

Alternate DCM Report for May

Some of the board members have proposed adopting a set of guidelines for District 24 which they have copied from District 7 (Edina) with their permission, and have presented a "rough draft" to the GSR's for "feedback."

The General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115 (212) 870-3400 has guide lines available free for download from their web site or available in a published form for a modest fee. These A.A. Guidelines represent the shared experience of A.A. members and groups In keeping with our Tradition of autonomy, except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole, most decisions are made by the group conscience of the members involved. The purpose of these Guidelines is to assist in reaching an **Informed** group conscience. They also reflect guidance given through the Twelve Traditions and the General Service Conference (U.S. and Canada).

I have put to the board and to District 24 at the May meeting that we need to get and have copies of these guidelines.

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As I go around to different groups in our area this is how people in the various meetings talk about District 24, as though the groups in Carver and Scott Counties were not a part of the District. But as if the District resided as some outside entity that was off on its own. I would like for that to change. Every member of Alcoholics Anonymous has the right to participate at district meetings whether or not they serve on a committee, sit on the board, or act as a GSR for their home group.

Right now attendance at district meetings is up, and interest is growing by small measures. I believe we sit at the cusp of change and that if we do not innovate we shall surely stagnate and wither. We need participation if we are to achieve a meaningful group consciousness. That is why it is so important for everyone, right now to take a greater interest in the greater fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and show up at the next District meeting ***this is the only way to change the "They" to a We!***

District 24 meetings are held at 7pm the first Monday of every month and are located at:
St. John's Lutheran Church
119 8th Av W Shakopee MN.

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Area 36, District 24