 - *Derick (Shoulder to Shoulder) Gopher State website is up & open for registration. He has flyers.*
 - *Malcolm (Bridge to Shore) Group recently did an inventory. He went to RUSC- it was great.*
 - *Marc (Up the Creek) 40-60 attendees that now need to break into three groups.*
 - *Joy (Sahara Womens @ 4:30) New service commitment @ Fairview, many willing volunteers*
 - *Jason (Pocket Our Pride) Changed business mtg to after the mtg. and they now have more attendees. Getting newcomers to participate in group commitments via announcements.*
 7. **Officer's Reports (6:58)**
 - a. **District Committee Member (Kevin); d18dcm@gmail.com** (3 minutes) (see attached)
 - b. **Alternate DCM (Jenn); d18AltDCM@gmail.com** (3 minutes)
 - c. **Secretary (Brad); d18secretary@gmail.com** (3 minutes)
Motion to pass December minutes by Dave. 2nded by Kay.
December minutes passed 19 to 0 with 1 abstention.
 - d. **Treasurer (Jason); d18treasurer@gmail.com** (3 minutes)
 8. **Lisa G.; Area 36 Delegate (7:10)**

Generating Interest in General Service

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There are no simple answers to this. Most people get involved in General Service because they are invited or it is suggested by someone already involved. Attitude is paramount. Do we get to do this (General Service) or do we think we have got to do this? Inclusion can come through something as simple as inviting your sponsees, travelling together in a car can foster fellowship. It does not need to be complicated.

9. Committee Chairpersons/Intergroup (7:25)

- a. **Archives** (open), Archivist- Ken R; d18archives@gmail.com
Recently went through locked lockers at 2218. The documents stacked up were about 12 feet high. Found about 6 of the very first Intergroup pamphlet from 1969. Learned the first office was on W. Franklin not Nicollet ave.
- b. **Corrections** (Allan P.); d18corrections@gmail.com
- c. **Finance** (Lauralee F.); d18finance@gmail.com Unable to attend meeting.
- d. **Grapevine** (Flow); d18grapevine@gmail.com 612-374-2491 (DCM will check and let Flow know)
- e. **Literature** (Piyush); d18literature@gmail.com
- f. **Newsletter** (Marc T.); d18newsletter@gmail.com
- g. **Public Information/CPC** (Blair); d18publicinfo@gmail.com
- h. **Remote/Special Needs** (open); d18remotecommspecialneeds@gmail.com
- i. **Treatment** (Dave J.); d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com
- j. **Website** (Marcus); d18webchair@gmail.com

Gayle S., Intergroup Manager

Registering District 18 Groups with Intergroup - Important Elements of Form

Intergroup lists groups separately from the GSO. Updated group info is important so that the meeting list is always correct for people trying to find meetings. The listings are only as good as the information given on the form. Meeting listing books are only printed 2-3 times a year. The Intergroup group form is not currently on the Intergroup or District website. It may be requested from Intergroup.

- k. **Group Records** (Derek); d18grouprecords@gmail.com

10. Concept 1: Jason (7:49)

11. Old Business (7:50)

Grapevine – Proposal for buying subscriptions for Hennepin County libraries.
(No response yet from the library)

12. New Business (7:51)

- a. **Brainstorming Proposals for helping the still struggling Alcoholics in District 18**
 - Table 1 – (Dave)*
 - Table 2 (Carla) Grapevine subscriptions for Veterans Center/Group homes/ sober living/ other facilities that could use Grapevine literature.*
 - Table 3 – (Derek) Printing newsletter for Group Records outreach. District 7 has bought ad space at a bus shelter. Give the money back to the groups.*
 - Table 4 – (Blair) Working with the Police/Fire union/federations to do outreach. Have a table at college health fairs. Adopt a Hotel program like District 7 to get AA info out. Purchase bus bench advertising. Become involved with student services at colleges. Volunteer at alcohol assessment classes. Build a contact list to do outreach.*

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Table 5 - (Marcus) Create business cards for the literature tables, meetings, etc. Feature the District website through Google advertising.

Table 6- (Piyush) Purchase big books for veterans. Outreach to high schools with pamphlets. Purchase service manuals for meetings.

Table 7- (Sarah) Purchase laptop and software for the Newsletter chair to create the newsletter.

Table 8 – (Ken) We need better communication between AA and the VA to ensure that the meetings listed at the VA via Intergroup are correct.

- b. Motion (Grapevine Committee Financing request; Carla filling in for Flow) :** *Grapevine is requesting \$210.85 to purchase five Grapevine and 3 La Vina subscriptions. Subscriptions will go to the Veterans center, group homes and sober living facilities that are open to receiving subscriptions.*

Motion passed 20 to 0.

13. GSR Highlights (8:15): Chris H.

14. Request for Volunteers for next meeting (8:17): Greeters (Sarah, Malcolm); Concept 2 (Piyush);
GSR Highlights (Mark)

15. Closing: “Responsibility Statement” (8:18)

- **Official DCM on next page (only for emailed copy, not printed copy)**

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DCM Report January 2015

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Hello D18ers

In the last month I picked out a service sponsor. I had the opportunity to network with others in General Service at the RUSC conference in Owatonna at the beginning of this year.

Three members of District 18 were presenters at RUSC. They were Tony, Maggie, and Piyush. Rick W. was the keynote speaker from GSO who currently works at the International desk and has been employed there for 16 years.

I am very grateful to be of service-if I can help in anyway please let me know.

In Peace and Service,
Kevin M.