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Thursday , 29 September 2022 19:38 p.m.

September District 2 Minutes

Blair opened meeting with Serenity Prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Amie motioned to approve agenda. Michael seconded it.

Reading of 12 Steps

Michael A.

Interpretation of Concept 8

Short form states - trustees are principal planners and administrators of overall policies and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their abilities to elect all the directors entities.

Long form states - Trustees are the General Service Board added to primary capacities. One with respect to large matters of overall policy and finance. They are the principle planners and administrators. They are the primary committees directly who manage these affairs and respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services the relation of the trustees is mainly that of full stock ownerships and custodial oversight which they exercise their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

The principle of the concept is consistency and one thing you need to know the trustees oversight has two primary parts. They plan, manage and execute large matters of overall policy and finance and they oversee both of our incorporation AA World Services Inc and AA Grapevine . The trustees have the responsibility of ensuring good conduct of all our world service affairs. Their attitude is one custodial oversight instead of executed order and guarantees good management as opposed to micro managers. The Ins and Outs of day to day operations is not for them. They leave that up to those they leave to run their organization. Their broad brush strokes specifically guide and things they oversee.

Interpretation of Concept 9

Short form states - Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future

functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

Long form states - Good service leaders together with sound and appropriate method of choosing them are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of AA must necessarily be assumed by the trustees of the General Service Board of AA.

The principle is vision. One thing to know as they lead to service rather than leading to govern and we need to surrender old ideas about leadership and be willing to put aside any personal ambitions to use the controversies that prevent us from operating effectively we need to become a spiritual example someone who can personally put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that others want to back us up and help us with our job.

Volunteer for Interpretation of Concept 10

Michael A.

Roll Call

- Hi Amie GSR for Downtown Dartmouth Group. Group is doing well good attendance at meetings. We have 5 birthdays coming up end of this month Sara G. 1 year, Carlos A. 43 years, Billy Bob 42 years, Donald S. 5 years, Randy W. 20 years.

- Michael GSR of Keep it Simple Group. Doing very well. Head count in meetings is 24-40 people. One birthday Kathleen will be celebrating 4 years at end of month.

Anne GSR for Circle of Sisters Group. Good number of people at meetings around 14 at last meeting. More women from other meetings are attending and a few people joined our group. We had a business meeting recently and the treasurer told me Circle of Sisters could not afford to send Anne to Fall Assembly. treasurer said if Anne could get money from elsewhere they would give her \$100.

Blair - we will discuss this later in meeting.

My name is Blair and I am an alcoholic and I am DCM of District 2.

Motion to adopt Minutes

Michael motioned to adopt minutes. Amie seconded it.

Secretary - nothing to add

Treasurer

\$590 group contributions. \$20 7th tradition. \$2434 left from last year which gives us total cash of \$3043. we spent \$480 on rent. \$50 to Blair for photocopying. \$16 Secretary. \$100 Michael's Workshop. \$184 miscellaneous. Total expenses - \$830. Net income - \$2213. Chequing Balance - \$2213. Prudent Reserve - \$1600. Total Cash - \$3815.

Alternate DCM

Michael A. will not be hosting a workshop in October because it is supposed to be second week of October and that is the same weekend as assembly. Next workshop is December. I think I am doing it on the History of AA.

DCM Report

- Michael A. presented District 2 report at Sept Central Service meeting in my absence
- Foster L. treasurer of Central Service is working to finalize group insurance policy and ask groups to hold payments until the cost is confirmed.
- Samaira G. Central Service Chair communicated that literature chair has resigned and Michael A. will help with literature until a new chair is elected.
- + Two offers for mid winter roundup were discussed 1 day or 3 day event. Emily S. was selected as chair of one day roundup.
- Groups interested in hosting Xmas Eve social are asked to attend the next central Service Meeting.
- Positions of CPC and Entertainment Chair remain vacant and as well as co chair of some of sub-committees Position of Central Service Co Chair is still vacant.
- All their elections are coming up in next month or two.
- Entertainment - Sept 17 Point Pleasant Park get together and barbecue.

Planning Halloween Dance

Email received 14 emails in July and 6 emails in August.

- PI - planning to attend the NS First Responders Mental Health Event September.
- An AA media blitz is planned for Oct 2023.
- Telephones reported phones are running well. Have a few new volunteers. Planning to update binders.
- Treatment meetings going well. Need a few more women to host meetings at Marguerite Center.

- Webmaster - finalizing a printable meeting list posted on website once it's completed.

Agenda for Fall Assembly Oct 7-9 in Sydney had been distributed includes executive elections, 2023 budget, and 6 other agenda items.

The Ad Hoc Finance committee will be holding a q&a session on their recommendations on Sept 30 on zoom at 7 pm.

District 4 hosting a Lighthouse Roundup fellowship day on Sat Oct 22 at Annapolis Basin Conference Center.

The deadline for nominations for trustees at large Canada is Jan 1 2023.

The deadline for story submissions for AA older alcoholic pamphlet is Sept 23, 2022.

A member of engagement survey for 2023 international conference in Vancouver was distributed.

AA Grapevine announces increase in book prices and AA World Services still experiencing printing delays and back orders on some literature.

This will be our last meeting before executive elections are held in October so it's time to start thinking about who may be interested in DCM, Alt DCM, treasurer, Secretary for next two year term.

Motion to adopt Reports

Motion by Michael A. Anne P. seconded it.

Old Business

Position of Treasurer. no nominations.

New Business

Area Fall Assembly

Old Business - elections for NS NFLD archivist.

Active Area Committee co chairs. A lot are vacant. That should be up for election again because it's been 2 years.

Election of Area 82 officers. Our delegate, alt delegate, chair, treasurer, Secretary. The only info I have right now is a resume from Duane.

2023 budget - nothing yet

Then we get into it things our groups have brought forward. First Motion came from District 9 Groups would like to see service weekends back in person held in Truro NS at Agricultural College.

Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee continue updating the current guidelines for the good of AA to finish. Want an extension to finish updating guidelines.

- Speakers get up to 5 minutes to speak to an item a motion for discussion at spring and fall assembly. Back to Basics is saying 2 minutes is not long enough. Would like it to be 5 minutes. Seems to be less and less time devoted to discussion on items etc. Also seems to be a need to have all items finished by Sat afternoon not continuing into evening.

Members are bringing their concerns from the groups on these items but it does not seem like the executive gives any due consideration.

Information on time allotted to each item as set out on agenda and approved by the body assembly it is responsible for the area chair to move the meeting along by a timeline accepted by the body is possible. The body would like to add more time for discussion at any time could be done during approval of the agenda, during the discussion itself needed and approved by majority of voting members.

What group thinks of service weekends.

All of us agreed to have them again.

- Nothing could get approved because we didn't have a full body. Only had NS.

- We can't make Area decisions because only half the body is here.

Agenda Item for financial Ad Hoc and guideline Ad Hoc committee be given sufficient presentation time which means as much time as it takes to get completed.

Add implementing and administrating the zoom licensing to the chairs responsibility to the guidelines. This is a responsibility that has been looked after by alt delegate because he was the chair at start of 82 using zoom.

With a new executive being voted in we should try to have this be under one executive position. It started as responsibility of chair person in 2020. we suggest you put it there.

Ad Hoc Finance Committee

Plan to have a one page summary for everyone at assembly.

Concentrate on generalization of what we are getting to as opposed to the exact wording of what we're trying to get to.

The main goal is to get something in a format that treasurer after treasurer report will be consistent. It's a spread sheet where you can put all the information in and it will feed back and summarize on one sheet. A one page summary on financial numbers, budget, cash flow, income statement etc on one sheet

Then there is also the second piece of that a one page summary for people that don't like excel spread sheets, income statements, and financial statements. It's just a one page word document and puts it in everyday language. This is what came in. This is what went out. This is how much money is still out there floating around that executive has.

The guidelines - 2 sections we expanded

1. Responsibilities of executive.

2. Financial Reporting section. Had very little information in it. We put in guidelines around dates and times stuff had to be done. What documentation is needed by executive When they submit expenses, how they can expense. Financial statement forms.

The summary report that's in word document.

Wording to the guidelines not changing the guidelines. It's adding to the guidelines to make it more clear to everybody.

Recommendation we get rid of 3rd bank account and only have 2 bank accounts.

Recommending that financial statements get stored.

Attendance to Fall Assembly

Blair, Anne, Amie, Michael.

Financial Support for Circle of Sisters so Anne GSR can go to Fall Assembly.

GSR Anne would need half the price of gas and half the price of hotel. Circle of Sisters will give me \$100 which I can use for meals and registration. Amie will pay for gas a hotel room and when we get back to Halifax she will tell DCM what I owed and Blair will write a cheque for Downtown Dartmouth Group.

Michael approves Anne goes to Fall Assembly. Seconded by Amie.

No announcements.

Closed the meeting with the Responsibility Pledge.

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