

District 4 of Area 35
Minutes of September 19, 2020 Meeting
Alexandria AA Clubhouse

DCM Colleen called the meeting to order 5:05 p.m. and led the group in a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, then convened the meeting.

Present: Colleen; Gary L.; Kathy L.; Eloise; Tom; Carol and Jim. Via Zoom: Kathy H.

Tom, Gary unanimous to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2020 meeting.

One agenda addition: Placing the District 4 agenda on the website. Carol, Kathy unanimous to approve the amended agenda.

Gary offered the reading of material pertaining to Tradition 5.

DCM Colleen reviewed the most recent version of the current District 4 meeting list and their status; the GSR's; and officers. Kathy will continue to contact GSR's or other members of groups to keep as current as possible the status of meetings...active and at usual meeting place...Zoom...or not meeting due to restrictions.

Jim presented information from "Our Great Responsibility" (Section IV).

The group discussed how and when to grant access to, or send copies of, the draft minutes of District Meetings. The secretary, upon drafting the minutes, will send the draft to Kathy for distribution.

Officer Reports:

DCM Colleen: The Fall Assembly will be held October 3-4 in St. Cloud.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Kathy L., seconded by Gary to approve the report as forwarded:

Previous balance:	\$2,817.86
Revenues:	225.00
Current Balance:	\$3,042.86
<i>Less Prudent Reserve:</i>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Balance:	\$2,542.68

The group discussed at the length the challenges to the District, and groups, in view of fewer "in person" meetings and little knowledge of how to permit members to contribute since attendance is down and Zoom meetings don't necessarily offer a mean of providing support. It is hoped that with more meetings reconvening at the usual site the basket will begin to overflow.

Literature Chair: Eloise reported that she has order "Emotional Sobriety" as information for Social Workers to distribute to clients.

Grapevine: No report; Eloise noted that she has purchased and has available 2 copies of "The Best of the Grapevine."

Corrections: Tom reported that Todd County has apparently opened its Jail to AA meetings. Douglas County remains closed to our meetings.

Treatment Facilities: No report

Public Information: Kathy H. reported that she has distributed 720 brochures to Social Service agencies in the District; there has also been made available information on Al Anon and Adult Children of Alcoholics. The following communities are now linked to our website

through their local access point: Alexandria, Morris, Starbuck and Glenwood. Communities yet to be brought on include Carlos, Elbow Lake and Kensington.

Greg summarized his presentation to the Area 35 gathering regarding new challenges of communications methods for the 21st Century.

GSR Reports

Gary for the Monday Noon 12 x 12, Alexandria. Attendance usually 4-5 for their productive gathering; they sent \$ to GSO.

Cathy L. for the Wednesday Noon 12 x 12, Alexandria. 9-12 attendees; she will be the new Treasurer in October.

Carol: for the Women's Tuesday Night meeting, Alexandria. There are 6-7 regular attendees. They have sent \$ to District, Area, and GSO.

Eloise: for the Glenwood Monday 4:30 p.m. meeting. Very light attendance; they will discuss changing to meeting time to early evening.

Jim: for the Glenwood Tuesday 7:00 p.m. meeting at the Federated Church. Most recent maximum attendance was 5; usually 3. The rent is being paid.

Tom: the Saturday Morning Big Book meeting; they have sent \$ to each of the three entities, but await GSO confirmation of credit to the group.

The October 17, 2020 meeting will again be held at the Clubhouse in Alexandria. The host Sunday Night Group will try to re-instate the pot luck dinner!

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Jim T.; Acting secretary for the day