

# District 11 Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by DCM Lynne W. followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Lynne passed a card to be signed and sent to the Area Delegate Connie R. while she's in NYC at the General Service Conference. Craig read the 12 traditions. There were 10 groups in attendance.

## HOME GROUP REPORTS

644 – Mark – Area was a good experience. They still have a zoom meeting at 8 p.m. every day. They have a speaker meeting the last Friday of the month.

Brown Baggers – Lisa – Meetings are well attended. Lisa attended the assembly virtually. She missed the fellowship. They did an excellent job of relaying information.

Downtowners – David – There has been no change in Downtowners schedule.

Great Reality – Aurora attended the virtual option. She said the techs did a great job. Attendance on Tuesday and Friday meetings at 7 p.m. is growing.

Lockwood – Cindy – Meetings are every Thursday and Saturday at 7 p.m. There is a step study the first meeting of the month. She went to area and found it hard to be there the whole time. It gave her an appreciation of the 12 traditions.

ODAAT (One Day at a Time) – Deedee – This is a new group who met for the first time on April 1. The meeting place is at 3200 King Avenue in the Golden Meadows Club. Meetings are Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 8 p.m. Fourteen to twenty people have been in attendance.

Recovery Group – Dave – They no longer offer zoom meetings on Tuesday and Thursday. There will be a service for Scott W. on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at 934 Lewis Avenue.

Serenity Seekers in Round Up – Eric – Serenity Seekers alternate GSR planned to go to area assembly but got sick, so he attended on zoom. Meetings are Tuesday and Friday at 1602 Main St. at the Emmanuel Baptist Church. The first Friday of the month is a speaker meeting.

Serenes – New faces are attending the group. Serenes is a women's group that meets Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Mayflower Church.

Sunlight of the Spirit – Dave – Assembly was a good one. Sunlight of the spirit meets Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 530. It is a small group with good experience.

Three Legacies – Craig – Meetings are Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. He was grateful to be at the Assembly.

West End – Isabelle – She attended the assembly in person. She noted that there were different opinions in the room, but everyone was respectful. A lot has happened at West End. They had bed bugs, so they got rid of all fabric furniture. Now they have metal or plastic chairs. Buying new couches will be discussed. Group inventory is next Saturday at 1 p.m.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Karen read the March meeting minutes. Dave moved to accept the minutes as read. Diane seconded. M/C Unanimously

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Daniel reported the following:

Starting Balance: \$7,400.96  
Available Balance: \$7,244.96  
Prudent Reserve: \$2,120.28  
Contributions: \$292.00  
April rent paid: \$156.00

Diane moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Dave seconded. M/C Unanimously

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **AI-Anon – no report**

**Corrections** –Correction personnel as a rule wants to talk to the people they know. Dave moved to replace the current corrections chair. Diane seconded. M/C

We might consider filling the corrections chair with a couple of people that are already working with corrections. The District may create a *liaison* corrections position which may be a non-rotating position. We would still have a corrections chair. Policies and procedures would need to be amended. A treatment center employee is now a liaison.

**Treatment:** Dave goes to Rimrock every Monday, No one has been showing up at White Birch. It was suggested that rotation of groups seems to work better.

Discussion – Wade noted the groups would take it for a month. It is a great opportunity for them to get to know you. Covid came and it got weird.

Do we as a district want to keep bringing meetings into Rimrock and supply six volunteers each Monday – two to female houses and two to male houses?

*Psych Center* 6:00-7:00pm, show up at 5:45

Monday April: Brown Baggers

**May: Three Legacies**

Thursday March: 848 Group

**May: Recovery Group**

*Rimrock Speaker* 7:00-8:00pm, show up at 6:45 every other Friday

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>: Westend

**May 13 & 27: Recovery Group**

*Crisis Center*

Saturday 10-11a.m.

April: Recovery Group

**May: 644**

**Hotline** – There were five calls in March.

*Phone Hotline* Feb: Westend

**May: Brown Baggers**

**Bridging the Gap** – Stephen is in communication and fulfilling his duties

**Grapevine** – Spencer –He brought flyers for GSRs to take to their groups. There was nothing else to report

**PI/CPC** – Colleen gave the report for Danny – PI is going into the schools. CPC will be contacting various business associations (tavern and hospitality for example) and local churches etc. They are interested in building a data base. Hopefully, 12 step calls will be lined out this month. A protocol is under development.

Diane is making a packet of information. School board elections are fraught with controversy thus it is hard to get in to see the superintendent. She is still looking for young people in AA who will talk to PE classes. She will have it set up for the Fall. There are two PE classes for each high school. Isabelle suggested the speakers be 30ish and younger.

**Archives:** Open chair position

**Intergroup** – Cam is the new liaison. The Cooney campout will be July 15 to 17.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Follow up on printing Issue: How should District 11 handle its printing needs?

The DCM had been using the printer at her job for copies. That is no longer an option, so there will now be monthly receipts from the DCM for printing.

Several options were discussed. It was decided Lynne will get a quote from PostNet. Diane W. reiterated how easy they are to work with. If we get an account, the next rotation will have this problem solved.

- Area decided to allow \$3,600 to spend on equipment/technology for Area Assembly. As a District, do we want to incorporate digital capabilities? It would help us reach dark areas of the District and connect us to Area 40 as a whole. **Please discuss this with your groups.**

- Local Forum: still in holding pattern, waiting until after the GSC (4/24-30/22).

- **DCM Report – Refer to the notes below.**

### NEW BUSINESS

- The Delegate Report will be July 30 at the West End with a potluck. Time to be announced.
- New groups in District 11! ODAAT-Billings, and Wyola AA
- UPP Event: Grapevine Workshop, details to be announced.

### ADJOURNMENT

Daniel moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded. M/C

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING

MAY 14, 2022

## Lynne's Report:

### Digital Capabilities – Additional Information

Question: How do we want to handle the digital age for District 11?

DCM noticed while at the WCRAASC that other districts have digital capabilities worked into their service structure: many found it useful for their remote communities. Now that we don't have to social distance, digital capabilities serve a different purpose. Now they aren't a result of disease, they mean accessing AA across the state and world in a way unavailable to previous rotations. As a result, **here is the question: Does District 11 want to have its own digital capabilities?**

Note: The DCM with very little computer ability used digital capabilities for Spring Assembly Information Sessions 3 Tuesdays in a row, including one 100% Zoom (complete with screen sharing). Ample help was willing and available, and we were able to find the necessary equipment—although speakers were an issue at one session.

1. 360° microphone
2. Speakers
3. Tripod
4. Microphone stand
5. Computer
6. Zoom ID/room
- 7.

### Ideas:

1. buy all equipment needed, including but not limited to computer, 360° microphone, camera, tripod, speakers, etc.  
Pro: we would have everything we need and wouldn't have to worry about finding it last minute.  
Con: could get expensive, we would have to store it, someone would have to maintain it, and there would always have to be someone there who would have to know how to run the specific equipment.
  - a. Precedence: other Districts, groups, and Areas. Also, in many groups/Districts/Areas, the creation of a service position accompanies this decision.
  - b.
  - c.
2. Ask for the fellowship to donate all the equipment needed.  
Pro & Con: Although the most cost effective, it will mean relying on donations and cast-offs.
  - a. Remember the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition (being self-supporting means we have a say in the equipment we use, relying on donations removes that privilege)
  - b. Concept 9: cheap help can be insecure and inefficient, by paying our own way we can ensure quality and efficiency
  - c.

- d.
- 3. A combination of 1 & 2: For example, it was common for the District/Group to buy a decent microphone &/or speakers and rely on group participation for the computer, hotspot, Zoom room/ID, etc. In this way, people could bring their personal equipment to meet the individual needs of the meeting.  
Pro: Flexible and cost effective.  
Con: Might have to rent something last minute, or communication problems between devices.
  - a. Precedence: In an unofficial survey of DCMs while at the WCRAASC, it was found that most districts in our Region operate this way
  - b. Precedence: In an unofficial survey of other groups while at Area Assembly, it was found that most districts and groups in our Area operate this way
  - c.
  - d.
- 4. Other:
- 5. Other:
- 6. Other:

Please discuss these ideas with your groups and come to the District meeting 5/14 ready to discuss the ideas your groups have. The three items listed here are not meant to be a complete list, we welcome input from groups and individuals.

Note: One suggestion to pay for digitizing the District is to set up a fund separate from the current 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. We as a District and see what the fellowship will support financially, akin to the idea that if they want us to have it they will provide.....

GSRs: If your homegroup meeting has passed, you can call a special homegroup meeting to discuss these issues, or speak with your members on a one-on-one basis to gather a general consensus. This is something that will be discussed for a number of months to come, the sooner we get started the sooner we can reach a decision as a fellowship. In true AA fashion, it will take some time to reach a decision.

# Possible Scholarship for GSRS in District 11: An example presented by... Area Assembly Travel Scholarship District 72

**Deadline for Spring Assembly: February 1**

**Deadline for Fall Assembly: August 1**

If applications for travel scholarships exceed available funds for a particular assembly, preference may be given to first time attendees; those interested in future Area, Regional, or GSO service; and/or those willing to share hotel rooms or rides to reduce costs. The weight given to these factors will be up to the group conscience of those entrusted with scholarship decisions.

If you are awarded funding, in accordance with District Guidelines, you will be asked to report to the District, in writing, on the activities and discussions at the meeting of the Area committee corresponding with your service position. If you are awarded funding, you may submit receipts for travel, lodging, and food after the event for reimbursement, or you may request that the Treasurer provide you in advance of the event with an estimated amount to cover the costs of attendance. If you accept funds in advance of the event, you will need to provide receipts to the Treasurer after the event and to return any unspent portion of the funds to District.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group \_\_\_\_\_

Service Position \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Assembly you'd like to attend \_\_\_\_\_

Will this be your first Area Assembly? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in future service at the Area level or further "down the Triangle?" \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to reduce costs by sharing a hotel room with someone of your gender? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to reduce costs by carpooling? \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS IS BORROWED FROM DISTRICT 72 to be used as an example only.**

# **District 72 Suggested Procedures for Handling Area Assembly Travel Cost Scholarship Applications: To be used to discuss possible procedure in District 11**

1. Treasurer receives a scholarship application.
  - a. If the application is received after the deadline (February 15 for Spring, August 15 for Fall), return the application to the applicant and encourage them to apply again in the future.
  - b. If the application is timely, forward the application to the Finance Committee for consideration. (Finance Committee = DCM, Alt-DCM, Secretary, Treasurer)
2. Applications for Spring Assembly will be voted on at the February District business meeting. Applications for the Fall Assembly will be voted on at the August District Meeting.
3. Prior to the February and August business meetings, the Finance Committee will determine the number of scholarships District can afford to fund at that time, in the Committee's judgment.
4. At the February and August business meetings, the Treasurer will inform the District of the number of scholarship applications received and the number of scholarships the Committee recommends funding at this time. (If the Committee is unable to reach a consensus recommendation by majority vote, the Treasurer will report this fact to District in lieu of a recommendation.) District will then vote on whether to fund the number of applications recommended. District has the ultimate authority to decide this issue and may vote to fund more or fewer than the number recommended by the Finance Committee or none at all.
5. If District votes to fund scholarships for all or none of the applicants, the Treasurer will notify each applicant immediately after the District meeting.
6. Upon request, the Treasurer will provide scholarship funds in advance of the assembly in an estimated amount that will cover the costs. The attendee will then submit receipts after the event and return any unused portion of the funds to the District. Otherwise, attendees will submit receipts after the assembly for reimbursement.
7. If District votes to fund some scholarships but fewer than the number of applications received, the Finance Committee will meet immediately after the District meeting or as soon as possible to decide which applicants will receive funding. In such cases, the Committee members may consider giving preference to first time attendees; those willing to provide post-Assembly reports to District and their home group; those interested in future Area, Regional, or GSO service; and/or those willing to share hotel rooms or rides to reduce costs. The weight given to these factors, if any, is a matter for the group conscience of the Committee. If the Committee is unable to reach a consensus decision by majority vote, the decision may be made by drawing lots in accordance with the Third Legacy voting Procedure described in *The A.A. Service Manual*. Immediately after this meeting, the Treasurer will notify each applicant as to whether funding will be available to them.