

**Unapproved Minutes for District 18 Business Meeting: December 11th, 2014: 6:30-8:30pm**

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



Greeters: *Liz & Malcolm* Thank you!

1. **Serenity Prayer** (6:30)
2. **Introductions** (6:33)
3. **Welcome New GSRs and Others** (6:40): Roger is new GSR from **Sierra Club Wednesday** nights (6pm); Jessica is new Alt-GSR **Pearls of Wisdom**; Betsy is new GSR **Chunks and Measures**.
4. Introduction and Announcements (DCM (Karl) 6:45)
  - **Open Committee Chairs**: Contact Kevin (incoming DCM) if you are interested in chairing a committee for the new rotation. GSRs and AA members having other responsibilities should consider being involved in a committee (though a Committee Chair should not hold another position).
    - December 31, 2014: [New Year's Eve Pass It On Marathon](#) at DeLasalle Highschool, Mpls 55401
      - 2218 is also having a dance event
    - January 2-4, 2015: **Area 36 Recovery, Unity, Service Conference (RUSC)**, Holiday Inn, Owatonna, MN.
    - January 17<sup>th</sup> (1-4pm): **AA is for Everyone: How to welcome people with special needs (workshop)** sponsored by Remote Communities & Special Needs committees of Districts 7, 8, 13, 18, & 21 & Area 36), New Hope Alano, 7550 Bass Lake Rd, New Hope, MN 7550 Bass Lake Rd New Hope, MN
    - January 24 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM): **Area 36 Trusted Servant Leadership Training**, Bethel Lutheran Church, 1321 North Avenue, Northfield, MN
    - February 14<sup>th</sup> (930am-5pm): **Area Committee Meetings**, Best Western, North Mankato, MN- new chairs definitely go!!
    - February 27 - March 1: **West Central Regional Conference**, Divots Conference Center & Norfolk Lodge & Suites, 4200 W. Norfolk Ave., Norfolk, NE
    - March 21<sup>st</sup> (9am-5pm): **Area Assembly**, Best Western Nicollet Inn, Burnsville, MN
    - Today is **Bill W.'s birthday** (December 11<sup>th</sup>)!
5. **Intergroup Report** (6:55) Mike D., Intergroup Liaison:) Pass it on Marathon is a great time & important for keeping Intergroup doors open (fundraiser). Northeast Mpls. Intergroup closed its doors, and Nicollett Group also closed their doors. Gratitude Night plans are in the works; Sat Dec 27<sup>th</sup> Intergroup Open House; Men & Women needed to carry message to Eden Prairie Pride Institute (non AA facility); group phone commitment available at intergroup for 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month 415-7.
6. **GSR Sharing** (7:00) Problems & Successes:
  - Chuck (Gratitude Group (listen); provided Pigeon and General Service Conf (GSC) report and brought AA pamphlet on Spirituality & 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition; group decided to increase distribution of their 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition by 30% and redistribute to entities.
  - Derek: Shoulder to Shoulder anniversary potluck Tues Dec 16 6pm; 2 speakers; All welcome.
  - Malcolm (GSR Bridge to Shore shared ESH about the meeting; found the “hard core” approach to reading book and working Steps was what he needed to stay sober and grow.

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- Riki (GSR This Simple Program): ESH about how group has changed over time; group has gotten smaller over years and they are beginning to change the structure. Now have a single circle so a bit more intimate; stopped requiring both man and woman to lead separate first step (side) meetings.
- Liz: changed their meeting structure too so that now in a circle, which feels a lot stronger and helps integrate people who come in late into the meeting.
- Chunks & Measures doing great; lots of changes past year and really vibrant now.
- Piyush's group hosted a hospitality suite for 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Founder's Day; it was another great experience and he has become a more humble coffee maker.

### 7. Officer's Reports (7:10)

- District Committee Member** (Karl); [d18dcm@gmail.com](mailto:d18dcm@gmail.com): See attached.
- Alternate DCM** (Kevin); [d18AltDCM@gmail.com](mailto:d18AltDCM@gmail.com): Grateful will have the opportunity to serve as DCM next rotation and invites people to contact him for committee chairs opportunities. Welcomes ideas about how to reach out to groups more effectively.
  - Derek will be new Group Records Chair
  - Dave J. continuing as chair for Treatment Chair
- Secretary** (Jeanette); [d18secretary@gmail.com](mailto:d18secretary@gmail.com): minutes approved by unanimous vote; motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> by:
- Treasurer** (Tom); [d18treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:d18treasurer@gmail.com) (3 minutes) Nov. operating fund is \$2500 and policy says that we need to spend that down via committees. Our ideal operating fund should be at 0-25%, but when reach an amount that is more than 25% district needs to spend the money that the groups have sent us for our committee work and other opportunities to carry the message. It is important not to have more than this, according to our Traditions.
  - The next rotation's committee chairs will have many opportunities. Experience in district is that it is important not to spread a rumor that we have "too much money"; D18 committees have money to spend in this next rotation.
  - CPC breakfast cost less than planned (only 500ish instead of 750).

- Concept 12**: Flo; 6 minutes: Brought a print out of Concept 12 from the 12 Concepts Illustrated pamphlet. Really great presentation about how we delegate responsibility and the corresponding authority to carry out that responsibility. Key points: The warranties are cast in stone and can only be modified by written consent of 2/3 of all the groups. Very important to always consult the Big Book, 12 and 12, Service Manual, etc. instead of going with my thoughts about how things should be done or what actions should be made, because there are really important concepts and recommendations that will work to preserve AA as a whole and insure that Alcohol doesn't rule the day.

### 9. Committee Chairpersons Reports and Job Descriptions: 5 minute each (7:28)

- Archives** (Ken): [d18archives@gmail.com](mailto:d18archives@gmail.com): He helped clear out locked closets at 2218 from 1977 to 1991 and there was really cool and important AA stuff in there from as early as the 1930s, as well as some religious pamphlets, books, etc.. Talked about several historical AA figures who were born in December. Talked about the upcoming "Archives Alive" event in April 2015. Archives displays planned for RUS conference, TLST, Gopher State, Old Timers Reunion.

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- b. **Corrections** (Rhoda); [d18corrections@gmail.com](mailto:d18corrections@gmail.com) Kevin stepped in (Rhoda absent); Hennepin Co. Detention Center (Downtown Mpls. Jail) is looking for African American males to bring meetings; presently only 1 African American of the 70 (?) people bringing meetings in there. 5 men would really appreciate letters so let him know if you are willing to write to them.
  - c. **Grapevine** (Flow); 612-374-2491 (email will be passed on from [d18grapevine@gmail.com](mailto:d18grapevine@gmail.com)) Grapevine is much more than a meeting in print! It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> entity in the service structure. Will bring catalogs and price change lists!
  - d. **Literature** (Piyush); [d18literature@gmail.com](mailto:d18literature@gmail.com) Met with Marty T., the Area 36 Lit Committee Chair & got great ideas! Has the new price lists for AAWS literature. Check out *12 Tips for Keeping your Holiday Sober & Joyous*.
  - e. **Newsletter and Website** (Sarah); [d18newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:d18newsletter@gmail.com) ; [d18webchair@gmail.com](mailto:d18webchair@gmail.com) :rotating out as newsletter; staying on as Website Committee Chair.
  - f. **Public Information/CPC** (Maggie P.); [d18publicinfo@gmail.com](mailto:d18publicinfo@gmail.com) Jason gave report on CPC Breakfast; collected all the info received. Spent \$551 so will reimburse district; had 30-ish professionals and did questionnaires. Committee is hoping this will become a yearly event and will be trying to involve more districts. Set up Google-drive recording the info that was generated. Lindsey will be following up with attendees about every 6 months to find out whether they have questions or want additional information. Classically, D18 and D13 have combined efforts every two years; the organizing committee meets about 10-15 times prior to the breakfast. Jason felt like this service was a transformative experience for him! Being active in district has been an incredible blessing in his life.
  - g. **Finance** (Mike C.); [d18finance@gmail.com](mailto:d18finance@gmail.com) Will be rotating out; shared job duties: position is important as it provides checks and balances with Treasurer; recommend that next rotation take opportunity to revise the finance policy to add explicit wording about Archivist in D18's Financial Policy.
  - h. **Group Records** (Drew); [d18grouprecords@gmail.com](mailto:d18grouprecords@gmail.com) Absent.
  - i. **Remote/Special Needs** (Brad): [d18remotecommspecialneeds@gmail.com](mailto:d18remotecommspecialneeds@gmail.com) January Special Needs Workshop will have Panel discussions and role playing to learn about how to reach out to people with special needs.
    - ASL members would like the Workshop recorded on video, so they'll be doing a rough non-professional video and also audio discs.

\*Chair hasn't been able to meet in person with Somali community liaison so sent him a Law Enforcement & AA packet produced by AAWS; more of these packets are available (committee purchased several).
  - j. **Treatment** (Dave J.): [d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com](mailto:d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com) Grateful will be continuing in the position. Shared ESH about how important Treatment service has been to his recovery. Has learned a great deal about God's will vs. my will. Knowledge of A Truth isn't knowledge of all truth (AA worked for me!). Will be seeking financial support for Big Books and is working to get an AA open meeting for Park Avenue Treatment Center (Sun 7pm).
10. **Old Business (7:18) None.**
11. **New Business (7:18)**
12. **Committee Financing Requests: See full request received 12/11/15 (past deadline to be included in agenda)**

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- **Motion (Treatment Comm Financing Request; David J.):** Treatment is Requesting \$96.47 to purchase 11 Big Books to begin a “Study in Action-type” meeting at Park Avenue Halfway house. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken R. 23 voting members present; **Motion passes** unanimously.
- **Motion (Grapevine Committee Financing Request; Flow):** Grapevine is requesting \$140.00 to cover 4 Grapevines and 2 La Vina subscriptions for the Mpls City Libraries; Henn. Co. Libraries in D18 geographical area. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken R.

Q's: Will they accept? Yes, experience is that Bridge to Shore home group did this two years ago and they were happy to receive them; hasn't been in touch with them recently, but pretty sure they would be welcomed. District would have option in future to renew, and groups could take this on if they are interested in this opportunity. (A subscription cannot be purchased by a non-AA member.) Comment: should we form a committee to look into this?

**Amendment to motion (Treasurer):** 6 are within district boundaries, so move to amend the motion. **Amended motion:** Request \$1xx (140 plus cost of 2 additional subscription cost) to purchase 6 grape vines and 2 La Vina subscriptions for the Mpls City Libraries; (6 Henn. Co. Libraries are in D18 geographical area).

Discussion:

Secretary: Rather than delay this action, lets vote on whether to spend the money.

GSR: Better to do online subscription? Answer: Not possible, because individual password is necessary.

Suggestion: Find out the information and bring it back to district and we can vote on it next month.

**Motion to Table this Motion.** Vote: 16 to table; 5 opposed to tabling. **Motion to Table Approved.**

13. **Being a Committee Chair: Experience, Strength, & Hope (5 minutes) Brad:** Shared about his experience working with RC/SN chairs in Area. I really didn't want to get involved with committees, even though my sponsor suggested it. I thought it would be a whole lot of time. Having other committee members makes it possible to delegate responsibilities; not x hours per month, really depends on the projects the committee chooses. Really learned a lot by being this committee chair. *Really* grateful for this opportunity to serve.

Suggestions: Don't be a chair of a committee of one; finding people to serve as committee members is vital! Download the information from AA.org about committees

Pick one or two things that the committee can do, so that will accomplish something instead of trying to do many things and maybe not getting much done.

Went to the Area Committee meeting and listened to what other District RC/SN chairs were doing. Once I went to Area Committee meetings, I wasn't alone in this work.

14. **GSR Highlights Riki**, 3 minutes (8:23)

15. **Request for Volunteers for next meeting** (8:26): Greeters (Jeanette, Malcolm); Concept 1 (Jason); GSR Highlights (Chris H.)

- Flow will get more info about libraries and bring a formal proposal next month

16. **Closed with “Responsibility Statement”** (8:27)

- **Official DCM and RSCN reports, and Treatment Committee Finance Request on next page (only for emailed copy, not printed copy)**

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**DCM Report December 2014**

Received 12/10/14

Hello D18ers

I continue to serve on the Rusc committee – we are all set with the agenda/readings/topics and speakers . You maybe contacted soon to serve in some capacity for the event, which will take place January 2-4th, 2014. Some D18ers will be there as presenters. Let's all show up to support them and have a wonderful spirit filled event. Get there Aloha!

We had our last officers meeting (sad) for this rotation. We invited the new incoming officers to sit on the meeting. It was short and sweet with not too much to discuss for agenda items.

I will be attending the Area 36 rotation meeting on December 13th as well as the Board minute review on December 14th.

To all at D18- I would like to Thank all at District 18 for showing up and doing your best the past two years. To my fellow D18 officers- it has been a pleasure getting to know you! To everyone I have met and spent time with thanks for humbling me when needed and helping me when asked. We continue to grow in the spirit. See you all at the Area events in 2015!

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

In Peace and Service,  
Karl R.

**RCSN Committee Report**

Brad E.

Received 12/9/14

Last month I mailed out a Law Enforcement pamphlet pack to a Somali community liaison at the Hennepin County Sheriff's department.

I attended the December Area committee meeting.

The committee put forth a motion for the Area to consider at the next committee meeting (Feb, 2015) as to whether or not the area should combine Treatment and Remote Communities/Special Needs so that the Area committee structure would reflect the General Service conference structure. Currently they are separate at the Area level and together for General Service.

Flyers for the January workshop were put out at Founder's day and are at all three Intergroups.

The AA is for Everybody workshop is at:

New Hope Alano

1-4

Saturday, Jan. 17th

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**D18 Treatment Committee Report**

Received 12/11/14 at 2:04pm

Treatment chair has been active with helping to start a Study And Action type Big Book study with one of the Park Avenue treatment center sober houses.

Our new DCM has asked me to stay on as Chair for Treatment and I have gladly accepted the opportunity to be of further service.

Treatment will be actively looking for other people to help join our committee so we can be more effective at reaching out to the over 130 different treatment centers, half-way houses, sober houses and shelters in our district.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. Dave J.

**D18 Treatment Financing Request**

Received 12/11/14 at 2:04pm

Treatment would like to ask for the following monies to facilitate the start of a 'Study And Action' type Big Book study at one of the Park Avenue treatment center's half way houses. 11 Big Books from Minneapolis Intergroup (\$8.77/ea. Soft Cover) - \$96.47

These books will be used to supply those without and once the study is running there will be a combination of self-support and 7th tradition to provide books going forward.

This is a unique opportunity as Park Avenue Center has not, up to this point, allowed AA or outside groups to come into their clinically-based fold but have always referred people to outside sources. This could prove to be a great gateway into other service opportunities within the Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Dave J.

D18 Treatment Chair