

Minutes of

DISTRICT 2 COMMITTEE MEETING

March 17, 2024 at 2:00pm

In Person at Club 24

WELCOME AND OPEN: Meeting opened by Bernie S at 2pm with the Serenity Prayer.

TWELVE TRADITIONS: The Twelve Traditions were read by Blair.

Concept Three – Amy gave her interpretation on Concept Three

Concept Three: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA – the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives – with a traditional “Right of Decision”.

Volunteer for Concept Four in April : Blair A.

Approval of Agenda

Motioned to approve the agenda by Amy, seconded by Peggy. All in favour. Motion passed.

7th Tradition

The 7th was collected.

ROLL CALL: in attendance.

Executive	GSR	Alt GSR	Observers
DCM – Bernie S	Amy A. – Downtown Dartmouth	Lois M. - Circle of Sisters	
Alt DCM – Absent			
SECRETARY – Position Vacant			
TREASURER – Blair A	Peggy – Colby Village		

Roll Call/GSR Reports

Amy A. GSR for Downtown Dartmouth reported that the group has strong attendance and strong participation. Seventh tradition is going well. Two birthdays this month.

Adam H. 3 years and Chris V. 26 years. Friday evenings, attendance is down.

Peggy from Colby Village Big Book Study reported that their group is doing well. Good attendance as always.

Lois, Alt GSR for Circle of Sisters reported that this was her first ever district meeting and she did not have a report at this time. The group is doing well.

Bernie read a report from Early Riser's newly appointed GSR, Sandy D.. Early Risers has strong attendance. They now have 3 meetings a week, Monday and Thursday at 930 am, and Saturday at 10 am. There are 3 birthdays this month. Winston – 1 year, Sandy D. – 14 years and Bobby H. - 38 years.

Blair A was present as District Treasurer.

Approval Of February Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Blair. Seconded by Amy. All in favour. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Secretary Report

Secretary position is currently vacant. As DCM, Bernie has assumed secretarial duties in the interim.

Treasurer Report – Blair A

Blair went over the financial report he had emailed to everyone. Blair still has 23 dollars from seventh tradition that hasn't been added yet, plus a cheque from Fall River Group. Also, Blair and Bernie endorsed a cheque for Blair for photocopying expenses.

Alt DCM Report – Alex was absent due to a family commitment.

DCM Report

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I attended the Assembly Committee meeting on February 15. They experienced technical difficulties and had to re-schedule for February 22, 2024. The zoom number and password is different so I emailed all that info to the GSRs. At that meeting, the committee chair requested that Districts 1 and 2 assist them with covering the cost of the catered lunch. That will be discussed further under new business.

I attended the Area 82 Active Committees Meeting. Only myself, the DCM for District 1, the Treatment chair, two GSRS, and Anne B, Area Chair, showed up. At the next Central Service meeting, I expressed my disappointment about the lack of attendance by committee chairs.

I was able to attend the Central Service meeting this month. Toby, the CSR for Sunrise Group mentioned to the Treatment Chair about the lack of big books at Detox. Gilles, our Treatment Chair, said he would see to it that they got more literature.

Our secretary has stepped down so there is currently a vacancy on this committee. As DCM, I have taken on the role of Secretary until a replacement is found. I have been making announcements at meetings and there is a notice in the newsletter. Although the secretary could be a GSR, he or she does not need to be a GSR. They would need a minimum 2 years sobriety, have a service sponsor, be actively working the 12 steps and should be able to keep clear detailed records. Under new business, we will have an election and we will do that each month until we find someone.

The spring assembly is coming up in May. There will be several items on the agenda submitted by various districts.

District 3 presented a motion concerning the election of Area Executives.

District 7 made a motion to limit the number of guideline changes per assembly.

The ad-hoc committee submitted a motion concerning the guidelines.

District 1 submitted a motion that the Area also have an alternate treasurer to avoid the difficulties we are now experiencing.

District 15 made a motion that Area 82 convene a special inventory meeting of officers and GSRS to discuss ways to ensure that the Assembly meetings are a safe space and that they are consistent with the principles and spirit of the AA program.

I have sent all these motions as well as the spring assembly agenda to you.

Some other items that you should be aware of, if you are not already. GSO is still looking for stories for 2 pamphlets AA For The native North American Alcoholic and Do You Think You're Different. The deadline for each of those is April 30, 2024. The address to send your submission to is posted in the newsletter.

Upcoming workshops: District 1 has a workshop this month on zoom on March 27th.

Michael had hoped to get Gerry W. To put that on but because of his health Tim. M. Will be presenting that workshop. The theme is The Role And Function of Conference. Zoom information for that is at the District 1 and 2 website.

District 2 has a workshop on April 14 which is on Service In treatment and is being presented by Gilles D. Our Treatment facilities chair. He will have a panel of speakers. Tea and coffee will be available and there will be cookies.

The workshop in May will be hosted by District 1.

The Area 82 Pre-Conference Assembly will be held on zoom on April 7, 2024. Zoom ID 879 4921 5112. All members are welcome and have a voice on all agenda items raised to help the Delegate prepare for the General Service Conference. I had emailed some material to the GSRS but there was some confusion as to whether or not that was material for the GSRs. It was a 540 page document which I mostly read. I did see one or two items which were items that Dwayne had highlighted and that was a CPC motion about creating a new pamphlet called AA And the Unhoused Person. I think that would be a great addition to our literature and if there are no objections from this committee, then I will let Dwayne know that we agree with him that it stay on the agenda for the 74th General Service Conference.

There was a second item under Corrections, a proposal to develop a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic which seemed necessary also. The reason it was suggested is because gender identity and expression is different from sexuality, and the unique barriers of transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, gender-fluid, and gender non-conforming alcoholics could be better addressed in a separate pamphlet.

The eastern YPAA summit will be on zoom on April 13, 2024. Information is at the website.

Bridgewater May day is May 18, 2024 at Holy Trinity Anglican Parish Hall – Home of the Action Group 78 Alexandra Avenue, Bridgewater,

Bernie S.
DCM District 2
Area 82

Approval of Reports

Motion to approve the reports by Peggy. Seconded by Amy. All in favour. Motion passed.

Visitors with District Related Business – None

Old Business

We briefly discussed the Spring assembly. GSRs were asked at the next business meetings of their groups to go over the agenda items that will be discussed at the assembly and we will go over those discussions at the next district meeting, so that everyone is on the same page.

New Business

1. Election for Secretary. No takers this month. Each month under old business we will re-visit this.
2. Fall assembly has requested that District 1 and 2 sponsor the luncheon for the Fall assembly. A proposal will be sent to the DCM for District 1 and District 2 outlining the details. Once Bernie receives the proposal he will email to all GSRs and we can discuss at the next meeting.

Just before the meeting ended, Lois from Circle of Sisters had a few questions about the responsibilities of a GSR as well as the purpose of the assembly. The DCM and Treasurer explained as best we could and also directed Lois to read the Service Manual, visit the AA website, talk to her sponsor, look into getting a service sponsor, etc. Blair passed on the GSR pamphlet and Bernie encouraged her to ask questions whenever she needed to.

Next meeting April 21, 2024 @2:00 pm
3rd Sunday of every month