

District 24 Meeting Minutes from August 4, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm with the Declaration of Unity. Introductions were made. 15 GSRs in attendance. A total of 23 people at the meeting. A plan of the agenda was discussed. Marty T. volunteered to present Concept 9 for the month of September.

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report: Annette W. – No Minutes to approve for July. However, the Notes from Scott Ahlgren's General Service Conference Report that he gave at the last District meeting are posted on the D24 website.

Treasurer's Report: Chris P. reported \$73.23 in deposits and expenses of \$132.58 bringing the available balance to \$553.81.

Alt. DCM (Alt. District Committee Member): Kent H. – Brought up the subject of passing a 7th Tradition basket at the District meeting. He surveyed other District meetings in the Area for their input on the idea.

DCM (District Committee Member): Frank B. presented a Finance Committee Report – He and Chris P. put together a 2009 budget. D24 is comprised of 39 groups – we have received contributions from 28% of the groups. Frank will be attending the Area Committee meeting this coming Saturday in Mankato. Discussed putting to a vote the Trusted Servant Guidelines and it was voted that

GSR (Group Service Representative) Sharing -

* **Kent H.** – Mon. am - **As Bill Sees It Chaska** –Mtg has moved to the new 5 Star facility; posted on local public access; not listed with Intergroup right now; ***Annette W.** – Wed. night - **Worthy Women's Big Book Study – Chaska** – Steady attendance, Has regular gp. conscience mtgs on the Wed. directly following the District meeting; explained the form; * **Karen Rebecca C.** –Mon. night **Savage Unity** – Still going really strong – has moved to a bigger room in the church; picked up another date at the Hastings detox – which are still looking for meetings to come in; * **Julie H.** - Thurs. night **Happy, Joyous and Free - Shakopee** – Gp is involved with the Haven – 2nd Thurs. of every month; currently working on the format; this next Thurs. is our gp. conscience meeting; annual picnic is Aug. 23 at Memorial Park at Noon in Shakopee; * **John H.** – Sat. am **Oasis Group – Shakopee** – shared what he is learning about what a GSR is; shares the 12-step opportunities going on in the District; * **Marty T.** – Mon. & Thurs. night & Fri. am **Tri-County New Prague** - shares as much as he can with the groups; hard to inspire enthusiasm; trying to love them into submission; brought up finances and got stonewalled; * **Sarah H.** – Wed. & Fri. & Sun. nights – **Belle Plaine AA** - shared a brief overview of Scott's report; encouraged donating to the District; trying to encourage interest; **Terry F.** – Wed. 7pm - **Solution Seekers Shakopee** – talked about workshop suggestions; suggested a 4th Step workshop; Changing name to Experience, Strength and Hope; talked about bringing a mtg. to detox; * **Ray K.** - Sun. am **Carver Church by the River** – Sunday Morning Church by the River in Carver – New Chair elected at last gp. conscience; Paul ___ is going to make the next GSR report; * **Nick B.** – Fri. 7pm **Just Willing – Chaska** – at Guardian Angels church – Is attending his 1st District meeting as a GSR; new meeting started at beginning of the year so it has been a little roller coaster attendance; * **Jay S.** – Fri. night **River City Roundup – Chaska**; - 5 Stars 8:15pm; moving to new facility next to Dunn Brothers; had a speaker last Friday; had a business meeting and elected a new Chair and Treasurer; * **Paul G.** – Tues. night **Railroad to Sobriety – Jordan** – Summer meetings are at Lagoon Park from Memorial Day to Labor Day at 7pm – tomorrow night is our annual picnic starting at 6pm with a speaker at 7pm; we need more business meetings to talk about finances; good amount of sobriety in our group; newcomers; * **Pat J.** – Wed. pm – **Prior Lake Lakers** - really large group 45-55 people; making contributions to D24, GSO and Intergroup; somehow the spirit of AA as a whole has become lost and she hopes to revive the service work opportunities outside of the club; * **Kevin F.** – Mon. pm – **Chaska – St. John's** - Step & Tradition mtg. with the last Monday night of the month as a speaker mtg. – We're going to find a name for this meeting; * **Terry F.** – Sun. pm **Spanish Mtg - St. Andrew Lutheran Church** - Spanish speaking meeting on Sun night; a member showed up who is trying to learn Spanish

GSR (Group Service Representative) Discussion –

- Trusted Servant Guidelines – Put up for vote to accept the drafted Trusted Servant Guidelines; pros and cons were discussed. You don't have to be a GSR to be a Committee member; We voted on putting this to a vote; asked for a minority opinion; suggestion of an Amendment to the TSG; of including a Group Inventory into the Guidelines; After further discussion, this has been extended to vote on next month.
- Proposed budget for 2009 – please look this over and take it to your groups; explain what it's about; so we can carry the message in the next rotation.

Committee Reports

Correctional Facilities: Dave E. – We don't have commitments from each group; If you want to take a little insurance about that possible slip going to the jails is a good way to do it.

Public Information (PI): Karl E. – Looking at Scott County Fair booth form for next year

Newsletter: Karen Rebecca C. – Wants to expand on the newsletter – she is challenging the Committee Chairs to provide a report for the next newsletter; people in the District want to do things but not sure where to go for information; would like that info. in the newsletter. Any events coming up for September – let me know so it can get into the newsletter in time.

Cooperation from the Professional Community (CPC): Greg J. – Absent.

Treatment Facilities – Kent H. – Put together a response to GSO's May 16 memo to help them put together the Workbook for Treatment Facilities; Haven pamphlet rack is standing and materials are going out the doors; groups in Shakopee are willing to help bridge the gap and introducing the clients to meetings in the Area; 5-Star Center has moved into a beautiful and larger facility.

Website: Ben P.: Absent. Please see the District 24 website: www.district24.org

Remote Communities, Grapevine, and Archives Committees – ALL OPEN

Literature: Julie H. – We do have medallions for sale for \$1 each; going to Intergroup on Thursday to work on the District 24 Library for checking out;

Website: Ben – Absent – Tied up with the move of the 5-Star facility.

Group Outreach: Marty T. – In the process of putting together a packet of pamphlets and literature for information in his group outreach presentations; has one group scheduled for August – High Noon group in Prior Lake;

InterGroup Liaison: Ben N. – Pamphlets provided: 12-step speaker suggestions; What is Intergroup?; Aug. 2 was the Summer Open House – well attended; goes through an average of \$20,000 per month; Each group can have an Intergroup representative; Intergroup board elections coming up; Help Carry the Message forms distributed; Saturday morning Orientation schedule distributed.

Workshop suggestions:

Several Workshop Suggestions: We put this to a vote and we are going to do a 4th Step workshop in the Fall – maybe November; need to organize a planning committee for this workshop.

Calendar Outlook:

Oct. 4, 2008 – Area 36 Assembly Mtg – Holiday Inn, Owatonna, MN (9am – 5pm)

Dec. 13, 2008 – Area 36 Committee Mtgs. – Best Western, Mankato, MN (9:30am – 11:30am / 1-5pm)

Next District 24 meeting: – Monday, October 6, 2008, from 7:00-8:30pm. See you there!

Responsibility Pledge

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