

DISTRICT 11 MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2023

Regular meeting of the District 11 Board held at Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson. We opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Serenity Prayer. The following people were present:

Kathy M. District Chairperson
Kurt N. District Treasurer / GSR Monday 9AM Zoom / GSR Wed 7:30 PM Finlayson U M Church
Lee Ellen O. District Secretary
Marvel R. GSR Pine City Monday Night ORLC & Alternate District 11 DCM
Sharla W. GSR/District PI/PCP Chair
Renell P. GSR Mora Saturday Speaker Meeting/Absent
Gene F. GSR Saturday Morning 10 AM Willow River meeting
Bud R. GSR Tuesday Night 7PM Vision of Hope at Hope Lutheran Moose Lake

ANNOUNCEMENTS: - The Area 35 Fall Assembly will be on October 7th and 8th ,2023 in St. Cloud. Other announcement can be found on the District Web Site under the EVENTS tab, and in your Northern Light Area 35 Newsletter. Please contact your District Secretary to have them shared in our Meeting Minutes and on our website notes.

CONCEPT 10 WAS PRESENTED BY Bud R.

OFFICERS REPORTS.

DCM- See attached report

Secretary- September meeting minutes were approved as presented by a motion from Bud, second from Gene and all in favor. District meeting directories have been reprinted. Please text or call **218 380-0110** to let me know of any changes to the present meetings as they are presently printed, so that new information is available for the next printing. Upcoming events were noted and will be listed on our webpage.

Treasurer- The Treasurer report was reviewed and approved with a motion by Lee Ellen, seconded by Bud and unanimously approved by all.

TOTAL BALANCE in checkbook as of 10/03/23 after expenses \$727.87

Kathy M., our DCM requested \$125.00 pre-funding to attend the Fall Assembly. We approved the funding and she will provide her hotel receipt along with her reimbursement request after the Assembly.

Contributions to District 11 should be made payable to "District 11" and mailed to:

KURT NYGREN

6351 H.C. ANDERSEN ALLE

ASKOV, MN 55704

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE YOUR GROUP NAME AND NUMBER WHEN SENDING IN DONATIONS.
ZOOM MEETINGS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER THEIR GROUP WITH THE GSO AND GET A BANK ACCOUNT SO THAT THEY CAN RECEIVE AND MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO AA AS THEY DID WITH FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS.**

Contact Vicki R. if you have any questions about registration with GSO.

Power of the Purse – Tradition 7

“Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

All upcoming events can be found online on the district web page <https://district11online.org>. They are under the District tab in events and/or meetings. The district officers and GSRs will once again be hosting a tailgate picnic in October. We will provide a hot dogs and sides for supper prior to the Ogilvie Thursday night meeting on **OCTOBER 12TH**. All are welcome to join in the fun prior to the Ogilvie regular AA meeting.

We will also help to provide food for the Round Robin in Brunswick on Tuesday evening October 17th at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

GSR REPORTS

Marvel R. Pine City Monday Night Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 7:30 PM Step and Big Book Study. We gave out 4 Medallions in October. Those medallions were for a 9 month, 3 years, 6 years and 20 years of continuous sobriety. Congratulations to all who received those medallions. This meeting has a turn out of several people in service as sponsors, act as meeting chairs and who run meetings at the Pine County Jail. They represent decades of combined sobriety. Their contributions include being able to financially support the GSR in attending the AA Assemblies and workshops. Attendance at the meeting averages 15 – 20.

Kurt N. Finlayson Wednesday Night Meeting based on topics from conference approved literature. Attendance is low, but new people have shown up weekly. Things are looking up. No medallion was given in October. Financially able to sent in contributions to our Service entities.

Monday Morning Sunrise Big Book Study 9AM Zoom. Regular attendance 4 to 6. We read one paragraph at a time and discuss as we find we need to. This meeting has been in existence since Covid and welcomes those who feel the need to practice distancing or just want to be able to go to a meeting in their pajamas.

Gene F. Saturday Morning Open Meeting at Willow River Presbyterian Church. Regular attendance is 15 to 20 people. Topic based on As Bill Sees It. New members are showing up weekly. Great discussions and strong AA leadership. No medallions given this October.

Renell P. Mora Library Open Speaker Meeting 1st Saturday of the Month at 6PM. We have AA and Alanon speakers at 6:45 preceded by a potluck supper at 6:00. NO REPORT

Gary H. Quamba City Hall Monday 8PM Big Book Step and Tradition. Attendance holding at 5. One member going to Pine City Jail and Rush City Prison to volunteer. Newcomers are always welcome!

Sharla W. Saturday Serenity 10:30 AM AA at Sandstone City Hall. Big Book, Step, Tradition, Grapevine No medallions this month. 6 to 8 people attending. Great readings and discussions.

Sunday Night Amethyst Group 7PM Sandstone City Hall Big Book, Step, Tradition, Living Sober

We have had great discussions on the literature. We welcome all newcomers and new members.

Sober Bowling continues throughout the winter months as usual on the 3rd Friday of the month. Join us, bowling is \$12 for 3 games or come play cards and enjoy fellowship outside of meeting.

Bud R. Tuesday Night Vision of Hope at 7PM in Moose Lake Hope Lutheran Church. This is a basket topic meeting. Attendance is steady from 8 – 10.

ACTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Corrections: Gary H. Chairperson. There is a new volunteer in Pine County Jail. All jails and prisons have opened except Kanabec, who are interested in starting to Zoom their meetings. Volunteers are needed to run a 1-hour AA meeting 1 night a month at the prisons. Please call Gary H. for details about prison volunteering. It is just as rewarding for those we carry the message to as it is rewarding for us to share the message with those in need. Rush City Prison has had a few volunteers, but there is so a vital need for new volunteers in all correctional facilities. MSOP in Moose Lake also needs volunteers, who would be sharing duties with 4 other volunteers for a Saturday AM meeting.

Public Information/CPC: Sharla W. Sharla has found information on QR codes for our District. We will obtain a QR code to be used on our District Materials.

Treatment: Dianna absent, no report.

DISTRICT 11 IS IN NEED OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

Grapevine/Literature: No committee

NEW BUSINESS

The following items were addressed:

- (a) October 12th we will tailgate at the Ogilvie
- (b) October 17th we will help Brunswick meeting with the food for their Round Robin.
- (c) We reviewed the resumes of the Area 35 Delegate nominees in order to be prepared for the Assembly vote.
- (d) We reviewed the items on the Agenda for the Fall Assembly also.
- (e) GSRs information will be put on our website when they provide their contact information to the District Secretary. Officer information has been updated with the latest names and numbers.
- (f) Update on website and downloads (see above).

OLD BUSINESS

- (a) We need to create a Tailgate Calendar and a person to take control of it, so that District 11 meeting chairs have someone to contact to request a tailgate.
- (b) Tailgate on Sept. 1st at Moose Lake speaker meeting was a huge success and fun for all attending. We need to create a structure for reimbursement.
- (c) ? to present Concept 10.
- (d) Plain and simple language Step translation was abandoned from the upcoming Fall Assembly Agenda.
- (e) We discussed ways to help struggling meetings in our District. It was decided that we would invite them to our District Meeting to see how our meetings are run, followed by input from our GSRs and Officers as to their personal experience with struggling groups.

- (f) We still need to add committee members and GSRs to the web site. The District Secretary will do this following the November board elections.
- (g) We have several GSR's and Officers who will be attending the October 7th Area 35 Fall Assembly in St. Cloud.

Meeting closed at 8:04 PM with the Responsibility Statement and the Declaration of Unity.

Yours in Service,

Lee Ellen O.
District 11 Secretary