

## District 24 Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm with the Declaration of Unity. Introductions were made. 12 GSRs in attendance. A total of 19 people at the meeting. A plan of the agenda was discussed. Marty T. presented Concept 9 on Good Service Leaders. Noone volunteered to present Concept 10 for October's meeting.

### Officer Reports

\*Secretary's Report: Annette W. – Minutes approved. She attended Area 36 Committee mtgs. and the Mankato round-up.

\*Treasurer's Report: Chris P. reported \$312.50 in deposits and expenses of \$68.31 (for newsletter printing) bringing the available balance to \$738.00.

Alt. DCM (Alt. District Committee Member): Kent H. – Reflected on last 2 yrs. in the District: Attendance at our District mtgs. are up; new webpage running great; had a pancake breakfast; sponsorship workshop; Spanish mtg began; Russian communities contacted; contact w/ outpatient treatment centers. He encourages members to step up to the plate for next month's rotation election.

\*DCM (District Committee Member): Frank B. – Trusted Servant Guidelines were approved in the last rotation, so it is not necessary to vote on them; suggests that in the next rotation that a Structure Committee be formed to tweak the Guidelines as needed. Discussed suggestions for procedures to assist D24 GSRs and Committee Chairs and Officers with submitting Proposals to D24. Discussed the Proposals to be presented at the Area Assembly in October (as laid out in the Area 36 Pigeon on [www.area36.org](http://www.area36.org)).

Elections are at the next District meeting on Oct. 6 – Suggested guidelines are in the Newsletter report – “From the Desk of the DCM.” Encourages everyone to talk about this in their home group so there is a good conscience and good election. Agenda will be different for the Oct. meeting. Frank explained the voting procedure. A non-voting member will moderate the voting process.

### GSR (Group Service Representative) Sharing -

\* **Jay S.** – Fri. night 8:15pm **River City Roundup – Chaska** – New facilities!; \* **Shawn** – Sun. night **Valley View AA**; \* **Marty T.** – Mon. & Thurs. night & Fri. am **Tri-County New Prague** - Good attendance at these meetings; trying to encourage 12-step opportunities; \* **Ray K.** - Sun. am **Carver Church by the River** – average a doz. Attendees, moved mtg. up to the local park during Steamboat Days, talking about voting in a Secretary next Sunday; **Darrell** – Treas., Mon. night **Bridges – Shakopee** - avg. attendance 8-10; **Steve S.** – Chair **Bridges** – closed Men & Women Gp. At the Cavalry Methodist Church – east of Gold's Gym. Currently needs a GSR; \* **Karen Rebecca C.** – Mon. night **Savage Unity** - getting 2-3 new people each week, the Gp. Is facilitating mtgs. 2 nights/month at the Hastings detox, starting a new Rotation; \* **Annette W.** – Wed. night - **Worthy Women's Big Book Study – Chaska** Annette W. – Gp is making a point of calling other members on the phone list throughout the week for gp. Unity, volunteers stepping up for greeting each week, \* **Kent H.** – Mon. am - **As Bill Sees It Chaska** at 5-Star Center - 10 attending; **Dean** – 9:30am **Prior Lake Lakers** –focus from this gp is the newcomer; spent a lot of money on books, newcomer packets; medallions. \* **Julie H.** - Thurs. night **Happy, Joyous and Free - Shakopee** – Picnic in August was good; new format is in place; 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday is a speaker meeting; the rest is a big book study. \* **John H.** – Sat. am **Oasis Group – Shakopee** – Doesn't have anything to report. \* **Dan C.** – Wed. 7pm - **Solution Seekers Shakopee** – Reading Big Book stories – Alternates from the 1<sup>st</sup> section one week to the next session the next week to the last session – for 12 weeks – then will rotate to a different reading study

### What do you need from your District or Area to help you do your job as a GSR.

\* John H. shared that the D24 is doing a good job informing the GSRs of what is going on in the District and Area.

\* Karen Rebecca shared that the Hastings Detox info. is in the newsletter. They need more groups to bring meetings into the detox. No requirements for Hastings detox.

## Committee Reports

Correctional Facilities: Dave E. absent. – Annette reported attending the Area 36 Correctional Facilities Committee mtg. in Mankato and there is a lot of enthusiasm and activity from AA members outside of our District who are bringing meetings into the Scott County jail. Discussion of the Area 36 Correctional Facilities Contact Program as well. Hoping that Scott County will accept volunteers with under a year sobriety as long as they are accompanied by a Volunteer that has more than a yr. sobriety.

Newsletter: Karen Rebecca C. – Needs input by Sept. 27.

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

Treatment Facilities – Kent H. – Nothing to report. Haven is going good. 5-Star is in its new facilities. Would like someone from the Lakers groups to try and make contact with the treatment ctr. in Prior Lake. Remote Communities, Grapevine, and Archives Committees – ALL OPEN

Literature: Julie H. – Still some \$1 medallions available for sale; The D24 Library is OPEN! - BOOKS are now available for members to check out.

Website: Ben – Absent – Please see the District 24 website: [www.district24.org](http://www.district24.org).

Group Outreach: Marty T. – Made a Presentation at the High Noon meeting in Prior Lake; did a short presentation out of the District at a DWI clinic.

InterGroup Liaison: Ben N. – Brought AA Service Manuals; MIRUS Step 9; several flyers - Wild Rice Round-up; St. Cloud Round-Up. Increase on 12-step calls on Intp phone. Looking for people to serve on shifts – call Intergroup for a shift.

**PRESENTATION BY: Robert S. - Area 36 Treatment Facilities Chair Presentation** – Railroaded in by Niles and his Sponsor. He checked the Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator and found that there are four (4) treatment facilities in our District: 5-Stars; Salvation Army Beacon Matrix; Haven in Shakopee; and Lifestyle Counseling Services (outpt.) in Prior Lake. Robert talked about the *Temporary Contact Program for Treatment Facilities* and passed around a volunteer sign-up sheet. He also attended the Bridge the Gap Conference with Andy DiMartino, our Area 36 Treatment Facilities Contact Program Coordinator. It was a 3-day Workshop, an annual event, that was in held in Kansas last weekend. Bridging the Gap is “making contact with people while they are still in a treatment facility and introducing them to AA meetings and members upon their release from the treatment facility.” Robert shared that there is a DVD called **HOPE – Alcoholics Anonymous** for \$15 avail. at Intergroup (15 min.) Great for a presentation at your local treatment facilities. A Temporary Contact is NOT a sponsor. You are not offering a sponsorship. There are guidelines at the top of the form about being a temp. contact. It is suggested that you have a year of sobriety. So. MN put together a pamphlet (dk blue) about the TCP. Anyone can contact the TCP. All the information you need is on the pamphlet. The TCP database has about 4500 volunteers in it and it is not just MN. Brand new website AA bridging the gap – google it.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop:

Chair: Karen Rebecca – Shawn announced that he would be interested in facilitating the 4<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop. The initial planning committee meeting is planned for Monday, September 15 at 6:30pm at 10<sup>th</sup> & Jackson St. South in Shakopee. Flyer will be made to have on hand at the Assembly on Oct. 4. Call Karen Rebecca 952-297-4138 or call Shawn at 612-327-8542.

## Proposals:

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Basket: Frank B. brought this topic up to the table at the DCM sharing at the Area Committee meetings and pros and cons were discussed there. Pro and con discussion: It was proposed to call this a “Donut” fund rather than a 7<sup>th</sup> trad. passing. Members Voted: 7 voted against; 4 favor – Didn’t pass.

## Calendar Outlook:

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.”**