

District 4 of Area 35
Minutes of June 20, 2020 Meeting
Alexandria AA Clubhouse

DCM Colleen called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and led the group in a moment of silence for the still-suffering alcoholic, and convened the meeting.

Present: Colleen; Greg; Kathy and Gary; Lorne and Lorie; Shawn; Tom; Jim
Via Zoom: None

M/S/P: Greg, Tom and carried the minutes of the May meeting were approved. The group discussed the manner and method of approval of minutes since a number of groups do not see the minutes prior to the District meeting. Some of the problem arises from too few GSR's to represent the groups.

M/S/P: Kathy, Lorne and carried that the Minutes of each District Meeting will be posted to the web site and sent to the officers of the District for their approval and unless there is disagreement on contents of the Minutes they will be considered approved

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Greg read the Tradition Checklist for 6th Tradition.

Under the topic of "Meeting Updates and changes" arising from Covid 19 rules or advisories, it was noted that the Alex Tuesday 6:30 p.m. group is again conducting meetings in the Clubhouse. Both Evansville and Carlos are holding meetings outdoors.

Greg, Area 35 P.I. Chair offered a recap of the Area discussion of how best to learn when and where meetings are, or will be "back in session", as groups tend to the rules and requirements of their usual meeting place, as Coronavirus cases continue. Questions asked and discussed: What group(s) use Zoom and will they continue? How does a newcomer learn where and how to get to Zoom meetings? How are groups going to financially support their meetings via Zoom? How do groups attend to AA commitments of service? At the Area level, how do officers

know what meetings have left Zoom and returned to usual meeting times and places?

The Area 35 leadership has expressed the need for the DCM and the P.I. Chair of each District to contact each group to learn about their meetings and what changes have or will come about due to Covid 19. The Area leadership needs to determine how and who is responsible for informing the public regarding meeting times, places, and type of meetings in our many communities. AA cannot simply disappear for awhile and hope to come back when the pandemic is resolved.

Colleen informed the group that we need a new secretary to fill that vacancy. Following a brief discussion, Lorie volunteered to assume the position until completion of the current term in December, 2021.

M/S/P Greg, Kathy to appoint Lorie as District Secretary effective this month through the end of the current term.

Colleen led a discussion regarding the July District Meeting. It is scheduled to be held in Kensington, but we don't know if the meeting place is available or if the meeting can be held in another location in town. She will contact the group to find the answers. She had previously invited Area 35 Delegate Jim S. to attend this meeting and make his report of the Conference. It was agreed that the July meeting, whether in Kensington or Alexandria, will feature this format:

1. 5:15 p.m. Area 35 Delegate Report
2. Conduct regular District 4 meeting
3. Area 35 Delegate Jim S. will be the AA speaker for the night

DISTRICT REPORTS:

DCM; nothing to add

Treasurer: Not present

Literature: No report

P.I.: No report

Grapevine: No report

GSR Reports:

Kathy, Wednesday Noon Alex. 7-10 attendees in a “live” meeting at the club house. The group recently voted to send \$75 to GSO.

Lorne, Wednesday Night Alex. A group of 2-5 gather in the meeting room of the club house and 9-15 people join the meeting via Zoom.

Lorne, Sunday Night 6:30 Alex. 2-7 attendees in the club house meeting room.

Tom, Saturday 10:00 a.m. Alex. 8-10 in the meeting room; no Zoom. Finances are solid but the group will address the need to follow AA’s suggested leadership rotation of officers.

Next District Meeting schedules for July 18th at 5:15 p.m. at Kensington...but it may be moved to another site. Stay Tuned. On that date two of our members will celebrate their wedding anniversary; *Ah. Perfect wedded bliss.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Jim T.

Substitute Secretary for this meeting.