

Minutes for District 22 Business Meeting: May 12, 2021

Zoom

*Open with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

*Introductions

*Welcome New GSR's, Committee Chairs and visitors

--Dialogue with Erica J Area 36 Groups Records Chair.

*Approve meeting minutes: April minutes approved

Officer Reports

• **Secretary – Monique L** – attended SMAA. Monique was present but experiencing technical difficulties. Note Monique attended SMAA sat in on the Corrections meeting all morning learned a lot about TCP , Bridging the Gap May 15th, and that most facilities will have volunteers get background checks again and PREA training again. National Corrections Meeting on Sundays zoom contact Area chair corrections for more info.

• **Treasurer – Eric J** – attended SMAA. Contributions down vs budget; billboard expense of \$3200 will cause all future reports to be off because it was not originally budgeted. Eric is sending thank you notes to the groups who are sending in contributions and will continue into the future

• **Alt. DCM – Michelle** – attended SMAA. Talk about Area Actions Book (recording of history 1981 – 2019) and redistricting

• **DCM – Thomas D** – attended SMAA. July meeting will include the GSO report by Area Delegate. Heard a lot of positive responses to the AA billboard. Rural areas did PSA's. Lots of conversation regarding return to live/hybrid meetings (there is no set standard for hybrid meeting and they are looking for best practices). AA will have presence at the State Fair. Plea for people to step up and consider being a chair for any of the open committees. At the Area level, there is talk about approving registration fees for some of the members at area events.

Guest Speaker: Group Records – Erica J – Erica called attendance and verified with each person whether they were registered or not with GSO. She is officially caught up with back log of emails. Erica is responsible for data entry and sending information to GSO. Communicates with DCM's and provides support. Thomas will send Erica the updated list of committee chair members.

Committee Reports

• **Archives – Kyle** – attended SMAA. Preparations under way for Gopher State Round-Up and Founder's Day. District 20 Archives Alive and open house this fall. Committee would like to collect Group history that can be added to area archives.

• **CPC – Jack** – not present. Looking for a new volunteer for this position as Jack is not able to make the meeting commitments.

• **Corrections – Patrick M** – Talked about supporting County Home School and Hennepin Work House as well as a resource for youth offenders

• **Group Records/Outreach – OPEN**

• **Literature – OPEN** – (Linda D is interested in chairing this committee). Area is trying to do a book mobile with AA literature

• **Website – Tom L.** – not present

• **Public Information – Nicky P** – not present

• **Special Needs/Accessibilities – OPEN**

• **Treatment Facilities – Kelli B** – Bridging the Gap set for May 15 on zoom

• **Grapevine – OPEN**

• **Newsletter – OPEN**

• **Finance – Eric J** – Discussion about proposed change to financial policy at June AA; suggesting members with area positions and committee chairs have their attendance fees paid for RUSC; process for sending in excess funds to GSO. Eric volunteered to help with the area budget.

Intergroup Liaison – Brian C – present – May Mirus is available, beginning in June, Intergroup office will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays until 7pm. Gratitude Night was a success with 165 zoom attendees and raised \$860. In Sept 2020, 363 meetings were flagged as closed on the Intergroup meeting website. In April 2021, 345 meetings were listed as closed. Important that your group meeting keeps intergroup office updated with meeting status. The website is only as good as the information they receive.

Old Business- Review billboard. Districts 21 & 7 are interested in using our vinyl billboard and flip it to the other side of its current location. Possibly the first two weeks in June.

New Business- We have sufficient funds to pay rent when we decide to meet in person. Asking everyone to consider what that looks like for each member. Mizpah is under new management. Name of church is now called 'Spirit of Peace Church'.

General Service Rep Sharing Session – Turning Point not meeting in person. Sahara Club is interested in going back to live meetings. Common Solutions is sticking with zoom. It Might Have Been Worse is conducting two separate meetings (zoom and inperson)

Anniversaries – Dan K had 18 years on April 21st; Thomas D had 5 years on April 25th, and Eric H had 6 years on May 5th---
Congratulations on your sober birthdays.

Events/Announcements June 19 Area Assembly 9-5

Close with Responsibility Statement

In Attendance: officers, And : Kyle A GSR B!@ and new Archives Chair for D22, Barb M – Alt GSR FXIX and Secretary for tonight, Connie GSR Common Solutions, Angelique GSR for IMBW, Eric H GV Happy Hour, Chad GSR T5, Dan K. GSR Sahara TH Men's, Linda D. GSR Turning Point, John B. GSR A New Freedom, Peg M. SLPSNG, Brian C. IG Liaison, Dani Alt GSR Common Solution