

Unapproved Minutes for District 18 Business Meeting: October 13, 2016: 6:30-8:30pm

Location: Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Ave Mpls MN 55403



Greeters: (Charlie & Dennis)

1) Serenity Prayer (6:30)

2) Introductions (6:32)

3) Welcome New GSRs and Others (6:40) Emma, Lori, Dan, Patrick, Dave, Jeanne

4) Intergroup Liaison Report – Jeanne District 18 Intergroup Liaison (6:42)

Intergroup is financially sound and the 2017 budget is almost the same as last year. Not in the red but doing OK. Last month they elected 5 new members to the board. 4 members rotated out and 1 had to step down.

5) Introduction and Announcements (DCM (Riki) 6:47)

Open Committee Chairs: Newsletter, Treatment

- **October 15th - Area Assembly**, Hutchinson Event Center, Hutchinson MN (9:00 – 5:00pm)
 - o Area Officer Elections & Voting on Budget
- **October 29th CPC District Workshop** – How to Sponsor Your Professional - Christ Lutheran Church - 11194 36th St N. Lake Elmo MN 55042
- **November 5th District 8/18 Workshop** – The Three T's of Tradition 7 - Holy Cross Lutheran Church - 1720 E Minnehaha Pkwy, Minneapolis, MN 55407 (9:00 -1:00)
- **November 10th District 18 meeting** – Election of new District officers and discussion of the proposed 2017 budget
- **November 15th District 13/18 CPC Breakfast** - St. Philips Lutheran Church, 6180 Hwy 65 NE, Fridley, MN (7:30 – 8:30am) Founders Day changed location
- **December 3rd Area Committee Meeting** - Best Western Hwy 169, North Mankato MN (9:30-11:30 , 1-5 pm)
- **December 8th District 18 meeting** – Voting on 2017 budget and District Group Conscience

6) GSR Sharing (6:52)

Jeanette (Continuous Action) She has been giving really detailed reports to let her group know what she is doing in General service.

Flo (Central Pacific) Archives Alive 8 had great presentations.

7) Officer's Reports (6:57)

a) Interim DCM (Riki); d18dcm@gmail.com (3 minutes) GSC reports are here.

Visited 6 groups this past month. Looking into ways that we can train GSRs and help people understand what they are a part of. Will be meeting with GSRs in small groups to facilitate this.

--\$770 from Area? They currently have money we gave for a bus campaign last fall that has yet to be used. We as a District can vote to request it back.

-- Election process in AA doesn't have campaigning. We just ask people if they are willing and able. The voting procedure we use is found on page S22 in the service manual.

b) Alternate DCM (Open); d18AltDCM@gmail.com (3 minutes)

c) Secretary (Brad); d18secretary@gmail.com (3 minutes) Thanks to Jeanette for stepping in and helping edit the minutes from last month as I was unable to do this do to health issues. No changes to the unapproved minutes from September. **Minutes approved by no objections.**

d) Treasurer (Jason); d18treasurer@gmail.com (3 minutes)

8) Committee Reports

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- a) **Archives (Patrick);** d18archives@gmail.com **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 & let Flow know)
 - e) **Group Records (Don)** d18grouprecords@gmail.com Talking with the webchair to create a form for updating Group records via Google docs and/or the District website.
 - f) **Literature (Matt);** d18literature@gmail.com
 - g) **Newsletter (Open);** d18newsletter@gmail.com
 - h) **Public Information/CPC (Marisa filled in);** d18publicinfo@gmail.com
(email version- report at end of minutes)
 - i) **Accessibilities (Troy);** d18accessibilities@gmail.com Please note new contact email address for the committee. Spoke with some deaf alcoholics and some are having trouble with transportation to suburban meetings with ASL and looking for help with rides. We need more AA meetings in our District. If you are aware of any please let Troy know. Do you have any deaf people attending your meetings? Please let us know. **Flo?** Would it help if the Mirus, Pigeon, and newsletter had a list of groups with ASL. Perhaps a contact number to help people.
--**Donn** (web chair)? Is there anything outside of the District to fund this? Other Districts? Ways to subsidise the cost so that groups could be able to afford interpreters? **A-** The Green plan was an option that has been previously discussed at District 18. Currently nothing is happening. We will be discussing this next month. **Charlie?** Wouldn't this create a problem with the 7th tradition?
 - j) **Treatment (Dave - temp);** d18treatmentfacilities@gmail.com Rhoda has been helping with the committee and has reached out to about 100 different centers. We have found a valuable resource in something called Handbook of the Streets. We are going through that book to create a list that can help professionals etc.
 - k) **Website (Donn);** d18webchair@gmail.com We currently pay too much to host our website. Our provider is less than desirable. I will be looking into ways to change this in the next year to find an alternative to hopefully cut the cost in ½.
- 9) **Concept 10 (Malcolm) (7:31)**

Old Business (7:36)

a. Website Policy (Donn) (12 min)

Proposed policy can be viewed here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hFUcYffYKNJbJJC-vR2KuDEvzYOPGL4YNLmY1f15e8k/edit?usp=drive_web

Currently the website is governed from the chair without consulting the District body.

Riki? Does the policy have a process for deciding what gets removed from the web site as it functions like an archive ? **A-** Not at this time but it could in the future.

Flow? Does the webmaster have similar authority like a newsletter editor **A-** the policy dictates that content would be AA approved as opposed to the whims of the web chair.

Greg – What makes our district website unique? **A-** We try to focus on District business on our site. Our page is dedicated to finding other AA links. We had about 35 hits last month.

Riki- Our finance policy (when approved) will go up on our website.

Donn- Normally any content should come from the District and the webmaster should just be managing the content not determining what the content should be.

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Jason – Why did you come up this? **A-** Most places have policies for this we do not.

Riki - Do we want to revisit this? 3 or 4 said yes

Troy - Can we make sure this is marked as a draft?

Riki - The area is now hosting sites for districts

Flo - Do we have a total auditory access to a website for someone who is visually impaired?

A- The tools that build the site should work with tools that most people with visual impairment use. Secretary will ensure that the documents are emailed out again and not in a zipped format.

b. Finance Policy (Charlie) (18 min)

We are not going to discuss the debit card. We are just going to try and get through the last two. Budget is first - Decision to operate under a pooled budget.

Jeanette- I would like to see more detail as to what people are responsible for what.

Kristin – I don't think it was ever thoroughly agreed on to moved to a pooled budget.

Riki – The Finance Policy allows for either. The DCM ultimately presents what they feel the District should consider.

Jason - I have a list of expenses for any of the committees for this rotation. If anyone would like to know more info please contact me.

Kristin - I would like to see this change so that we operate under an itemized budget.

Brad - Just an FYI that the 4 page supporting document is being presented as is. We aren't amending what is in the supporting document. As we vote on each section we will either be voting in favor or not.

Vote - Favor - 24 opposed 3

Minority opinion - **Jeanette** - I didn't vote for this because there are still enough questions to hold off approving it. I think it shouldn't be approved and should be revisited.

Kristin – We are taking out the language that asks our body to be accountable. I want to see more words to describe that process.

Would anyone like to change their vote? 1 person - not seconded

Vote to revote - favor - 7 opposed (not counted) as simple majority was not achieved

No revote- **Budget section motion passes**

Expenditures- tabled

10) New Business (8:06)

a. Proposed 2017 District Budget (Riki) We will not be voting on this. Riki will be fielding questions. In November we will be discussing any possible amendments and then final approval will come in December. **(10 min)**

Riki - What do your groups want? How do they want us to prioritize how we spend the District funds?

Ryan - Should we be considering that we will be starting with zero dollars from this year? **A-** No, it cannot be easily determined what the carry-over from this year will be. This will be determined by a number of factors that may include but are not limited to group contributions and other motions that may be introduced before the end of this year.

b. CPC Proposal for CPC Breakfast funds (Marisa) - - \$750 is ½ of the potential cost that will be shared with District 13 that will be held on November 15th. **(10 min)**

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Riki - They don't know how much they are going to spend.

Ryan – How much was spent 2 years ago?

Jason- We spent \$560 for the last CPC breakfast two years ago.

Vote Favor 25 no opposed vote count taken **Motion passes.**

- 11) **GSR Highlights (Jeanette) (8:26) (3-5 highlights)** Lots of events coming up -Elections at Area and District in the next month. / Postcards for CPC breakfast / The District approved the Budget portion of the proposed changes to the District Finance Policy.
- 12) **Request for Volunteers for next meeting (8:28): Greeters (Don Abby) Concept 11 (Marisa) GSR Highlights (Malcolm)**
- 13) **Closing: “Responsibility Statement” (8:29)**

October 2016 CPC/PI Report

-- Another CPC Breakfast planning meeting was last night, October 11th. More details to come. For sure, we need people in AA to invite their professionals. Please let me, Marisa, or Betsy know. The CPC Breakfast is on November 15th 2016.

Betsy has flyers

-- Also, October 29th, 2016 is the “How to Sponsor Your Professional” seminar. It will be from 11:30am – 1:30pm. There will be three types of homemade chili! The location is: Christ Lutheran Church, 11194 36th St. N. Lake Elmo, MN 55042.

-- The first “How to Sponsor Your Professional” seminar, on September 24th went well. Attendance was low, but that was because the date and location were changed at the last minute. However, we did have a good round-table discussion. All the speakers did their presentations and others shared their experience, strength, and hope. Oh and the tacos were great!

-- Just as a reminder, these events are part of how we help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic on a scale that the individual or the group cannot do alone. These events are for you and your groups to attend and participate. This is part of how we fulfill the Responsibility Statement.

-- Please direct any questions you may have to d18cpc@gmail.com or you can call me. (Marisa, you can give out my number, I just don't want it in the written report.)

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Sarah S.

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