

Unapproved Minutes for District 18 Business Meeting: August 11, 2016: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Ave Mpls MN 55403



Greeters: *Charlie & Charlotte*

1. **Serenity Prayer (6:30)**
2. **Introductions (6:32)**
3. **Welcome New GSRs and Others (6:40)**
4. **Intergroup Liaison Report – Jim R., District 18 Intergroup Liaison (6:42)**
Jen – Pearls of Wisdom GSR, Matt - member
5. **Introduction and Announcements (District Committee Member (Kevin) 6:47)**
Open Committee Chairs: Archives Pat new chair, Literature Matt - new, Newsletter, Treatment
 - **August 6th Area Committee Meeting**, Best Western Hwy 169, North Mankato MN (9:30-11:30 , 1-5 pm)
 - **August 13th Minneapolis Intergroup Unity Open House** 7204 W. 27th St. Ste 113, St. Louis Park MN 55426
9am to 11am coffee & donuts. 11am to 1pm brats and chips. Lisa Dawn G., Area Delegate & Missy P., Area Chair will be doing the cooking.
 - **August 13th Grapevine Workshop - In Our Own Words** – 1 - 7:30pm
(1-5 Grapevine & La Viña Workshop / 5-6 Pot Luck Supper / 6:15 – 7:30 Open AA Speaker Meeting)
Bridgewood Church, 6201 West 135th Street Savage MN 55378 **ASL Interpreter provided for entire day**
 - **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 (9 - 12 pm)
 - **September 17th CPC District Workshop** – How to Sponsor Your Professional
Mizpah United Church of Christ 412 5th Ave N Hopkins, MN 55343
 - **September 24th Concept Study** Third Tradition Group, 416 Odd Fellows Lane, Northfield MN 55057
Concept Nine 10:30 – 12:30
 - **October 8th - Archives Alive #8** Area 36 Archive, Glencoe MN (10am – 12) Potluck BBQ to follow
 - **October 15th Area Assembly**, Hutchinson Event Center, Hutchinson MN (9:00 – 5:00pm)
Area Officer Elections
 - **October 29th CPC District Workshop** – How to Sponsor Your Professional
Christ Lutheran Church 11194 36th St N. Lake Elmo MN 55042
 - **November District 13/18 CPC Breakfast** (details to come)
 - **November 5th District 8/18 Workshop** – The Three Ts of Tradition 7 (details to come)
 - **December 3rd Area Committee Meeting**, Best Western Hwy 169, North Mankato MN (9:30-11:30 , 1-5 pm)
6. **Officer's Reports (6:52)**
 - a. **District Committee Member** (Kevin); d18dcm@gmail.com (3 minutes)
 - b. **Alternate DCM** (Riki); d18AltDCM@gmail.com (3 minutes)
 - c. **Secretary** (Brad); d18secretary@gmail.com (3 minutes)
 - d. **Treasurer** (Jason); d18treasurer@gmail.com (3 minutes)
As the report shows we are \$294 above what our finance policy says we should have in our operating fund (\$1725 (2016 budget).
--?Don - We only have \$294 to spend?
A- No, We have about \$2000 in our operating fund. \$294 over what the FP says we should have in the operating fund.
--?Don - Kevin you weren't at the ACM on Saturday. Why was that?
Kevin - Yes, unfortunately I had a work commitment and couldn't stay for the afternoon.
7. **Committee Chairpersons (7:04)** (2 minutes each)
 - a. **Archives** (Patrick - new), Archivist- (Ken R); d18archives@gmail.com
 - b. **Corrections** (Derek E.); d18corrections@gmail.com
 - c. **Finance** (Charlie); d18finance@gmail.com
 - d. **Grapevine** (Flow); d18grapevine@gmail.com 612-374-2491 (DCM will check and let Flow know)
 - e. **Group Records** (Don) d18grouprecords@gmail.com

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- f. Literature** (Open); d18literature@gmail.com
- g. Newsletter** (Open); d18newsletter@gmail.com
- h. Public Information/CPC** (Sarah); d18publicinfo@gmail.com
We touched based with a female person at Emanuel House to do an AAI with her and her staff with assistance from Larry F. (Area 36 CPC)
--Volunteers for State Fair - Volunteers and day captains needed
Friday September 2nd sign-up sheet going around. Contact Sarah for further info.
--The CPC breakfast for professionals will be on November 15th. The committee has met once and started planning. We are asking any AA members to pass along professional contacts you know would like to be contacted. Professionals, doctors, teachers, health care professionals, etc.
--CPC has also requested \$85 for the upcoming CPC seminars. This will go for rent, food and Grapevine subscriptions to be raffled off. (Since it is below \$100 this only needs to be approved by the DCM and treasurer.)
- i. Special Needs/Accessibilities** (Troy); d18specialneedsaccess@gmail.com
The Area committee has recommended following the GSO in changing committee name to just Accessibilities. This was voted on at the Area Committee Meeting and was approved.
Troy feels the District should consider following GSO & Area.
--Fox hall interpreted meeting has email subscription to see video of interpretation.
--Area inventory in September will have ASL interpretation. (9-12 on 9/10 in Northfield)
- j. Treatment** (Dave - temp); d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com
- k. Website** (Donn); d18webchair@gmail.com Andrew (TSP) filled in -- Analytics are now available for the website. Donn is also looking for members to help with committee. Policy documents available. More info in September.

8. New District 18 Finance Policy Introduction and Questions - Charlie (7:22)

This will be an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed changes to the District financial policy. We will not be voting on any of the changes until the September District meeting.

(? denotes question A denotes answer from Charlie)

Low impact items - (bolded item titles taken from the Finance policy supporting document)

--? Don - High impact changes? Are we changing the Treasurer report? Should it include budget/ prudent / operating fund stats? A? The proposed changes in the policy currently do not suggest changing this.

--? Dave - Why removal of secretary in S. VIII 5 -

A- The secretary doesn't fall under the financial umbrella

--Sarah ? - Why was the Secretary added? A - Dennis B said it shouldn't have been

Debit Card Use-

--?Ryan Could the treasurer's report contain a statement for reference? A- yes

--?Marissa How many debit cards? - A - Just 1 that is held by the treasurer

--?Dave This has been expanded for deposits and withdrawals. Could the card # be recorded and then destroyed so it can't be used for withdrawals?

Excess funds

--?Don I really like that idea. We should send it to GSO or someone who can spend the money.

--?Ryan Why the hierarchy vs. a menu of options?

A- We've had a menu and that hasn't worked in the last 3 years of being over.

--Ryan - I think we should have some work that gets some 12th step work done. We should be creative as to what some other solutions are.

--?Patrick When we have access funds we could be voting 3 or 4 times a year.

--?Sarah SX 4 Item 3 Grapevine - I would change the wording

--?Don When we vote on this policy we will be voting in the suggestions for what to do with excess funds?

A- yes

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- ?Dave? I like the idea of donating to GSO but doesn't that go against the groups?
- ?Sarah? The word entities is misleading and needs to be removed as apart we cannot do that
- ?Ryan? Earmark funds or for larger items like media buys

Expenditures no questions

Treasurer Duties no questions

Budget

- ?Sarah We were supposed to have records when I was Secretary regarding previous reports etc.
- ?Dave I would prefer that we have a separate line for money earmarked for upcoming events.
- Sarah It isn't pooled forever couldn't we have an itemized
- A? Currently the proposed changes are always having us do a pooled budget.

Charlie - Next month we will go through each category and vote on all proposed changes like Low Impact Changes, Signature Authority, etc. Please take this back to your groups.

- 9. **Concept 8 Matt (7:55)** The GSB should only concentrate on major items vs smaller items that fall under AAWS & Grapevine.

10. Old Business (8:00)

a. Squad 77 proposal - Blake Squad 77 takes a meeting to the Fairview Riverside detox facility every Friday at 7:30 PM. There are approximately 6-12 clients upon each visit. We want to put forward a proposal that District 18 buys 3 cases of Big Books to help carry the message to the alcoholic that still suffers. There is generally a demand for 1-2 Big Books per visit and 60 Big Books (3 cases) would help us to provide consistent access to our message for an entire year. Approximate cost: $\$9.13 \times 60 = \547.80 (orders over \$500 include free shipping) **(12 minutes)**

Dea stood in for Blake.

- ?Derek Books would be bought from Intergroup? A – The proposal quote was for buying them from the GSO

--Don - Intergroup profits are down we should consider buying from them

--Sarah When we buy from Intergroup we don't pay tax and get a 10% discount

--Don - Our literature sales are down because possibly treatment programs are not buying Big books.

Motion 2nd Andrew

Discussion: Dave - I prefer we do it through Intergroup.

--Matt - I can check on pricing at Intergroup.

--Troy - I think we should buy literature in large print - I would like to amend the motion to 1 case large print BB.

-- ----2nd for Troy's amendment Sarah

--?Don Why are we buying big books? Treatment centers aren't buying them?

Vote on the amendment for 1 case of large print/ 2 cases of med soft side

For 22 against 2 abstention 1 amendment to motion passes

2 cases of med SS BB/1 case Large print

Vote to pass amended motion

17 to 7 amended motion passes

Vote to revote after minority opinion - none

--Dave – I want to see our money spent locally

--Sarah - This district historically does contribute to groups that are 12 steps

--? Woman - Our primary purpose is to serve the still suffering alcoholic. I think this makes sense.

Motion to table 1st Sarah 2nd Marissa

--Sarah withdrew motion to table

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Vote on amended motion a second time - For 23 opposed 2

Minority opinion - none

Motion passes. Brad will purchase 2 cases of med soft side Big Books and 1 case of large print Big Books (10 in a case) at the Intergroup open house. Dea will pick them up and get them to the group. Cost TBD (expected to be less than approved proposal) but will include a 20% discount from Intergroup and no sales tax.

b. District 7 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). **(7 minutes)**
Discussion - none (seconded motion out of committee)

Favor 19 Against 5

Minority opinion:

--Matt - I'm not a big fan of PSAs.

--Sarah - This type of thing is suggested in our GSC approved Committee workbooks.

Motion passes \$300 approved to be paid to District 7.

11. New Business (8:19)

a. CPC HCMC Proposal – Sarah Buy 200 “When and Where” meeting directories for the Hennepin County Medical Center for the total cost of \$167.40 from the Minneapolis Intergroup. **(7 minutes)**

HCMC proposal change - larger amount purchase 500 mtg directories at a cost of 372.00

--Matt – how many have they gone thru in 5 months - A – 200

--Don - How up to date are they? A- When and Wheres updated twice a year

Favor 20 Against 3 1 abstention

Minority opinion:

--Troy- I'm not comfortable with the idea that there could be a meeting listed that no longer exists due to an outdated listing

--Sarah -I agree with Troy but ultimately it is up to the groups to keep Intergroup informed of their status

etc. --Don - I can't tell when they are printed -- Linda - I agree with that --

Motion to revoke Favor 12 Against 12

(Motion to revoke does not pass (50.01% needed for simple majority -13 in favor would be needed for motion to pass)

--Sarah - I would like to amend the motion to the original request of 200 W&W \$167.40.

----Patrick 2nd

Discussion--? Don - Are we setting a precedent with this as opposed to using Intergroup cards?

A- The When and Wheres have been specifically requested by HCMC.

For 24 Opposed 1

Minority opinion - Troy - I'm still not comfortable with this due to the list being possibly out of date.

Motion passes Brad will purchase at the Intergroup Open house and then get them to Sarah.

Important announcement:

Kevin (current DCM)- I need to resign as DCM immediately due to conflicts with classes I will be starting soon. Riki will take my place as DCM.

Elections could potentially take place in September for the rest of this rotation (through December, 2016). The officers will be meeting to determine the best options for the District body to consider.

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