

District 11 Minutes

3/19/17

Steve opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Steve read the Preamble

Lisa read the traditions

Jeff read the 3rd concept

Steve read the Dec. minutes. Motion to accept; Lisa. 2nd; Judy. Motion passed

Greg read February minutes. Motion to accept; Lisa. 2nd; Carla. Motion passed

Treasurer report; Lisa. Balance January 29, 2017 \$1,390.46. Donations; \$135.00. Disbursements; \$99.50. Balance February 26, \$1,425.96. Motion to accept; Tim. 2nd; Judy. Motion passed

Grapevine report; Linda

Grapevine Chair – District 11 Report – March 19, 2017

I attended the March, 2017 as your Grapevine Chair for District 11 on March 12, 2017. After all of the various committee reports and discussions before lunch, after lunch about 5 members met with the Area Grapevine Chair, Chuck K., at the Grapevine display table. He had brought many Grapevine books to sell, most of which are paperbacks at about \$10.00 a piece. My home group bought 5 of them to sell to AA members who attend its meeting. Some of those titles included “Forming True Partnerships”, “Sober and Out”, “Spiritual Awakenings” and many more. I have a catalog with me and you are more than welcome to look at it. Chuck also had hardbound copies of “Language of the Heart” which were \$13.00 each, and a few books for La Vina.

Chuck is relatively new to the position as Area Grapevine Chair, so he said he is learning about his duties and responsibilities as he goes along. He answered some questions from the participants in the group, gave us each some ideas about how to encourage AA members to purchase the Grapevine magazine subscriptions, or the books, or the CD's or any of the other materials that are available. I was not able to stay for the committee reports, so I did miss out on that that summarized our group discussion.

In the paperwork that was given to each of us was the Treasurer's Report for the Area, and on the page for the 2017 Budget, the budget for the Grapevine Area Chair is \$700.00. Chuck intends to use these funds for the express purpose to purchase Grapevine literature for sale, and to provide all of the District Grapevine Chairs with access to what is available from Grapevine through its Website, which is AAGrapevine.org. Also, we can send emails to New York at gvrca@agrapevine.org to request more information and materials.

In addition, the 2017 General Service Conference will be considering 1300 pages worth of agenda items, most of which will have been whittled down to a manageable amount during the week the delegates are there for the GSC. I was presented with both a hard copy page of the agenda items as they relate to Grapevine issues, along with a CD that Steve S. provided to me. There are 11 items on this agenda, most of which will not make the final cut for discussion. Three of the items will probably make the cut: “Reconsider the 2004 Conference Advisory Action on Outside Sales; Discuss ways groups can be kept informed about Grapevine and La Vina when they don't have a GV rep or La Vina rep; and Review audio strategy update.” We'll have to wait for the Delegate Report for the outcome of the agenda items.

Lisa has ordered and given me a box of past issues of Grapevine which District 11 approved for an expenditure of \$54.00 and I intend to distribute a couple of them, here and there in Macon County. Chuck K. made suggestions to us at Area Assembly where these might do some good in the

community, many of which are the same places where our AA literature is placed by the PI Chair. Other locations include treatment centers, jail lobbies, Driver's License offices, doctors' offices, and, of course, various meetings in our District, so I will begin that process in the next week or so. If anyone has ideas about where to distribute them, I would be happy to hear them. You may email me at lasvegaslinda@comcast.net

Thank you for allowing me to be of service as your Grapevine Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda H.

Area Assembly report; Steve

DCM's report on Area 21 assembly March 12th, 2017

There were 7 of us from District 11 at the assembly that was held in District 14 in Bellville II. Minutes from December 2016 were read and approved. Area Officers gave their reports. DCM's gave their District reports and finally the GSR's gave theirs. After a short break Area held sharing session lead by Mike F. Past-Delegate on Brief introduction of the Purpose of Area Assembly's in Relation to General Service Conference. Presentation of an Agenda Item followed by discussion of the process, and took comments and ?'s. Had Lunch then we held the Area Committee Meeting which was dominated mostly with the General Service Conference and the Pre General Service Conference being held April 8th in O' Fallon II. Flyer available on our web site. Reports on future Assembly's and on Conferences and Forums. Billy and I attended the DCM college while GSR's attended GSR school for all the new GSR, and the old ones also. Again the DCM college was mainly focused on how we can effectively transfer our groups conscience to our delegate who then takes it with them to the General Service Conference in NY. We then broke up into officers and committee chairs I attended the Archives committee where we discussed a range of topics such as what to keep, how and to keep it including digital files as well as physical materials. After the Committee chairs all gave a short report on their committee's activities. We then conducted old business. Dick S. from Structure and Policy committee updated us on their progress of reviewing area handbook. New business Leo S. asked the districts for 100.00-150.00 donations for Hospitality room. Then DCM from district 14 gave us their report on the assembly, and finally the Area treasurer gave the final report on assembly's activities for the day. Closed with the responsibility statement.

In love and service Steve S.

Archives; Carla. No report, but the committee needs some volunteers since many members are now involved in other areas of service and can no longer be a part of Archives.

Old Business

June 11 Area Assembly. June 10th Pot Luck Speaker Meeting at Presbyterian Church in Taylorville Anne C. speaker. May 6th. Intergroup function at Rock Springs Park. Fellowship at 11am, followed by lunch, & speaker. Greg nominated for District secretary by Carla, 2nd; Judy, 3rd; Linda. Passed.

New Business

Judy asked if someone could be at Central United at 2:15 on District Meeting days so she wouldn't be here by herself. Billy said he would do that. Discussion about canceling of District Meetings, lack of notification. The contact list was updated. Corrections chair said there was an AA conference for corrections in November she would be willing to attend. Motion by Michael to approve funds. 2nd by Linda. Much discussion. Motion passed, but not unanimous. Minority opinion was given by Bill. No votes were changed. Motion passed. Motion by Zach to move April District Meeting to another

Sunday because the 3rd Sunday in April is Easter. 2nd by Bill. Motion to move to 4th Sunday failed. Motion to cancel, 2nd by Judy. Motion passed

Group Reports

Tuesday Night Beginners Group

This meeting is at 8pm Tuesday evenings at Congregational Church on MacArthur Rd. Attendance and Finances are stable and we always enjoy having newcomers and visitors at the meeting. It is a closed discussion meeting.

Thanks, Carla S.

Road to Recovery is an open discussion meeting at St Johns Episcopal Church—130 W. Eldorado St. 12 noon-1pm Monday through Saturday. Wednesdays are reserved for reading AA literature. Our business meeting is the last Wednesday of each month.

Zack

I am the GSR for the Mt. Zion Easy Does It Group @ 345 W. Main St. in Mt. Zion. We meet on the first Thursday of every month in cooperation with an Alanon Group; for an open speaker meeting. We also meet every Thursday the rest of the month, for a closed Book study. We are currently working from the 12&12; rotating to the Big Book upon completion. Our Group has a regular standing of 6 souls, and many visitors, come see us, we love the company and the fellowship.

Bill

Sobriety at Six GSR report. We are still meeting every Saturday night and most of us are staying sober!

Respectfully submitted, Michael Peer

Saturday morning Big Book study. Several people meet every Saturday at 9am at St. Paul's church. We recently got through the first 164 pages of the Big Book and we're starting the 12x12 next.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Peer