

Unapproved Minutes for District 18 Business Meeting: July 14, 2016: 6:30-8:30pm
Location: Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Ave Mpls MN 55403



Greeters: *Malcolm & Dennis*

- 1. Serenity Prayer (6:30)**
- 2. Introductions (6:32)**
- 3. Welcome New GSRs and Others (6:40) --- Susan, Our Stories**
- 4. Intergroup Liaison Report – Jim R., District 18 Intergroup Liaison (6:42)**
--- Manager Report from Dale S. has been distributed.
 - a.** Saturday Aug 13, 9am to 1pm is Unity Open House. 9am to 11am coffee donuts. 11am to 1pm brats and chips. Lisa Dawn G., Area Delegate, will be doing the cooking.
 - b.** Saturday Sept 17, Carrying the message beyond our meetings, how to give AA info talks. Mizpah United Church 11:15am to 2:00 pm
 - c.** Budget has also been distributed today

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

Open Committee Chairs: Archives, Literature, Newsletter, Treatment

- **July 14th Delegate's Report** from the General Service Conference (Food provided - 7th tradition)
- **July 16th Archives Alive 7 Area 36 Archive**, Glencoe MN (10am – 12) Potluck BBQ to follow
- **July 30th Concept Study** Third Tradition Group, 416 Odd Fellows Lane, Northfield MN 55057
Concept Seven 10:30 – 12:30
- **August 6th Area Committee Meeting**, Best Western Hwy 169, North Mankato MN (9:30-11:30 , 1-5 pm)
- **August 13th Area Grapevine/La Vina Workshop**, 1-5 pm, learn to write your story! 5-6 pm dinner, followed by speaker meeting, Ken B. (past Trustee)
- **August 27th Concept Study** Third Tradition Group, 416 Odd Fellows Lane, Northfield MN 55057
Concept Eight 10:30 – 12:30
- **September 10th Area 36 Inventory**, Bethel Lutheran, Northfield MN
- **September 24th Concept Study** Third Tradition Group, 416 Odd Fellows Lane, Northfield MN 55057
Concept Nine 10:30 – 12:30
- **October 15th Area Assembly**, Hutchinson Event Center, Hutchinson MN (9:00 – 5:00pm)

6. Officer's Reports (6:52)

- a. District Committee Member (Kevin); d18dcm@gmail.com (3 minutes)**
CPC/PI \$770 check that appeared to go missing is being held by Area 36. Goal of \$3000 desired, so need to generate interest in other Districts for PSAs in the metro transit system.
- b. Alternate DCM (Riki); d18AltDCM@gmail.com (3 minutes)**
District 8 is on board with coordinating for joint district workshop. Hope to have first committee meeting soon. Filled in for Kevin at June Area Assembly. Highlights: suggestion came forward that we consider an Assistant Treasurer. Pigeon newsletter is looking at greater digital distribution and is asking for help. Queer Ideas Are Fun need more members attending who are willing to sponsor, meet at Pride Institute in Edina Fri 7:30 pm. Motion to separate Delegate's Workshop and March Assembly failed. Been using March issue of the Pigeon when visiting groups. Has nice chart with financial statistics from GSO that sometimes generates discussion.

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- c. **Secretary** (Brad); d18secretary@gmail.com (3 minutes)
June minutes approved. No corrections.
Sarah commented: Minutes did not include discussion of proposal to put money toward PSAs in City Pages. Bunch of questions that needed to be answered. Best to have those in minutes instead of in her report attached to the end.
- d. **Treasurer** (Jason); d18treasurer@gmail.com (3 minutes)
Tried to simplify Treasurer's Report. June received \$703.21, expenses totaled \$577.42. We have just over \$1000 over our finance policy that needs to be spent.
--- Smile.amazon.com has Grapevine as a recipient of 5% of purchases, as well as AAWS.
--- Discussion: Is this real? Debatable, since they aren't supposed to take outside contributions.
--- **Carla, Area 36 Grapevine Chair**, looked into it during the meeting, talked to Amazon and talked to GSB Treasurer Tom Ardolf, and reported near end of meeting: With this Smile Amazon situation, there are many many charities listed as options. This warrants more research. It may not have been set up by GSO. Consider our principles when looking at this as a means of support.
--- **Our web hosting** is still in Tom J's name, (past treasurer), so the charge hit his card and we had to reimburse him. We will change that for next year.

7. Committee Chairpersons (7:04)

- a. **Corrections** (Derek E.); d18corrections@gmail.com
People needed to participate in Hennepin County detention centers. Requires background check and fingerprinting. Many meetings available. Contact: 952-927-4883, Dan U.
- b. **Finance** (Charlie); d18finance@gmail.com
--- Met with Kevin and Denny and looked at policy. Finance Committee meeting tomorrow, 7:30 pm, St. Olaf's for a look at possible changes. We want to present proposed changes in August for vote in September.
- c. **Group Records** (Don) d18grouprecords@gmail.com
--- We've registered two groups that are longstanding but never registered with GSO. We found these groups on the Intergroup directory. We are cooperating with Intergroup with informational changes.
- d. **Public Information/CPC** (Sarah); d18publicinfo@gmail.com
--- CPC Breakfast planning meetings will start by end of month.
--- Pride booth went very well.
--- Met with Fairview Riverside ER director, with Larry, Area CPC Chair, to provide directories.
--- Sober Living place is looking for people to bring a meeting.
(post July meeting addition by Secretary)
--- At the June meeting a proposal from District 7 was brought up to be brought back to the groups. **Proposal:** District 7 has already paid for a ¼ page ad (\$600) in City pages for Best of issue. District 7 is asking if D18 would like to contribute ½ of the cost after the fact (\$300). This will be in old business for the August District meeting.
- e. **Special Needs/Accessibilities** (Troy); d18specialneedsaccess@gmail.com
--- I found an interpreter for Area Standing Committee meeting for August.
- f. **Treatment** (Dave - temp); d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com
--- We have about 240 sober houses, nursing houses and treatment centers in our district. We need committee members!! Overwhelming need.
- g. **Grapevine:** (Flow)
--- You can go to both the Intergroup Unity Open House and the Area Grapevine workshop in Savage. You can do both on the same day.

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--- D18 contribution for Area Grapevine workshop should go to D8, they are coordinating the money.

--- Archives: Nicollet Groups are doing a special presentation on Stools and Bottles. Special guest is a sponsee of Marty Mann, still sharing the message in her 90s.

8. Area 36 Delegate's report from the 2016 General Service Conference - Lisa Dawn G. (7:16)

9. Old Business (8:16)

a. Squad 77 proposal - Not discussed. This time was used to report on what Carla found out about the Smile Amazon question. (see later part of Treasurer's report above)

10. Request for Volunteers for next meeting (8:28): Greeters (Charlie & Charlotte) Concept 8 (Matt)
GSR Highlights (Malcolm)

11. Closing: "Responsibility Statement" (8:29)

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