

**Agenda for District 18 Business Meeting: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015: 6:30-8:30pm**

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



**Greeters: Darren and Zach**

1. **Serenity Prayer (6:30)**
2. **Introductions (6:32)** 44 in attendance
3. **Welcome New GSRs and Others (6:40)** *Eric* (Squad 77) *Ricky* (Beyond Jitters) *Luke* (Sinking Ship) *Dan* (Biltmore)
4. **Intergroup Liaison Report - Mike D., District 18 Intergroup Liaison (6:42)**  
Intergroup reprinting When and Where mtg directory – revisions due by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Website upgrade has been allocated 15K for the new site. Subcommittee taking proposals for ideas regarding the website. Miles S. and Joe H. are the web co-chairs. Gratitude Night was really well attended and received really good feedback. The 33<sup>rd</sup> Gratitude Night will be on Feb. 27, 2016.  
Urgent phone commitment: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 4-7 call Intergroup. Other 12<sup>th</sup> step commitments at Golden Living Center Chateau- Mpls. & Redeemer Health 625 W 60<sup>th</sup> st. For more info call Intergroup.
5. **Introduction and Announcements (District Committee Member (Kevin) 6:45)**
  - **Open Committee Chairs:** Archives, Finance, Remote Communities/Special Needs
  - **March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Area Assembly, Best Western Nicollet Inn, Burnsville MN (9:00 am to 5:00 pm)
  - **April 10-12<sup>th</sup>:** MNYPAA IV, Holiday Inn, 2201 Burns Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55119
  - **April 11<sup>th</sup>:** Delegate's Workshop, St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)
  - **April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Archives Alive (No. 3) Area 36 Repository, 712 E. 10th St., Glencoe, MN (9:00 am to 4 pm)
  - **May 9<sup>th</sup>:** Area Committee Meeting , Best Western- North Mankato (9:30 – 11:30 & 1-5pm)
6. **GSR Sharing (6:51) Problems & Successes**

**Malcolm** - (Bridge to Shore) Going to event in Mankato this Saturday  
**Riki** (This Simple Program) Can't hear the door bell and people can't get in. Have a sign up sheet for a number to call and recently bought a door bell to help but are still trying to find the best solution.  
**Chris** - (Sahara 8pm Club) – Growing steadily so more chairs had to be purchased. First group inventory will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> monday in April at 8:45.  
**Betsy** (Chunk and Measures) – D15 hosting spring workshop in Lake Elmo – Welcoming the Newcomer  
**Flow** – New group Continuous Action (12x12 study) meets Wed at 6:30  
Bethel Lutheran Church 4120 17<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Minneapolis, 55407
7. **MINYPAA Presentation - Lars G. (6:58)** Lars, Charlie, Megan – Lars is the liaison for District and Intergroup. Annual conference for the still suffering young people (and young at heart).  
Open event on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm more info minnypaa.org.
8. **Officer's Reports (7:08)**
  - a. **District Committee Member** (Kevin); [d18dcm@gmail.com](mailto:d18dcm@gmail.com) (3 minutes)
  - b. **Alternate DCM** (Jenn); [d18AltDCM@gmail.com](mailto:d18AltDCM@gmail.com) (3 minutes)  
Working with Tony & Chris on this year's workshop.
  - c. **Secretary** (Brad); [d18secretary@gmail.com](mailto:d18secretary@gmail.com) (3 minutes)  
One correction to the minutes by Ken R.  
Motion to pass Feb, 2015 minutes by Tony / 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris passed unanimously.

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- d. **Treasurer** (Jason); [d18treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:d18treasurer@gmail.com) (3 minutes)  
Quicken was used by the previous treasurer and that is no longer an option so reports will be changing in the future as we move away from Quicken.

**9. Committee Chairpersons (7:20)** (2 min each)

- a. **Archives** (open), Archivist- Ken R; [d18archives@gmail.com](mailto:d18archives@gmail.com)
- b. **Corrections** (Allen P.); [d18corrections@gmail.com](mailto:d18corrections@gmail.com)  
Joint 35/36 workshop - Anyone interested in being involved can come to the first meeting 4/13 5:30 Byerlys in Golden Valley. Location for workshop possibly in Zimmerman.
- c. **Finance** (Open); [d18finance@gmail.com](mailto:d18finance@gmail.com)
- d. **Grapevine** (Flow); [d18grapevine@gmail.com](mailto:d18grapevine@gmail.com) 612-374-2491 (DCM will check and let Flow know)  
New Grapevine subscription contest: The state with the most new subscriptions will get an issue about their state.
- e. **Group Records** (Derek K.); [d18grouprecords@gmail.com](mailto:d18grouprecords@gmail.com)
- f. **Literature** (Piyush B.); [d18literature@gmail.com](mailto:d18literature@gmail.com)  
Spoke to Gayle at Intergroup about buying pamphlets and literature rack for placing literature at the Convention center & Methodist Hospital.  
Total cost about \$127 for pamphlets & rack. More info and finance proposal to follow next month.
- g. **Newsletter** (Marc T.); [d18newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:d18newsletter@gmail.com)
- h. **Public Information/CPC** (Blair C.); [d18publicinfo@gmail.com](mailto:d18publicinfo@gmail.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> committee meeting was in Hopkins on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. More meetings will follow with plans no how to work on outreach. There is a multi-district workshop for CPC/PI in the works. The State Fair is coming up and we will also be looking for volunteers to do High School outreach.
- i. **Remote/Special Needs** (open): [d18remotecommspecialneeds@gmail.com](mailto:d18remotecommspecialneeds@gmail.com)
- j. **Treatment** (Dave J.): [d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com](mailto:d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com) Pierre F. will be the new chair.
- k. **Website** (Marcus A.): [d18webchair@gmail.com](mailto:d18webchair@gmail.com)

**10. Concept 3: Blair (7:42)**

**11. GSR Experience: Jenn (7:45)**

Anything that effects AA as a whole is determined by the body through a GSR sharing their group's conscience with the Area delegate who takes that information to the General Service Conference in NYC every spring. Why is this important? To help keep AA here for the next alcoholic.

In the past her group scheduled two separate meetings to discuss the items suggested by the delegate. All of them are related to a tradition. What gets groups excited? Usually something that is being proposed that goes against traditions.

Attending the workshop is a way for groups to have their opinions heard and to have a voice in AA as a whole. If someone can't attend the workshop it is still possible to their group's opinion to be heard by having a District officer or another GSR share their group's conscience.

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**12. General Service Conference Items: Jenn & Kevin (7:50)**

Dennis B. (past Delegate) on agenda items wording:

**Consider** : yes or no **Review/discussion-** Is there a concern? Looking for input on a solution or research.

**Finance**

**A. Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contribution that the General Service Board can receive from an A.A. member from \$3,000 to \$5,000.** - Only 20 individuals did this last year. This amount has increased about every 8 years. In 2005 went from 2K to 3K. At Intergroup - they can only accept money from someone in AA otherwise AA would end up with too much money and cause unneeded problems

**B. Review suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference.**

**Grapevine**

**B. Review new business plan for La Vina.** – La Vina is the Spanish Grapevine. Is this a service or should it be self-supporting? Suggestions: Have it be part of Grapevine – combining with GV on backside.

GSB funds shortcomings and or buy up lit and letting Trustee distribute to ensure it doesn't go to waste.

**F. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2016 or later.** Is it worth producing more books?

**Literature**

**D. Consider developing literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues.**

10<sup>th</sup> tradition - AA has no outside opinion. Are mental health issues an outside issue?

Would it unify or divide? What is our primary purpose?

**E. Consider producing a book combining *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions* with the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*.** New literature to introduce newcomers to the concepts.

Con - just another book? Good use of resources? How big would it be?

Do ¾ of all groups need to approve this change?

**Public Information**

**B. Review Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan**

1. Consider suggestion that the trustees' Public Information Committee explore the use of specific social media platforms and social networking platforms as potential channels for sharing information about Alcoholics Anonymous.

2. Discuss how to increase A.A member participation in local public information work.

3. Consider exploring a project for anonymity videos produced by A.A members for A.A members.

**13. GSR Highlights: Derrick (8:26)**

**Request for Volunteers for next meeting (8:28):** Greeters (Malcom, Riki); Concept 4 ( Doug); GSR Highlights (Al)

**14. Closing: “Responsibility Statement” (8:29)**