

District 4 Area 35  
June 15, 2024

Opened with the Serenity Prayer and a moment of silence for the still suffering alcoholic.

Those present Jim T, Dee Dee, Kari, Jim Z, Kenny, Greg C., Dillon, Tom, Jay, Theron, Travis

- Introduction
- Approval of May amended minutes with the following changes: change Aitkin under Upcoming Events to Elbow Lake and change date to May 18, 2024.  
MOTION (Greg C/Kari) to approve May 18, 2024, amended minutes. MCU
- Consideration of agenda/additional items: Under New Business added: Meeting Behavior
- Old Business:
  1. DCM Position discussion. MOTION (Greg C/Tom) to approve Jim T as acting DCM until further notice. MCU
  2. Jim T. drafted a letter with proposed suggestions and ideas for speaker guidelines and provided copies at the meeting. This letter will be emailed, sent, or delivered to all GSRs. GSRs will review this letter with their groups and ask for names of people interested in being on a District 4 Speaker list. GSRs will bring back the names to the July District meeting.
- New Business:
  1. Definitions of open and closed AA meetings were read by Jim T. In District 4 there are 14 open meetings and 10 closed meetings on our website.
  2. Discussion on District 4 Inventory and individual group inventories. Greg C. shared you can review results of the previous District 4 inventory. Many groups periodically hold a "group inventory meeting" to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: to help alcoholics recover through AA's suggested Twelve Steps of recovery. There is a Group Inventory Worksheet available on the [district4online.org](http://district4online.org) website. GSRs will discuss with their groups if they want a District 4 Inventory and/or individual group inventory.
  3. Alternate DCM vacancy – Jim T has committed through 12-31-24. By September 1, 2024, names of possible alternate DCM should be considered. We discussed if they would assume the DCM position in 2025? This is a 2 -year term with suggested sobriety of at least 2 years for DCM.
  4. Behaviors at meetings and how to manage appropriately discussed. The General Service Office does have a yellow safety card for AA Groups that can be downloaded as an AA service piece. This card was read at the meeting. A part of it states: *"It is this group's conscience that if any person endangers another individual or disrupts the group's effort to carry AA's message, the group may ask that person to leave the meeting."* Each group conscience can decide if they want this posted at their meeting location.
- Officer Reports:
  1. DCM Report- No report, not present.
  2. Treasurer-Mary not present but provided the May report with ending balance of \$5060.13 - \$500 prudent reserve. MOTION (Kari/Tom) to accept the May Treasurer's Report. MCU
  3. Literature/Grapevine Report-Kari--she has compiled a book order and will bring it to June District meeting for approval.
  4. PI/PC-Greg C--contacted five county probation officers. New meeting lists have been printed and are at the Alexandria Alano and in the Newcomer's Packets.

5. Corrections–Dillon-4 to 5 inmates are showing up for the Douglas County jail meetings. Going well. Currently no women wanting a meeting.
  6. Treatment Chair- No report, not present.
  7. Web Manager-Jay-reports hits continue to increase, for May the District 4 website had 12,842 hits and for June so far 7073 hits.
  8. District AA Hotline-Tom-The hotline bill will be tabled until the next meeting.
- GSR Reports:
    1. Greg-Monday 12pm 12 x 12 meeting- good, financially stable, he is working with another area on a GSR workshop and hopes to bring it to our area.
    2. Kari-Wednesday 12pm 12 x 12 meeting -strong meeting, remain financially stable, 12-16 with newcomers.
    3. David–Sunday 6pm–holding their own, financially stable.
    4. Kenny–Thursday 7pm Speaker Meeting-First Lutheran-solid group, 15 per night. financially stable.
    5. Theron (new GSR)-Tuesday 7pm Glenwood-going well
    6. Dee Dee-Thursday 7pm Elbow Lake – hosting round robin June 15, 9 regulars with newcomers, financially stable, Big Book meeting at 6pm before the Thursday meeting.
    7. Jim Z-Wed 6pm Not So Straight Arrows Ashby-4 to 8 people, financially stable.
    8. Tom-Sat 10am Big Book-16 to 17 participants, financially stable.
  - Upcoming Events:
 

Next District meeting July 20<sup>th</sup> in Morris at clubhouse.
  - Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

9. Jim T-Glenwood Tuesday, Jim and Greg did a small step 5 workshop with 16 people present, went very well. Financially stable.
  10. DeeDee-Thursday 6pm, Elbow Lake Big Book study and 7pm also every 3rd Thursday 7pm at Veterans Park.
  11. Jim- Ashby 6pm, Wednesday 6pm, financially stable, 6-10 attendance.
  12. Kenny- Thursday First Lutheran, 7 pm, 15-20 attendance, financially stable.
- Comments on DCM Position: No return call from James, Mary motioned to release James from DCM position, Jay seconded, motion carried. Will address DCM position next month. Jim T will call and update James.
  
  - Upcoming Events:  
Next District meeting June 15th in Atkin will discuss Concept 3 at the end of the meeting if time allows and DeeDee will lead discussion.
  - Closed with the Responsibility Statement.