

Unapproved Minutes for District 18 Business Meeting: December 10, 2015: 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Minneapolis MN

Greeters: Heather & Pierre

1. **Serenity Prayer (6:30)**
2. **Introductions (6:32)** 30 attendees
3. **Welcome New GSRs and Others (6:40)** Paul (GSR, Gratitude Group) Tommy (Squad 73 @ 2218) & Vince
4. **Intergroup Liaison Report – Ron C. filling in for Jim (6:42) Winter Open House** on the Saturday the 19th. Pastries 9-11, Sloppy Joes/Chili 11-1, 20% discount on everything in the store.
Greeters are needed from groups – contact Intergroup or just show up.

Pass It on Marathon 12/31 at De La Salle high school - meetings and dancing - tickets are \$18 at the door. This is a fundraiser for Intergroup. Those funds are used for other projects throughout the year. Intergroup is a non-profit and does not make money off of this event.

Faithful Fiver- Is a monthly contribution that individuals can make to Intergroup to help keep the doors open.

5. **Introduction and Announcements, District Committee Member (Kevin) (6:47)**

- **December 19th: Intergroup Winter Open House**, 7204 West 27th St. Suite 113, St Louis Park (9-1pm)
- **December 31st: NYE 2015 Pass It On Marathon**, De La Salle High School, 1 De La Salle Drive, Minneapolis (7-12:30)
- **January 15-17th: Recovery Unity & Service Conference**
DoubleTree – Park Place, 1500 Park Place Blvd, St. Louis Park MN
- **February 20th: Area Committee Meeting**, Best Western Hwy 169, North Mankato MN (9:30-11:30 , 1-5 pm)
- **February 27th : Trusted Servant Leadership Training**, Bethel Lutheran Church 1321 North Ave. Northfield MN (9am – 4pm)
- **February 27th: Gratitude Night**, Minneapolis Convention Center, Ballroom A, (6:30pm - 12am)
- **March 4th-6th West Central Regional Service Conference**, Ramada Inn, 1400 E Exchange Ave, Bismarck ND

6. **Officer's Reports (6:54)**

- a. District Committee Member (Kevin); d18dcm@gmail.com (3 minute) Attended Founder's day.
John G. is the new Corrections chair
- b. Alternate DCM (Riki S.); d18altDCM@gmail.com (3 minutes)
Has been researching her role as Alt DCM. Attended the Area Committee meeting and is on the Structure committee. She spoke with Brad (Secretary) and they discussed ways that possible guidelines could be researched and created to help transfer information between the outgoing and incoming committee chairs and officers.
- c. Secretary (Brad); d18secretary@gmail.com (3 minutes)
Motion to pass the Nov minutes that were amended since the emailed version on the 18th. The new version is on the tables. 1st Sarah 2nd - Pat
Motion passed 29 to 0
- d. Treasurer (Jason); d18treasurer@gmail.com (3 minutes)
Something new in the report – funds over 25% of our yearly budget are listed at the bottom of the report. \$1749 available for ideas to help the still suffering alcoholic in District 18. Committee chairs, groups and individuals can present ideas to be approved by the District body.

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7. **Missy P. Area 36 Chair (7:06)** 1st round of the Area budget had over a 14,000 deficit. This was based on the worksheets turned in by the Area committees to the Area chair. The proposed budget was not approved at the fall assembly. New version has a deficit of about \$1700. A number of workshops and other committee requests were removed from the budget to achieve this including ASL interpretation at Area meetings.

The Area provides a place where Districts and groups can come together and share ideas and collaborate with other groups and Districts. District committee chairs are needed at Area committee meetings. GSRs and anyone else who wants to attend are welcome. This is how Districts and groups can learn about what else is going on in the Area and other Districts.

Don ? Group contributions for this year are based on a 3% increase over the previous years contributions?

Missy A-Yes an increase. In my opinion if the groups want the Area to do something – they should support it. This is also what others at the Area level and past delegates have shared with me.

Pat ? What is an in-kind contributions vs a special contributions?

Missy-A- In-kind contributions are funds that individuals choose to not be reimbursed for which are normally in the budget.

8. Committee Reports (7:16)

Table 1

- a. Archives (Elaine) d18archives@gmail.com Archivist- (Ken R.) d18archivist@gmail.com
- b. Newsletter (Marc T.); d18newsletter@gmail.com

Table 2

- c. Corrections (John G. new) d18corrections@gmail.com
- d. Public Information/CPC (Sarah S.); d18publicinfo@gmail.com

Table 3

- e. Finance (Dan); d18finance@gmail.com
- f. Website (Marcus): d18webchair@gmail.com

Table 4

- g. Grapevine (Flow); d18grapevine@gmail.com 612-374-2491 (DCM will check and let Flow know)
- h. Literature (Piyush B.); d18literature@gmail.com

Table 5

- i. Group Records (Derek E.); d18grouprecords@gmail.com
- j. Special Needs/Accessibilities (Troy): d18specialneedsaccess@gmail.com

Table 6

- k. Treatment (Pierre) : d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com

9. Concept 12: Flo (7:36)

10. Old Business (7:42)

a. District 18 Budget

Keli -? Could the District consider donating funds to the Area to help pay for ASL interpretation?

Sarah -? My \$700 committee request was not added to the budget handed out. **Kevin - A-** I decided to leave it out.

Flo - What about the financial policy? **Dan- A-** Any changes to the Financial policy are at this point just proposed.

Sarah - What about the finance policy? **Don –** We don't need to fix the policy to pass the budget
Malcolm - Our group conscience is to not make any changes to the finance policy as we felt it would be counter productive and in conflict Tradition 2, Concept 12, prudent finance principles and the structure of AA.

Dan – In my opinion we are in violation of the current finance policy and cannot consider a pooled budget until things are changed. Specifically Section XII/number 4. A pooled budget is in violation of this part of the finance policy.

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Kevin – Please take the budgets back to your groups and decide between the Pooled or committee option.

11. New Business (8:12)

a. Proposal from **Ryan K.**, GSR “Promises at Knox” group

In regards to the motion to forgive Jenn's debt at the November meeting. As the decision happened there wasn't a lot of discussion before we moved on to voting. As we were voting he didn't bring up his questions. He decided to withhold questions based on ego as he felt he would be the only one speaking out against the motion and ultimately Jenn. Later he wondered what could have been better or different. He didn't have time to consult his group about how they felt about this and what they wanted him to do. He feels the process of how everything happened should be addressed. Unless something is an emergency or time sensitive he would like to see the District consider a guideline to wait on making any rash decisions.

Motion- Any non-agenda motions should be automatically tabled unless it is of an urgent or time sensitive matter.

Discussion:

? - No guidelines / Motions can be tabled – is this needed?

Sarah - Jenn wouldn't of bought the ticket if she wasn't in service

Mark - So this is about procedure? **Ryan A-** yes

Motion to table until Jan, 2016 District meeting - 1st Keli 2nd Joe/

Flo- What are we voting on? Repeat the motion

After asking three times the motion/motion to table was repeated by the Secretary.

Motion to table passed. Simple majority observed. No counting was done.

12. GSR Highlights: Malcolm (8:26)

13. Request for Volunteers for next meeting (8:28): Greeters (Malcolm & Dennis); Concept 1 (Pat); GSR Highlights (TBD)

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

December 2015 CPC/PI Report

[I attended the December 5th Area Committee meeting.

[We discussed progress that was made by the Area CPC committee to get AA information into Allina to give to patients when they are discharged.

[The Area also requested the Districts to put on a “Sponsoring Your Professional” workshop.

[I met with a previous District 18 chair about what they were putting together when they rotated out. I will be working towards following through with having an hour show on KFAI. This show will be scripted and a few AA members that have a solid working understanding of Traditions will be on the show. This is a free radio show.

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- [As mentioned last month there has been a request for “When and Where” meeting directories for special care patients at discharge at HCMC. I will bring a formal proposal next month. *I do have the numbers of what it would cost for
- The cost of these meeting directories from Intergroup which includes a discount and tax is not applied are 93 cents a piece. 50 is a total of \$41.85; 100 is a total of \$83.70; 200 is a total of \$167.40;

PI Report

• Since I was at the CPC meeting taking notes I was not at the PI meeting. However, I received handouts and had a brief conversation with the PI Committee Chair and Alt. I will be reviewing that information and following up with the PI Committee.

*I do need an Alt Chair so that at Area Committee meetings there is a person at both committee meetings.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Sarah S.