

DISTRICT 37 SERVICE MEETING

February 16, 2008

Attendance: Barb J. (District Secretary)
Howie
Jeannie P. (DCM)
Jon (Lemonweir Valley Group GSR-Alt)
Martha (District 37 Grapevine Chair)
Sandy S. (Lemonweir Valley Group GSR)
Susan

Meeting called to order at 10:15 by Jeannie with the Responsibility Statement. Sandy read the 2nd AA Tradition & Martha read the 2nd AA Concept.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from January meeting were read & approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom R. absent. Balance unavailable.

Service Committee Reports:

Grapevine Chair – Martha – Mauston Wednesday Afternoon Meeting & Lemonweir Valley Group are subscribing to The Grapevine.

DCM Report:

Jeannie reviewed the Public Information Chairperson position & stressed the importance of service work. Service Committee Chairpersons are needed!

Jeannie reported that the men's correction meetings at the jail are going well, although more men are needed to join the meeting rotation. Are there sober women in our district that would be willing to get involved in a women's meeting? Question was brought up ... can persons with a felony conviction participate in the jail meetings? Jeannie will check into & will get application forms to groups within our district. Jeannie is also planning to talk with Steve Coronado having copies of The Grapevine available to our local jail.

Area 75 Corrections/Grapevine Workshop is scheduled for March 1st, 9 am – 3 pm, at Hess Memorial Hospital. Districts involved in this workshop include 1, 19, 36, & 37. Volunteers are needed for set up & clean up. District will donate coffee & cups; groups are asked to donate finger foods.

District 37 made a donation to social services at the hospital & "Information about Alcoholism" & Meeting List Bookmarks will be distributed.

Delegate Workshop is being held on March 30 from 9-3 at the Madison Senior Center. This is a great opportunity to mix & mingle with the winners & participate in the direction AA is heading.

Jeannie shared information about an open meeting coming up on the 26th in Campbellsport that she plans on attending.

John Wade (Area 75 Special Needs Chair) needs to know how many meetings in our area have sign language available.

Complementary Spanish Big Books are available.

Old Business:

None at this time.

New Business:

The new Tuesday, non-smoking meeting, at Ruffner Hall in New Lisbon is thriving. The Elroy & Necedah meetings have been discontinued.

Union Center Group has made a change in their meeting format. The first two weeks of the month are step meetings & the second two weeks are traditions. No more discussion meetings unless there is a newcomer.

Martha asked if GSRs could also be District Chairpersons? Yes, per Jeannie.

District inventory checklist was discussed by the group. Do our groups carry their fair share of supporting the Area & the General Service Office? How well are our groups informed about what is happening in AA worldwide? Are our District Meetings informative & enthusiastic?

There have been a couple occurrences as of late where addicts & their supportive significant other have come to meetings in the area. Discussion of how to handle this situation ... greeters, take aside, group conscience to have an open meeting, look to the Traditions ... groups should have a plan in place to handle this situation.

Next District Service Meeting is scheduled for 10 am, March 15th, in the Castle Rock Room at Hess Memorial Hospital, Mauston.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 with the 7th Step Prayer.