

District 6 Meeting January 8, 2023
Hosted by White Lake AA
5891 Lamos Rd, Whitehall, MI 49461

Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer 1:30 PM.

Introductions of those in attendance: Christian, Wietse, Laura, Sharon, Matt, JoAnn, Sue, Dan, Russ, Michelle

Traditions & Concepts 1 & 2 read by Laura

Minutes of November 13, 2022 read by Sharon. Russ moved to accept Laura 2nd. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report of 11/13/22 through 1/7/23 read by Russ L. Laura moved to accept Wietse 2nd. Motion approved.

Announcements

- Tiki Party 1/22/23 @ McGraft Park Community Building in Muskegon from noon-6PM, meat provided, bring a dish to pass, sponsored by Not Glum group.
- Women's Recovery Retreat 3/3/23-3/5/23 @ Camp Ao-Wa-Kiya west of Shelby.
- Michigan Mock Conference 3/25/23 @ Mount Pleasant
- New Meeting added Tuesdays at Journey Church 1937 Whitehall Rd in North Muskegon at 7:00 PM (as well as Saturdays at 7:00 PM)

Group Concerns

- A group from Holland is joining District 6 from District 3 (due to a conflict)
- Dan (GMAC) mentioned concern for lack of empathy in addressing people with different gender/race/religion. It was brought to his attention that the Preamble had been updated to reflect people instead of men/women. Laura J said the chairperson could close the meeting with the responsibility statement and the meeting doesn't have to end with a prayer. Sue H said how it works could be read gender neutral. Russ said the first 164 pages of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous have remained virtually unchanged but there could be changes coming as there is a 5th edition in the works.

Area 34 Report

- Nothing to report from December as Laura did not attend that meeting.
- 1/15/23 10:30AM next area meeting (Zoom option available) @ Pine Island in Grand Rapids. Group plans to meet and pass a budget (if you'd like to see the budget ahead of this meeting, ask Laura J to get you a copy). The area is not making much money to meet expenses.
- Area 34 is taking bids for the 2024 State conference. If you'd like to seek a location to host this convention, contact your delegate.

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

- North - nothing to report
- Central - nothing to report
- South - nothing to report

Committee Reports

- Archives - nothing to report
- Corrections - Laura reporting on behalf of Larry, prison meetings are happening, Ottawa county jail men's meetings are happening, trying to start women's jail meetings
- Grapevine - nothing to report
- PI/CPC - nothing to report
- Schedules - nothing to report
- Webmaster - Sue H reports that the site is active, mostly with people checking meeting schedules. Had about 37,000 hits in December. Add new Journey Church meeting
- Telephone Service - nothing to report
- Workshops - nothing to report

General Service Representatives (GSR) Reports

- White Lake/Wietse-Attendance increasing, meeting needs a chairperson & secretary
- Fruitport/Laura-Attendance steady & increasing
- GMAC SS@6/Matt-Attendance good
- Tricities Eyeopener/JoAnn-Attendance around 40 people, lots of court ordered & young people, who are connecting with one another & old timers. Some people are gradually coming back from Zoom only meetings to in person meetings
- WEST GH/Sue-Attendance increasing, from 3-4 people post covid, doing big book study
- GMAC GOM & Sunday Breakfast/Russ-Attendance steady & increasing
- Twin Lake/Christian-Attendance steady, around 10-12 people

Old Business

- District Workshop tentatively on steps 4/5/6, no update yet
- Open DCM South position, seeking willing nominees

New Business

- Sharing Session: Service Sponsor, a brief reading regarding this followed by open discussion. Some benefits of (service) sponsorship: duty, pleasure, gratitude, fill my cup. Stress the spiritual aspect of service, we need to give it away to keep it. Service is one of the 3 legacies. If someone in AA asks you to do something, you say yes.
- Registering a Group: If you want to register a group, contact Area 34 group registrar.

Close with the Responsibility Statement

I am responsible...When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, and for that, I am Responsible.

Meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM
PM

Next meeting at GMAC Henry/Hile 3/12/23 @ 1:30