

# DISTRICT 11 MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 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 /ABSENT  
Lee Ellen O. District Secretary ABSENT  
Marvel R. GSR Pine City Monday Night ORLC & Alternate District 11 DCM/ABSENT  
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 COMMITTEE MEETING December 3, 2023 in Aitkin, MN Area 35 Service Workshop is in St. Cloud, MN on January 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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 group events shared in our Meeting Minutes and on our website notes.

**CONCEPT 11 WAS PRESENTED BY Gary H.**

## **OFFICERS REPORTS.**

**DCM-** See attached report

**Secretary-** September meeting minutes were approved as presented by a motion from Bud, second from Gary 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 from Gene, seconded by Gary and unanimously approved by all.

**TOTAL BALANCE in checkbook as of 11/7/23 after expenses \$982.87**

**There is an outstanding expense of \$150.00 which will reduce the balance. Income from group contributions between 10/5/24 and today was \$255.00.**

**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>, or, as presented above in the Secretary Report. They are under the District tab in events and/or meetings.

### **GSR REPORTS**

**Marvel R.** Pine City Monday Night Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 7:30 PM Step and Big Book Study. We gave out 3 Medallions in November. Those medallions were for 16 years, 2 years and 9 years of continuous sobriety. Congratulations to all who received those medallions. This meeting has a constant attendance of 15 to 20 people. Several people are in service as sponsors, act as meeting chairs and who run meetings at the Pine County Jail. Their contributions include being able to financially support the GSR in attending the AA Assemblies and workshops. GSR Marvel was financially supported in her attendance of the Fall Assembly and is grateful to this group.

**Kurt N.** Finlayson Wednesday Night Meeting/ABSENT

Monday Morning Sunrise Big Book Study 9AM Zoom/ABSENT. 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. A 28yr medallion was given in November.

**Renell P.** Mora Library Open Speaker Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month at 6PM. We have AA and Alanon speakers at 6:45 preceded by a potluck supper at 6:00/ABSENT

**Gary H.** Quamba City Hall Monday 8PM Big Book Step and Tradition. Attendance holding at 5 to 6. We presented 3 members with medallions. 2yrs, 7yrs and 36 years! 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, followed by fellowship at a local restaurant.

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. We gave out a 20yr medallion in November. **Sober Bowling continues throughout the winter months as usual on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. There is a Corrections Workshop to be held in Foley, MN on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 3:00 PM.

Public Information/CPC: Sharla W. Sharla has found information on QR codes for our District, but hasn't finalized any plan. Hasn't met with any Dr.'s due to the current Covid issues.

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) We will postpone any Tailgating and revisit the scheduling in January 2024.
- (b) Nominations and Voting for District officers are as follows: Kurt N. - Secretary, Bud R. – Treasurer, Alt DCM and Alt Secretary – Marvel and DCM - Kathy M.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Area voting was done oat the Fall Assembly and our Vicki R. will be the new Area Chair in 2024-25! Congratulations VICKI R.
- (e) We discussed our District groups presentation for the January 13<sup>th</sup> Area Service Workshop.
- (f) Sharla will present Concept 12 at the December meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- (a) The Tailgate on October 12<sup>th</sup> at Ogilvie was wonderful, had good attendance and their meeting following our tailgate was much appreciated by our District Officers.
- (b) We still need to add committee members and GSRs to the web site. The Secretary has not completed that task yet.

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

Yours in Service,

Lee Ellen O.  
District 11 Secretary