

District 4 of Area 35  
Minutes of July 18, 2020 Meeting  
Alexandria AA Clubhouse

DCM Colleen called the meeting to order at 5 pm and led the group in a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer, and then convened the meeting.

Present: Jim S. – delegate; Colleen, Greg, Laurie and Lorne, Eloise, Carol, Kathy and Gary, Tom, Kari, and Hannah

Present via zoom: Kathy H.

Delegate Jim S. spoke regarding the Area 35 agenda. Some key points were next year's general service conference is titled "AA in a time of change". He also brought to our attention that the general service organization has had to tap into their prudent reserve. Normally the GSO has 9 month prudent reserve but now has 7 months. If every AA member would donate \$10 to GSO that would bring in \$13 million so please bring this back to your groups.

Colleen then convened with the District meeting.

June minutes were motioned to approve by Lorne and second by Greg; passed unanimously.

Agenda was motioned by Kari and approved by Carol; passed unanimously.

Old Business – Greg read about Tradition 4

Meeting updates: Kathy H. sent list out of updates. The number 1 most important issue is getting a master list of trusted servant/GSR list for each meeting to be able to contact. Kathy H. and Colleen are going to get together to discuss contact lists for GSR/trusted servants.

New Business: ACA would like to be included on District website. Lorne addressed trying to increase people base so more people will learn about ACA. He would like to see this put on ez link list on District Website. Lorne is going to do more research and we will table this discussion until next month. Lorne motioned to table and Greg seconded.

Greg participated in Area 35 via zoom. Most districts are still on lockdown due to Covid. There is a lot of concern on how to get information to the public.

Treasurer's report: Kari spoke and we have a balance of \$2,712.86 minus prudent reserve of \$500 for ending balance of \$2,212.86. Kathy motioned to accept and Lorne seconded.

Literature: Eloise sold \$50 in books and has plenty on hand. Area Grapevine chairman – Pat- lives in Sauk Centre and we can get books with free shipping. Emotional Sobriety 1 and 2 were discussed to have on hand.

No grapevine chairman

Corrections: Tom spoke and jails are still on lockdown. Tom will ask corrections person if we can drop off some speaker cd's.

Treatment facilities: Hannah will contact New Visions to see what is going on with visitations at their facility.

PI: Kathy H. spoke that emotional sobriety books were given to the library system. Library would like to get any AA books on book mobile as well.

Kathy also talked to Justin from the Area and he stated that the best app to use for electronic payments is "square" but there is a transaction fee for donations.

Kathy also made note that she can download pdf's to put on website. She also brought up putting a link on website for young people. She wants us to think about it and we will address that next month. Also brought up sending brochures to social services, social workers, and schools. Greg suggested that Kathy H. do more research to get a budget of what she would need.

GSR reports:

Wednesday noon is getting 5-13 people in person and doing ok financially.

Saturday 10 am is stable.

Monday noon: numbers are down

Tuesday women's is getting estimate of 10 members – 6 face to face and doing zoom as well.

Monday women's serenity in Glenwood started meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> in person and had 5 women the first time.

Wednesday 7 pm – we have 5-6 people in person and 10-15 via zoom.

Sunday 6:30 pm has 5-10 people in person and doing good financially.

Friday 1 pm is getting about 10 people in person

**Next meeting: August 15<sup>th</sup> Alexandria AA Clubhouse 5:15** (was supposed to be in Morris) and we will continue to pay \$20 rent for District meeting when we host in Alexandria.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm and then Jim S – delegate was speaker for the evening.