

District 4 of Area 35
Minutes of August 15, 2020 Meeting
Alexandria AA Clubhouse

DCM Colleen called the meeting to order at 5:08 pm and led the group in a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer, and then convened the meeting.

Present: Colleen, Greg, Laurie and Lorne, Eloise, Kathy and Gary, Tom, and Jim
Present via zoom: Kathy H.

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

Agenda was motioned by Laurie and seconded by Lorne; passed unanimously.

Old Business – Kathy read about Tradition 5

Meeting updates: Kathy H. talked about keeping track of what's going on in groups. Suggested sending texts and she wrote a memo to send to each group about the importance of keeping communication between the groups and the District.

Greg motion and Lorne seconded Kathy's memo.

Old business: Lorne wanted to add ACA on to the District website. Greg spoke about how the District would have no control over the link on the website. It was come to the agreement that the meeting place and time would stay on the website but no link.

Jim will be doing his report at September meeting.

Greg talked about the AA hotline and would like to make those rotating service positions. There are currently 4 people who answer the phone. Lorne made a motion to set up Hotline chair position and Greg seconded. Greg also added an addendum to the motion that the chair gets voted in at our next election in January 2021. Lorne seconded that. Passed unanimously.

Jim asked about the impact of COVID 19 on District finances. Greg stated contributions are down 70% but there haven't been any expenses yet either. Fall Assembly is coming up and that will take half of our balance so we need to think where we will be when winter assembly comes. Think about what it costs per week to pay monthly rent, coffee, District, Area and World service organizations. Jim will bring his presentation that he had done last year about contributions.

Colleen asked if we could have meeting time changed to 5pm instead of 5:15pm. Lorne motioned and Jim seconded the change.

Action committee: Greg attended zoom meeting and said about 45 other people attended. Lots of good discussion. Financial aspect brought up. Stated churches in Brainerd and to the North are not open and probably not opening until at least January. Also stated Fall Assembly is October 3 and 4 this year.

Treasurer's report: not present

Literature: Eloise sold \$23 in books and has plenty on hand.

No grapevine chairman

Corrections: Tom had nothing new to add.

Treatment facilities: not present

PI: Kathy H. Colleen asked Douglas County how many pamphlets for handing out. Was told 30-40 people that hand out these types of brochures. Kathy H. was looking at two brochures: "This is A.A" and "Is A.A. or you". Cost would be \$114.50. Greg motioned and Lorne seconded having these brochures printed and available. Carried unanimously.

Colleen also stated that Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday meetings are still suspended in Morris. Evansville is also suspended.

GSR reports:

Wednesday noon is holding well getting 7-10 people in person and doing ok financially.

Saturday 10 am: Tom stated that they will be contributing to each of the entities and are doing well.

Monday noon: down a little in numbers and still doing ok financially.

Monday women's serenity in Glenwood only has 2 people attending.

Wednesday 7 pm – we have about 10 people in person and around 6 via zoom. Doing well financially.

Sunday 6:30 pm: doing well and sending money to the entities.

Glenwood Tuesday night: 1-3 people and is struggling

Thursday As Bill Sees It: Colleen went to the meeting and the table was full and social distance was in place.

Talked about wearing masks at meetings. If it's a closed meeting it is not public so mask is not required but it should be left up to each group to make a group conscience on wearing masks or not.

Fall assembly is October 3 and 4

Next meeting: September 19th Alexandria AA Clubhouse 5:00

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.