

**Unapproved Minutes for District 18 Business Meeting: November 12, 2015: 6:30-8:30 pm**

Location: Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Ave Minneapolis MN 55403



**Greeters: Pierre & Dennis**

1. **Serenity Prayer (6:30)**
2. **Introductions (6:32)** 32 attendees
3. **Welcome New GSRs and Others (6:40)**
4. **Intergroup Liaison Report – Jim R. (6:42)** Founder's day is coming up in St. Louis Park. Intergroup will have a suite. Sat speaker Clancy I. Intergroup Open House is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December. Gratitude Night New Year's Eve.
5. **Introduction and Announcements, District Committee Member (Kevin) (6:47)**

**Open Chairs** – (Archives chair -Elaine R. Finance Chair - Dan has stepped down Sarah S. is the new PI/CPC chair)

- **November 14<sup>th</sup>: District 8 & 18 Workshop-** Rituals in AA meetings: Do they help or hurt the newcomer? Bethlehem Covenant Church 3141 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave S. Minneapolis MN 55406 (9am – 12pm)
  - **November 21st: Area 35/36 Joint Workshop,** Warner Lake Nature Center, 1485 County Rd. 143 Clearwater, MN 55320 12:30 – 4:30.
  - **November 28-30<sup>th</sup>: Founder's Day,** DoubleTree Park Place Hotel, St. Louis Park MN
  - **December 5<sup>th</sup>: Area Committee Meeting,** Best Western Hwy 169, North Mankato MN (9:30-11:30 , 1-5 pm)
  - **January 15-17<sup>th</sup>: Recovery Unity & Service Conference**  
DoubleTree – Park Place, 1500 Park Place Blvd, St. Louis Park MN
6. **GSR Sharing From Floor (6:54) Problems & Successes**

**Sarah** – How do people get others interested in General service at the group level. No one seems to be interested at her group. Does anyone have ideas for generating interest?  
**Sean** (Men's Problems & Solutions ) The green can issue. Shared with a couple of meetings he goes to and they weren't aware of it.  
**Renee** - At her group they have an Alt. GSR in case the GSR cannot attend. The GSR and Alt could also consider doing every other meeting.  
**Ryan** - Sponsorship is a big factor to how he got involved in General Service.  
**Gabriel** (Sun Night Grace ) Their Halloween event was great. The meeting is growing. They need to make more coffee.  
**Malcolm** (Bridge to Shore) At their recent business meeting they discussed the Area 36 budget deficit, the District 18 budget, and what their home group should do with the extra funds they have. His group needed to decide whether they wanted to change how they donated to the service entities. They decided to do something with the group autonomously.

**7. Officer's Reports (7:02)**

- a. District Committee Member (Kevin); [d18dcm@gmail.com](mailto:d18dcm@gmail.com) (3 minute)
- b. Alternate DCM (Jenn N.); [d18altDCM@gmail.com](mailto:d18altDCM@gmail.com) (3 minutes) She intended to serve through the rotation but she decided she can't do everything so she will be resigning. General service kick-started her recovery when things weren't going well in her sobriety. She is willing to pay back the District for the airline ticket she couldn't use in August or next spring.

**Mark** (Up The Creek) Motion to have Jenn not have to repay the ticket due to life on life's terms.

Chris- second Favor 31 Against 0 **Motion passes.**

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- c. **Election for Alt DCM** (20 minutes)  
Candidates willing to serve - Jason / Flo / Riki / Brad/ Malcolm  
1<sup>st</sup> vote - Flo - 11 Brad - 5 Riki- 15 Malcolm- 8 Jason - 1  
2nd vote - Flo - 1 Brad - Riki- 22 Malcolm- 7 Jason -  
**Riki S. is the new Alt. DCM for District 18.**
- d. Secretary (Brad); [d18secretary@gmail.com](mailto:d18secretary@gmail.com) (3 minutes)  
Two amendments to the October minutes – 1) Dennis from Squad 10 is Dennis P.  
2) The address for the Area joint workshop is incorrect- Flo.  
Motion to approve the amended minutes: 1<sup>st</sup> Flo / 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris  
Amended minutes - passed unanimously
- e. Treasurer (Jason); [d18treasurer@gmail.com](mailto:d18treasurer@gmail.com) (3 minutes)

**8. Committee Chairpersons (7:34)** (2 min each)

- a. **Archives** (Elaine -new) [d18archives@gmail.com](mailto:d18archives@gmail.com) **Archivist-** (Ken R.) [d18archivist@gmail.com](mailto:d18archivist@gmail.com)
- b. **Corrections** (Allen P.) [d18corrections@gmail.com](mailto:d18corrections@gmail.com)
- c. **Finance** (Dan); [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)
- e. **Group Records** (Derek E.); [d18grouprecords@gmail.com](mailto:d18grouprecords@gmail.com) District 18 has 94 active groups and 54 non- active.
- f. **Literature** (Piyush B.); [d18literature@gmail.com](mailto:d18literature@gmail.com)
- g. **Newsletter** (Marc T.); [d18newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:d18newsletter@gmail.com)
- h. **Public Information/CPC** (Sarah S.- new); [d18publicinfo@gmail.com](mailto:d18publicinfo@gmail.com)  
Working on getting the complete workbooks for CPC & PI.
- i. **Special Needs/Accessibilities** (Troy): [d18specialneedsaccess@gmail.com](mailto:d18specialneedsaccess@gmail.com)
- j. **Treatment** (Pierre ): [d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com](mailto:d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com)
- k. **Website** (Marcus): [d18webchair@gmail.com](mailto:d18webchair@gmail.com)

**9. Concept 11: Ken (7:56)**

- 10. a.** Finance policy handout -will be discussed next month
- b.** 2016 Budget - We will continue with the 2015 budget until the 2016 has been approved.  
Sarah S. - ? We should look at the finance policy first before looking at the budget.  
Kevin – A- The budget will be voted on in 2016 Jan/Feb

**11. New Business - none**

**12. GSR Highlights: Chuck (8:26)**

- 13. Request for Volunteers for next meeting** (8:28): Greeters ( Heather/ pierre ); Concept 12 ( Flo ); GSR Highlights (Malcolm)

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