



Unapproved Minutes for District 18 Business Meeting: February 12th, 2015: 6:30-8:30pm
 Location: Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Ave Mpls, MN 55403



Greeters: Sarah and Malcolm

1. **Serenity Prayer (6:30)**
2. **Introductions (6:32)**
3. **Welcome New GSRs and Others (6:38)**
4. **Intergroup Liaison Report – Mary G., Manager**
Gratitude Night is February 21st at the convention center. Intergroup has Big Books in 42 different languages. Link on website for online mtg. YTD expenses -4.7 under budget.
AA Orientation – Every Saturday at 10am. Mizpah United church in Hopkins.
12th Step group opportunities:
Greatly needed - 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) 6:43)**

Open Committee Chairs: Archives, Remote Communities/Special Needs

- **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 10-12th: MNYPAA IV**, Holiday Inn, 2201 Burns Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55119
 - **April 11th: Delegate's Workshop**, St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)
 - **April 18th: Archives Alive (No. 3) Area 36 Repository**, 712 E. 10th St., Glencoe, MN (9:00 am to 4 pm)
6. **GSR Sharing (6:58) Problems & Successes**
 - *Derek (Shoulder to Shoulder) Gopher State Info – www.gopherstateroundup.org*
 - *Malcolm (Bridge to Shore) 2218 - Mon @ 8 26 seats, / 2 open seats in car for ACM*
 - *Marc (Up the Creek) Big Book mtg on Thurs @ 7*
 - *Ken (squad 27 early risers) est july, 1946/ Archives Alive 4/18/15 from Squad #15*
 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)
 Working on and looking for workshop ideas - Hopeless condition of mind and body/
 How to stay safe at mtgs
 - c. **Secretary (Brad); d18secretary@gmail.com** (3 minutes)
Motion to pass Jan minutes 16 to 0
 - d. **Treasurer (Jason); d18treasurer@gmail.com** (3 minutes)
 8. **Committee Chairpersons/Intergroup (7:10) 2 minutes each**
 - a. **Archives (open), Archivist- Ken R; d18archives@gmail.com**
 Area 36 archives has displays that can be borrowed. You can also schedule a visit.
 Contact archives@area36.org for more info.

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- b. **Corrections** (Al); d18corrections@gmail.com
Met outgoing chair/area corrections chair and attended TLTS.
- 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. **Group Records (Derek)** d18grouprecords@gmail.com
- f. **Literature** (Piyush); d18literature@gmail.com
- g. **Newsletter** (Marc) d18newsletter@gmail.com
- h. **Public Information/CPC** (Blair); d18publicinfo@gmail.com
Had a meeting with District 7 to learn more about their adopt a hotel program. Met with District 22 chair about a joint workshop this summer.
- i. **Remote/Special Needs** (open); d18remotecommspecialneeds@gmail.com
Tony gave a report (attached at end of email version)
- j. **Treatment** (Dave J.); d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com (attached at end of email version)
- k. **Website** (Marcus); d18webchair@gmail.com

9. Concept 2: (7:33)

10. Archives Presentation – (7:36) Area 36 presentation (Ken R. and Cindy)

4/10/42 First beginners class at 2218 (then Washburn mansion) March 20, 1942

11. Old Business (7:56)

Grapevine – tabled until next meeting awaiting info from the Hennepin County library.

Brainstorming Proposals for helping the still struggling Alcoholics in District 18

All ideas were directed to a committee and volunteers were asked for.

Committees/volunteers in bold. Signup sheet went around for Public Information (PI).

- 1] *Grapevine subscriptions for Veterans Center/sober living/group homes/other facilities that could use Grapevine literature - **Grapevine***
- 2] *Printing newsletter for Group Records Outreach **Newsletter Sarah***
- 3] *Buy space at a bus shelter **Public Information***
- 4] *Give the money back to the groups*
- 5] *Working with the Police/Fire union/federations to do outreach*
- 6] *Have a table at college health fairs **Public Information***
- 7] *Adopt a Hotel program to get AA info out 8 buy bus bench advertising **both are Public Information***
- 9] *Volunteer with student services at colleges **Public Information***
- 10] *Volunteer at alcohol assessment classes **Public Information***
- 11] *Build a contact list to do outreach **Group Records Sarah will help***
- 12] *Create business cards for the literature tables, meetings, etc. **Public Information***
- 13] *Feature the District website through Google advertising **Necessary? Bookmarks? Web***
- 14] *Buy big books for veterans **Literature***
- 15] *Outreach to high schools wth pamphlets **Public Information***
- 16] *Purchase service manuals for meetings **Literature***
- 17] *Buy laptop and software for the Newsletter chair to create the newsletter **Newsletter***
- 18] *Create better communication between AA and the VA to ensure meetings listed at VA Intergroup are correct*

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12. New Business (8:13)

- a. **PI/CPC finance request:** To purchase both workbooks cost: \$36
motion passed 18 to 0.

13. GSR Highlights (8:15): Mark (Shoulder to Shoulder) Gratitude Night / WCRSC Norfolk, NE Area
Assembly – March 21st / Delegate's Workshop in April.

Intergroup needs help/Archives Alive – April 18th / District 18 will be hosting a day at the state Fair
Two open committee chairs – Archives and Remote Communities/Special Needs

14. Request for Volunteers for next meeting (8:17): Greeters (Darren & Zach); Concept 3 (Blair);
GSR Highlights (Derrick)

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

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Treatment Committee February Report:

The treatment committee is revving up. As of last month we have started holding monthly committee meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month where those who are interested in serving on the committee or need assistance are encouraged to attend.

Last month at our meeting the new treatment chair for district 21 and I met so he could get up to speed on what is happening in our district and how he might be able to employ some of our methods. Our district will be helping Spencer with some opportunities to come along with us to learn and we are exploring ways our districts can work together.

District 18 has roughly 130 different facilities of which we are only serving a few due to manpower. With having regularly scheduled meetings and revisiting ways to get others involved it is our vision to have a committee of at least 5 and as many as 10 in the next few months to help ensure that AA is effectively reaching all who want it. We are especially looking for a woman or two to reach out to the female facilities. If anyone has a desire to have an impact in a desperately needed area please reach out to us. I can't think of any other place where our solution is more needed or sought.

Pierre has come on board and has spent a lot of time in exploring whether God is directing him to be of service as chair or a committee member. Either way it will be a pleasure to work with him and see where God leads treatment this year.

At this time we have no requests but are active every week with the Study And Action workshop the district funded the books for and will soon be looking for a group of individuals to take the commitment over.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Dave J.
D18 Treatment Chair

D18 Treatment Committee meetings are the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm. We are currently meeting at:

Top Gear Autoworks
2401 East Lake St.
Minneapolis, MN 55406

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Special Need Workshop Report given by Tony M.

Title: AA is for everyone: Carrying Our Message to Those with Special Needs

Date: January 17, 2015

Location: New Hope Alano

Food was supplied

67 in attendance

Sponsored by:

- Area 36 Remote Communities and Special Needs Committee
- Districts 7, 8, 13, 18 and 21
 - o The planning committee was made up of people from these districts also. Like District 18, each had a member go to back to their respective districts to request funds to support the workshop. Paid for food, coffee, location etc.

Planning started in mid-August and we had monthly meetings; sometimes a couple times per month towards the end.

Content included:

- General overview of the day
- Defining what special needs and/or accessibilities would be covered
- Role playing about how to interact with deaf/blind and deaf/heard of hearing
- Using our AA literature to help communicate and interact with people with special needs
- 4 people with special needs told their stories
- Closed with an ask-it basket

My takeaways from the experience:

- Good learning experience
- Got to see all the districts come together to help in a single effort
- Like most things in the program, there were people who have done it before who helped guide the process

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