

District Meeting Minutes
March 10th, 2024

Diane opened the meeting at 5:01pm with the serenity prayer

Tradition 3: Brandon

Concept 3: Paul

Visitors: Martin

Approval of minutes: Judy had correction, total is 9,000 not 6,000. Rayce makes motion to accept minutes, Jana seconds.

Treasurer Report: Ending balance in the 9k ballpark

Judy paid rise and shine \$200 dollars for the year

Old business:

IT position is still open, zoom account, we have been paying for a zoom account that we don't use. Diane thinks having it available but it makes no sense to keep paying on an account we don't have. Destiny thinks if we do keep it we need to think about how we could do it more efficiently. It is \$16.59/month. Molly thinks we need to give it up. Dan is AWOL. Jana states we can suspend the account for now and start over with a new account. Jana would like to make a motion to suspend the zoom account until the IT position is filled, once the IT position is filled, we can bring the zoom account back. Molly seconded, the motion. The motion has been moved and seconded. All in favor, zero opposed.

We will work on a job description for the IT position.

Please be respectful of people's anonymity on social media.

Ellen is not going to be taking meetings into the prerelease.

Brandy is sick and will not be here today, she is still interested in women who want to go to the jail for meetings. Brandy is taking meeting into the jail. Meetings for the prerelease are not open to the public. Please get ahold of brandy for further details.

EIN numbers, steve is out of town so he is not going to be able to be here tonight, TBD next month. Steve is in Florida, District 41 created non-profit for EIN number, Steve recommends district 41 quit letting meetings use EIN number. District 41 created a nonprofit corporation years ago for the purpose of obtaining an Employer Identification Number.

Memo from steve below:

District 41 has allowed individual AA groups to use this number when applying to open their bank accounts. Recently, questions have arisen about this practice. One person's allowing another person to use his Social Security number or Employer Identification Number appears inconsistent with the Bank

Secrecy Act. Therefore, my recommendation is that District 41 should discontinue its practice of allowing AA groups to use its EIN. Because banks will require some documentation of the existence of any depositor, including AA groups, the most proper method to satisfy a bank will be to create a nonprofit corporation or a trust and then apply for an EIN for the corporation or trust. This may be more work and expense than a group wishes to incur and may require some maintenance on an annual basis. It may be possible for a group to obtain an EIN without incorporating or creating a trust, and if it is, it may still be difficult to satisfy a bank of the legitimacy of the group. I would like to work with a treasurer to see what the IRS website permits and then what a bank requires of the group. I am not necessarily recommending it, but another solution may be for a group's treasurer to enter into a short-written agreement with the group obligating himself or herself to handle the group's money appropriately and then open a new bank account in the treasurer's name. If the treasurer accounts for the group's money on a regular basis and is trustworthy, this could work. There are some obvious risks and problems with that approach. One is if the treasurer is not trustworthy. A second arises if and when the treasurer no longer wishes to be the treasurer. Some new arrangement would have to be worked out. Googling this subject on the Internet produced a number of items to read in order to obtain ideas for how to solve this problem. I have enclosed a couple of them. None of the suggestions above is as "easy" as allowing District 41's EIN to be used by a group seeking to open an account. It is my understanding that currently Cathy from the New Beginnings group wants to open an account. If she would like (I know her and her husband well), I could work with her to get an account open for her group. As mentioned above, this will require satisfying both bank and IRS requirements

AA meetings at Ivy assisted living, if there are any volunteers that want to do the meetings. Is there anyone interested in opening the meeting. Jana will get ahold of the boss at the IVY to get more information

NEW BUSINESS:

Destiny makes a motion to do a group inventory. Jimmy seconded the motion. 2 opposed. Minority opinion, Jana states we need parameters on the group inventory. Lance states our area chair Lisa states that she would help facilitate it. Paul, has been to several of them and they often get lengthy and they get nowhere. Revoting was done placing a vote on a inventory with no dates, parameters or timelines. The group opposed with no one voting yes. Motion for not pass.

Literature, hotline, DCM, and corrections has a vote at area. Which takes place at the holiday inn, April 5-7th. Lance sent out an email regarding area, one of the discussions is pamphlets, one of which came out of district 41.

Lance spoke on some more things that will be coming up at are one of which is the International convention and regional forums discuss options for big meeting-opening ceremony, whether it be the lord's prayer or responsibility declaration which has been done in the past.

District 41 event on April 10th, Jerry and Connie R will come from Helena. Destiny spoke on the event which will speak on the traditions and how they have applied them in their lives.

CHAIR REPORTS:

Archives: Jana: Nothing new to report

PI Chair: Amanda: not here

Schedules: Kelly Q: not in attendance

Corrections Brandy: Needs people on ladies side of the jail for meetings

Brandon-Bridging the Gap: Nothing new to report

Grapevine: Heidi: Not here, Martin is here- Martin made cards that have QR codes on them which were distributed at MINOT. Hopefully the overall want is to have people sign up for digital grapevine subscription. 12,000 people are subscribed to youtube aa.

Literature: Tina: not in attendance

SYS: Destiny: Nothing new to report aside from what was said above with the workshop. SYS needs district members to help and participate in work shop. SYS will meet at 4/14th here, founders day cannot be used for founders day this year but it can be used for next year. Destiny wants to do a bounce house at founders day this year.

Hotline Paul: Still looking for female person to answer the phone for hotline calls.

Treatment chair Jimmy/Jacque: Speakers all the way through mid may, Fridays at 7pm

CPC: Molly: No changes

IT: OPEN

DCM: Lance: Gave DCM report on west central regional conference

GROUP REPORTS:

AA 101: Tracy: Not in attendance

Annie, Candlelight: Not in attendance

Open.: Rise and Shine: not in attendance

Tina: Steps to Recovery: not in attendance

Serenity at Noon thirty: Dawn: Group is big, they talked about splitting the meeting up or removing a couple tables, need an alt gsr

Courage to change group Jim: not in attendance

Brandon Singleness of purpose/Fort Benton meeting: still having meetings tues and thurs, fort Benton on weds. Still doing prerelease meetings.

Rayce; Central Montana Group: Meetings twice a day no changes

Mary Beth; Just for Today: Not in attendance

Jacque New Beginnings: Not in attendance

As Bill Sees it: Not in attendance

Kelly Q. Mustard seed: Diane-speaker meeting march 18th, Courtney K. 5pm potluck women only.

Brandon H; Sunday Serenity/fourth dimension: Meetings are going well, 1 change needs to be made on schedule as far as location of that meeting. It is the house right next to the church.

John Rock Bottom: Not in attendance

Deb Alanon

Motion to adjourn 6pm, motion to adjourn motion seconded

19\$ in 7th tradition

4th Tradition: Jacque

Concept 4 for next meeting: Judy

Snacks: Dawn

Close with the Lord's Prayer

The next District Meeting will be April 7th, 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 pm