

District 24 Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm with the Declaration of Unity. Intros. were made. 16 GSRs in attendance. A total of 23 people at the meeting. A plan of the agenda was discussed. Sara H. presented Concept 5. John H. was volunteered to present Concept 6 next month.

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report: Annette W. prepared the minutes for last month's meeting and they were approved; however the Treasurer's report information is missing.

Treasurer's Report: Chris P. reported \$92.87 in deposits; in expenses of \$75.00 bringing the available balance to \$113.00. The Sponsorship Workshop proved to somewhat a self-supporting event with expenses of \$350.37 and 7th Tradition contributions of \$274.00.

Alt. DCM (Alt. District Committee Member): Would like to see District guidelines for Committee positions; he pointed out "AA Guidelines" for reference. Reported the cost of different literature/workbooks for the various Committees.

DCM (District Committee Member): Frank B. – * Sponsorship Workshop was successful! Thanks to Prior Lake Lakers and the Worthy Women's Big Book groups for the literature donations; and also many thanks to the New Prague groups for hosting. * Suggested that there be some serious discussion about what the District's purpose is. Discussed our District's need for a Remote Communities Committee, and for some Native American communication. Provided copies of draft Trusted Servant Guidelines and welcomes additions/corrections to these draft guidelines. Our District needs a Group Records Chair and a new Newsletter Chair – these two positions could be combined. * Frank B. and Chris P. are working on District Finance budgets. Contributions are low. The Sponsorship Workshop was self-supporting and people would like to see more workshops; however, we need contributions from the Groups, physically and financially.

GSR (Group Service Representative) Sharing - * **Julie H.** - Thurs. night *Happy, Joyous and Free - Shakopee* – trying to work on format; volunteering at the Haven on Thursday nights; * **Annette W.** – Wed. night - *Worthy Women's Big Book Study – Chaska* - gp. conscience mtgs are well attended; discussed impact items with the group to be discussed at the Delegate's workshop; * **Jay S.** – Fri. night *River City Roundup – Chaska*; * **Derek B.** – Thurs. night *5-Stars - Chaska* – discussed Gopher State hosp. Room, upcoming workshop and dance; * **Shawn H.** – Sun. night *Valley View Assisted Living – Jordan* – Talked about available commitments; workshop; * **Paul G.** – Tues. night *Railroad to Sobriety – Jordan* – Discussed the new website and invited feedback; encouraged jail mtg. volunteers; calendar of events; and Gopher State hosp. room; * **Marty T.** – *New Prague Tri County* groups – Discussed what is going on in home groups and GSR responsibility; talked about Spanish mtg. needed; discussed open committee mtgs.; * **Lonny M.** – Mon. night 6:30pm *Lakers Alano – Prior Lake*; discussed website; jail meetings; remote outreach; Gopher State room; * **Randy N.** - Fri. night 6:30pm *Lakers Alano – Prior Lake* – brought up the jail meetings; particularly women's mtgs.; website; * **Karen Rebecca C.** – Mon. night *Savage Unity* – talked to Group about open committees; this group is super committed in serving detox meetings; jail meetings; sponsorship workshop; Lakers Alano; website; * **Kevin W.** – Mon. night *St. John's - Chaska*; * **Mary K.** – Tues. night *Candlelight Chaska*; * **Ray K.** - Sun. am *Carver Church by the River* – growing and growing! Talked about pamphlet lit. costs, ideas for web-site, jail meeting times, Gopher State hosp. room; * **Sara H.** – Wed., Fri. and Sun *Belle Plaine* – Talked about joining Jordan and New Prague in Gopher State hosp. room, discussed updating available literature display, asked when groups should contribute money to AA entities; * **Dean M.** – Sat. 9:30 am *Prior Lake Lakers* – Attended Delegate Workshop; briefed his group on the Impact Items; Correctional Facility Contact Program; Discussed the Birthday Plan; and Gopher State; * **Greg J.** Wed. night 6:30pm *Prior Lake Lakers* – Largest mtg. at Lakers Alano. Asked his group: You know what service is? It's gratitude made visible. * **Kent H.** – Mon. 9am - *As Bill Sees It Chaska* – This group is posted on the community channel, Rec'd ltr. From GSO and Service Kit.

GSR (Group Service Representative) Orientation – Bring a buddy with you to the next District meeting! Ask your groups what they would like to learn at the next District workshop perhaps in the Fall?

Committee Reports

Correctional Facilities: Dave E. – Absent. Annette W. shared about Correctional Facilities Contact Program (CFCP) and also that women volunteers are desperately needed for jail meetings in Carver and Scott counties.

Public Information: Karl E. – Needs volunteers to help out at the Scott County Fair. Will find out dates and costs for a booth. Bring this subject back to the groups to see if they would support an AA booth at the Scott County Fair.

Group Outreach: Marty T. – Very little to report. Getting feedback on the Sponsorship Workshop.

Newsletter: Absent.

Cooperation from the Professional Community (CPC): Greg J. – Scott County Probation Dept. presentation is expected to be firmed up for a June date. Talked with Scott County Human Services and the manager, Steve Brown, is interested in a two-fold PI/CPC presentation for the counselors and the social workers, and also a follow-up for their clientele – once a quarter/once a month. They would like an introductory meeting.

Treatment Facilities – Kent H. – Contact at the Haven has moved on to another facility so he will be working on getting a new contact at the Haven.

InterGroup Liaison: Ben S. – Gopher State hospitality suite is #215. Informational copies on Group Inventories are available. Intergroup will go to AA groups and explain what Intergroup does. MIRUS is looking for young people to share their stories. Provided the new May MIRUS. Reminded us that when we purchase our AA lit. from Intergroup, we are buying it from ourselves. Night owl phones will still be open on Memorial Day weekend.

Website: Ben P.: Calendar of Events page is possibly in the works so that the groups can plan an event that doesn't fall on a date that another group has an event planned. Send site contacts/suggestions to Ben.

Remote Communities, Grapvine, and Arhives Committees - OPEN

Literature: Julie H. – Has inventoried the literature. Now has to figure out what is needed. Will get together with Chris and Frank. A case of the Spanish big books has been purchased. Another case will be purchased at the discounted cost.

Group Conscience Outreach re: Gopher State hospitality room – GS Board states that they cannot change the name assigned to the hopitality rooms, it goes back into a lottery. A lot of meetings in this District already have their own hospitality suites.

Meeting was closed at 8:50 pm with the Responsibility Pledge.

Calendar Outlook

June 28, 2008 – Area Assembly Mtg. (9am – 5pm), Best Western Victorian Inn, Hutchinson, MN

July 7, 2008 - Scott Ahlgren will be presenting his General Service Conference experience in New York City.

August 9, 2008 – Area 36 Committee Mtgs (9:30am – 11:30am and 1pm – 5pm) Best Western, Mankato, MN

Next District 24 meeting - Monday, June 2, 2008, from 7:00-8:30pm. See you there!

Responsibility Pledge

“When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, and for that, I am responsible.”