

District 30 Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, November 7th @ 6:30 PM

Location: 734 Railroad St., Janesville, Wisconsin

Present: Joel B, Ann M, George S, Lori M, Jeff L, Cindi S, Lisa S, Greg K, Leonard B, Larry S, Judy H, Rob H, Bill J, Bob H, Fred H, Paul S, Joe S, Ken G, Nancy G, Ken G

Ken G opened the Meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Cindi read the 11th Tradition and Jim read the 11th Concept

Treasurer Report: - Ann M

Beginning Balance \$346.55

Expenses

TDS Metrocom \$24.16

Donations

Oct. District Basket \$12.25

Balance **\$334.64**

Less Prudent Reserve **\$120.00**
AVAILABLE **\$214.62**

New GSR's: None

GSR Reports: Rob – Sat Morn Serenity Group – still looking for support for steering committee.

Cindi – Good Fellowship Group – selling a lot of literature currently

Judy – Sat Night Live – more younger people coming in

Fred – Pinehurst Group – a number of couples (supportive spouses)

have been attending.

Bob – Blackhawk Good Fellowship – Mon and Fri mtgs attendance is down lately.

Larry – Sun Morn Miracle Group – meeting attendance up lately

PI/CPC: Greg K – Janesville Gazette no longer prints meeting schedules in the paper. Paper offered that we could pay \$25 per day for a once a week, or \$90 per month for a daily 1”x2” block (6 lines). Suggested that Greg contact the Jotter and Messenger. The Gazette said that the paper would write up articles on annual AA conferences, but not regular events. It was also suggested that we, as AA members, take meeting schedules to hospitals/churches/courts/other offices only when permission obtained from the place of business. Another possibility is that a public service announcement could be ran on public access.

Hotline: George S – 40 calls, 17 mtg info, 12 12-step, 1 treatment, 1 NA, 1 Grapevine, 2 AlAnon, 1 Club Member, 1 person looking for open mtg, 1 OA, 3 additional calls related to a 12-step call. 25 were women and 15 men. A lady in Evansville is looking for someone to bring her to a meeting in Janesville twice a month. Contact our AA hotline if you’re willing to perform this service.

Grapevine: Lori M – Didn’t go thru as many Grapevines at the mini-conference as she thought. So she’s got a half a box available for those going to treatment/correctional facilities for distribution. New Grapevine Book: Beginning’s Book, Getting and Staying Sober in AA. Grapevine is requesting articles on your ES&H regarding each step. Contact Lori M. 741-7712 for Grapevine guidelines regarding article submission if you’re interested in sharing with the Grapevine. It was suggested that Grapevines be dropped off at the medical clinic after permission is obtained.

Nancy G – Area 75 Grapevine Chair – Area 75 delegate rolls into the Grapevine Chair position. Marty (Area 75 Corrections chair) and Nancy have been putting on Corrections/Grapevine Workshops around the Area. It was suggested that individual groups elect a Grapevine rep and have a group subscription. A Grapevine rep would go online and get registered at aagrapevine.org and receive the Grapevine workbook which informs you how to do your job. They would then give a report at the group’s monthly business/steering meeting. This is a great position for newcomers. Lots of good Grapevine books filled with stories. Digital Grapevine archives (with topic search feature) are available for a small fee. Stories available for mp3 download. There are discounts for multiple subscriptions.

Corrections: Judy P – (absent)

Bill J – Had quite a surge in men’s mtg attendance. Gave away the last of the Big Books recently, as the 12x12s went right away. Started going thru the Big Book during the meeting. The Men are reading on their own, then they discuss what they read (assigned pages/chapter) during the mtg. Good success with this. Heard that the women’s attendance was light. Please encourage your groups, if they’re able, to collect \$ for corrections literature and bring to the monthly District 30 GSR meetings.

Treatment: Randy W. – (absent) Ken reported that the 12:45pm every other Friday speaker meeting is still going on at Mercy Hospital. Contact Michelle R. if interested. They need updated schedules up on the 5th floor at Mercy. Please remove vastly outdated schedules when you see them out in public, as 12 yr old schedules were recently seen. We usually have plenty of current meeting schedules at the monthly District GSR meetings for distribution.

MAICO Rep: Elaine S. – (absent)

Ken G – Area 75 MAICO Steering Committee Member – MAICO services all of south-central and south-western Wisconsin. An AA central office helps the groups do what they can't do alone. MAICO is on Monona Dr. Head north a couple blocks and it's on the left. MAICO is always looking for additional volunteers. A MAICO rep is the liaison between MAICO and your group. There's a monthly MAICO rep mtg on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @7pm (Dec is 6pm). MAICO is always in need of group contributions as they are perpetually running on a shoestring budget. MAICO often helps out individual districts purchase cases of Big Books and other AA approved literature. MAICO newsletter subscription form will be on MAICO website soon. Experience, Strength, and Hope book is on sale thru Dec for \$6.50 and is a compilation of 50 retired stories from the first 3 editions of the Big Book. Diane up at MAICO needs any mtg changes as she updates the MAICO website meeting information. Ken left a catalog of AA approved and non approved literature with Ken G (Dist 30 DCM). MAICO has archive of Dist mtg minutes going back to 2006. Public Service Announcements can be purchased from MAICO. MAICO website is aamadisonwi.org and phone # is 608-222-8989. Since November is Gratitude Month, we have MAICO donation collection envelopes. Please return them by the end of the year.

Archives: Jerry H – (absent)

Special Needs: Vacant – Please ask your groups if anyone is interested in this position.

Old Business: Deb T. – Mini Conference Report – Things are on track. \$1,293.55 in bank acct for conference. Requesting Yellow or Orange Raffle Tickets. Also requesting empty coffee cans with lids. Finally, requesting 2 cans of decaf coffee and many cans of regular coffee. Leftovers will be donated to Dist 30 Alkathon. Next mini-conference planning mtg is Sat Oct 11th @ 4pm at Wesley Ave Alano Club.

- 7) How effective are we in communicating with all our groups?
- 8) Do all AA's know about district meetings and have the opportunity to attend?

Next month we'll answer the following...

- 9) Has enough effort been made to explain, to all groups, the value and purpose of a GSR?

10) Do all GSRs have adequate opportunity to serve on committees?

2008 Alkathon at Wesley Ave Alano Club (as decided by the District last year). Joel will contact Larry R. regarding upcoming Alkathon. Meeting timeslots will be drawn at December GSR meeting.

October 11th mini-conference in New Glarus. Cindi S. was asked to put together a panel to speak on spirituality and got 4 Dist 30 AA members to speak so show up!

New Business:

Mini-conference Report: 185 attendees and the \$ looks close to break even at this point. Mini-conference wrap up mtg in a few weeks.

2008 Alkathon will be at Wesley Ave Alano Club Dec 24th 6pm thru 6pm Dec 25th. **Timeslots will be drawn at the December 5th District 30 GSR meeting. A host group will be decided upon which takes the first and last 2 hour timeslots. (10) 2-hour Group timeslots will be drawn.** Joel will create a pdf flier for Alkathon sign-up.

Cindi S – attended New Glarus mini-conference and really enjoyed it.

9) Has enough effort been made to explain, to all groups, the value and purpose of a GSR? No. Efforts have been made to get GSR pamphlets available at District mtg. Ken Gusner puts on a 2-3hr GSR school at the Area level and also will do them per request at the District level.

10) Do all GSRs have adequate opportunity to serve on committees? Oh yes! We currently have vacant positions and committees that need support.

Next month is...

11) Are district officers picked with care and consideration?

12) Do our groups carry their fair share of supporting the Area and the General Service Office?

DCM and GSR school at the Area 75 Winter Service Meeting in Madison on Sunday, January 18th 9am-3pm, at the Senior Center on Mifflin st. in Madison.

Also, there's no politics in AA service work, despite rumors that circulate at the District level.

Next GSR Meeting Friday December 5th @ 6:30pm.