

**Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes District 2
February 20, 2022 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 Mark L. Seconded by Amy A. All in favor. Approved

The 12 Traditions

Read by Bernie S.

Interpretation of Concept 2

Blair A presented the following:

Short Form: "The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs."

Long Form: "When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference—excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter—the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society."

Principal of Concept is Reliance: Once the groups share its conscience with the Area Delegate, the Conference develops a collective conscience so that effective action can be taken.

The Conference Listens and Then Speaks: Execution responsibility is passed onto the appropriate service entity (General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., and A.A. Grapevine) tasked with implementation. Generally, no action can be taken unless the conference directs it to be done.

Volunteer for Interpretation of Concept 3

Mark L agreed someone from Cole Harbour group would volunteer.

Roll Call/Group Reports

Bernie S. - GSR Sunrise

Meeting on Zoom on Sunday evening for the month of March. Date of going to in person meetings will be decided at business meeting in March. Two birthdays celebrated in February.

Matt B. - GSR Safety Net

Meeting in person on Tuesdays at 5:30pm and on Zoom six other days. Will be discussing about going back to more in person meetings at next business meeting.

Anne P. - GSR Circle of Sisters

Going back to in person meetings on Saturday this week. Still meeting on Zoom on Wednesdays. One birthday in February.

Amy A. - GSR Downtown Dartmouth

Meetings going well. Four birthdays in February

Mark L. - Alt. GSR Cole Harbour

Going back to in person meetings this week. 20 people per meeting. Three birthdays on 1st of March.

Mike D. - GSR Colby Village

Meetings going well and back to in person meetings.

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

Meetings going well. Celebrating groups 41st Anniversary.

Blair A. - DCM District 2

Approval Of January Minutes

Motioned by Amy A. Seconded by Bernie S. All in Favor

Secretary Report

No report

Treasurers Report

No report

Alt. DCM and Workshop Report

Mike A. reported the Bridging the Gap workshop was not held in February and is being planned to be held in April.

DCM Report

The last month was busy with District, Area, and Central Service-related business. I chaired the Central Service meeting as all the executive positions were vacant. I am very pleased to report that all the executive positions were elected as follows: Samaira G. (Chair), Tim M. (Co-Chair), Foster L. (Treasurer), and Emily S. (Secretary). Several one-year positions still remain vacant for Chair and Co-Chair of some of the sub-committees. A total of 17 groups were represented, so thank you to everyone who attended the meeting.

All the committees at Central Service are doing a great job at serving Districts 1 & 2 during the pandemic. Corrections are still not able to host meetings. Hospital Visitations has a communication package ready to distribute to nursing homes and hospitals. Help Email had 16 individuals contacting for various reasons. The Telephones has new weekend rotation completed for 2022. Treatment will be resuming meetings at the Marguerite Center in February, have continued meeting at Detox, and Forensics is still not open for meetings. The Newsletter would like to remind everyone to send any meeting changes to the Newsletter and Webmaster emails. Literature has placed an order for books and were waiting for them to arrive. The Webmaster gave a report on the website traffic. CPC, PI, Entertainment, Bridging the Gap, and Round Up did not report.

The minutes from the Area 82 Fall Assembly have been distrusted. A quarterly Area 82 DCM and Area Officers meeting will be held on March 13 to review the year end financials of 2021 plus a few more agenda items. To end 2021 Area had a combined total of \$35,405 in the bank plus an estimated return of \$9,000 from the Area Officers advances. This will be used to fund the \$30,900 budget for 2022 and the prudent reserve. The Spring Assembly will be held on May 27-29 on Zoom. A Pre. Conference to discuss the GSO Conference agenda items will be held on April 2 on Zoom. District 2 is responsible to summarize 11 agenda items from the Policy and Admissions, Finance, and Grapevine Committees.

The highlights from the AA World Service Board Meeting in December were communicated from the General Service Office. GSO had total surplus of \$1.9M for the first ten months of 2021 and a reserve fund of \$12.8M to end October. A new aa.org website was launched which will prove to be a very effective tool in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Eastern Canadian Forum is still scheduled for May 13-15 in Charlottetown.

I would like to remind all groups of the current restrictions at meetings are as follows: up to 50% of legal capacity, all persons in attendance must adhere to physical distancing, and wear masks at all times. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about your role in District 2 please feel free to reach out.

Central Service Report

No report.

Approval of Reports

Motioned by Anne P. Seconded by Matt B. All in favor. Approved

Visitors with District Related Business

None

Old Business

- a. District 2 Secretary
No nominations
- b. 2022 Budget Approval
Blair A. discussed approving the 2022 Budget. Mark L. recommended it wait until the Treasurer was present to discuss. Agreed to move to March meeting.
- c. In Person District Meetings
Michael A. made a motion for District 2 to start holding in person monthly meetings starting in March. Seconded by ????. All in favor. Approved. Blair A. agreed to suspend the paid version on Zoom and contact the Treasurer about a check for the rent at Club 24.

New Business

- a. Area Spring Assembly/Area Officers & DCM Meeting
One agenda item at the March AO/DCM meeting will be to move the workshop at the Spring Assembly to Sunday and add a separate meeting for NS and NL on Friday evening. Another agenda item requested by Blair A. was to change the date of future Spring Assemblies to March/April. The Area Guidelines have been updated as a result of motions passed at previous assemblies. These items will be discussed at the AO/DCM

meeting in March and it was agreed Blair will use his experience to vote accordingly.

b. Pre. Conference

Blair A. reminded groups of the Pre. Conference on April 2. District 2 is responsible for a total of 11 agenda items under Policy/Admissions, Finance, and AA Grapevine & La Vina. Blair A. will work on a summary for the March meeting for further discussion and group conscience. Groups agreed to take back to their groups and discuss District 2 Pre. Conference agenda items.

Announcements

Bernie S. attended the North America PI and Conference and reported it was a great experience.

The meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Pledge.

Next meeting will be March 20, 2022 at 2:00pm at Club 24.