

**Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
December 19, 2021 at 2:00pm
Online via Zoom**

Meeting Call to Order

DCM Blair A. called the meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer

Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Joanne O. Seconded by Amy A. All in favor. Approved

The 12 Traditions

Read by Amy A.

Interpretation of Tradition Twelve

Bernie S. read the long form: "And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all." Each member chooses anonymity and others respect that. Principals come before personalities to protect you from me.

Volunteer for Interpretation of Concept One

Doug G. volunteered

Roll Call/Group Reports

Bernie S. - GSR Sunrise

15-20 people attend meeting each week. Candlelight gratitude meeting held at last meeting. One birthday in December

Amy A. - GSR Downtown Dartmouth

Meetings are going well. Two birthdays in December

Doug G.- Alt. GSR Sunrise

Joanne O. - GSR Cole Harbour

25+ people at meetings. Business meeting held to discuss serving coffee and look at moving to new location. Anniversary meeting being held in December. One birthday was in early December

Michael A. - GSR Keep It Simple/Alt DCM District 2

7th Tradition going well. 25-30 people per meeting. Two birthdays at end of the month

Blair A. - DCM District 2

Approval Of Minutes

October and November Minutes: Motioned by Bernie S. Seconded by Joanne O. All in Favor Approval of October minutes was missed during November meeting.

Secretary Report

No report

Treasurers Report

Treasurer did not attend. Blair A. sent request to Treasurer to build Zoom expense into 2022 budget. 2022 Budget to be reviewed by groups and approved in January.

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report

Mike A. reported the Public Information workshop planned for December was not held due to availability of presenter and Holidays. Bridging the Gap workshop being planned for February.

DCM Report

The last month was busy with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I attended the Central Service meeting, Area 82 DCM/Area Officers meeting, and my home group business meeting. I would like to thank Mike H., Bill P., and Jamie Q. for their two years of service as the Executive of Central Service. No further positions were filled at Central Service, so the positions of Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary remain open for the 2022/2023 term. Several one-year positions also still remain vacant for Chair and Co-Chair of some of the sub-committees.

All the committees at Central Service are doing a great job at serving Districts 1 & 2 during the pandemic. PI has been very busy working with shelters, medical clinics, and doctor offices by distributing their information packages. Corrections are still not able to host meetings but are working on getting literature distributed. Hospital Visitations did not have any requests for visits. Help Email had 12 individuals contacting for various reasons. The Telephones are looking for volunteers for the daytime and overnight shifts. Treatment is meeting twice a month at the Marguerite Center, on Sundays at Detox, and Forensics has reached out about resuming meetings. Bridging the Gap held a meeting to finalize details and will have documentation available shortly. Literature is operating as normal but have seen an increase in sales of pamphlets. Webmaster, CPC, Newsletter, Entertainment, and Round Up did not report.

The quarterly Area 82 DCM and Area Officers meeting was held in December with 11 GSRs and the Area Officers in attendance. It was agreed to approve the 2021 Spring and Fall Assembly minutes at the 2022 Spring Assembly in order to be more efficient going forward. Area has a combined total of \$36,769 in the bank plus an estimated return of \$11,000 from the Area Officers advances. This will be used to fund the \$30,900 budget for 2022 and the prudent reserve. During 2021 Area has received \$10,134 in group contributions.

The highlights from the AA World Service Board Meeting in October were communicated from the General Service Office. Group contributions to GSO and Literature sales have been declining since July with a total surplus of \$1.4M for the first nine months of 2021. The reserve fund is at \$12.8M, which represents 8.48 months of expenses (target of 9-12). A new aa.org website will be coming soon which will prove to be a very effective tool in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. AA Grapevine is collecting stories from the Fellowship in the form of audio recordings to be used in the form of a YouTube playlist or on another media platform.

In lieu of the most recent restrictions from the NS Government the Chair of Central Service made the decision to cancel the Christmas Eve Cocktail Party. AA needs to be part of the solution and it would not be good optics if AA was throwing a social during these difficult and increased challenging times. I have not received official word from Area on the new restrictions at meetings but my understanding is 50% of the venue's capacity up to 150 people with social distancing and masks mandatory. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about your role in District 2 please feel free to reach out.

Yours in Service
Blair A
DCM District 2
Area 82

Blair A. gave further explanation that the ad hoc Bridging the Gap Committee was formed to work with Corrections and Treatment to have a point of contact for each group so people leaving these facilities can reach out for support in getting to meetings.

Blair A. gave further explanation on the 50% capacity restriction at meetings and explained masks are mandatory at all times except for taking a drink and social distancing is required. Groups should be holding business meetings to discuss these restrictions and enforce the restrictions. Groups are autonomous and restrictions are not enforced by District, these are government restrictions.

Central Service Report

No report. DCM always covers necessary Central Service information in his report.

Approval of Reports

Motioned by Amy A. Seconded by Mike A. All in favor. Approved

Visitors with District Related Business

None

Old Business

- a. District 2 Secretary
No nominations

New Business

- a. 2022 Budget Discussion
No discussion was had and moved to January meeting
- b. In Person District Meetings
Brief discussion was had on possibly moving to new date or time. It was decided to stay on Zoom for January and discuss again at January meeting

Announcements

Blair A. thanked everyone for joining and apologized for the low participation from groups. It was agreed Blair A. is not at fault and he is doing a good job. Blair A. will try to attend the groups meetings in 2022 to increase participation. Joanne O. asked about having a Service Day and Blair A. explained it is something Central Service is looking into and held in the past.

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be January 16, 2021 at 2:00pm