

# DISTRICT 11 MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2023

This Meeting was held at the Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson. We opened the meeting at 7:00 with the Serenity Prayer. The following people were present:

Present: Vicki R. DCM/ABSENT  
Kurt N. Dist. Treasurer / GSR Monday 9AM Zoom / GSR Wednesday 7:30 PM Finlayson  
United Methodist Church  
Lee Ellen O. District Secretary / GSR Saturday What's the Point Zoom/ABSENT  
Sharla W. GSR Saturday Serenity 10:30 / Sunday Amethyst 7:00 Sandstone  
Gary H. GSR Quamba Monday Night City Hall  
Marvel R. GSR Pine City Monday Night ORLC and Alternate Dist. DCM  
Joe K. GSR Friday Happy Joyous and Free, Holy Angels ML/ABSENT  
Gene F. GSR Saturday Morning Willow River Open Meeting  
Renell P. GSR 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Mo. Open Speaker Meeting Mora Public Library/ABSENT  
Kathy M. GSR Ogilvie Thursday Evening 8:00 PM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** - Announcement can be found on the District Web Site under the EVENTS tab.

**NEXT DISTRICT 11 COMMITTEE MEETING** – March 6, 2023, 7 PM at Peace Lutheran Church, MN.

**COMING SOON TO A DISTRICT NEAR YOU** If you have activities, social or AA Meeting related, please contact your District Secretary to have them shared in our Meeting Minutes and on our website.

**CONCEPT 2 WAS PRESENTED BY SHARLA**

## **OFFICERS REPORTS**

**DCM** – In order to facilitate a group discussion on the General Service Conference agenda items, we will send out the password to the link to those agenda items being discussed. We are also hosting a discussion group prior to the Area Spring Conference on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:00 at Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson. We will be serving appetizers and bars.

Area 35 Spring Assembly – April 1-2, 2023, in Alexandria MN. Rooms are \$129.00 at Holiday Inn.

**Secretary – Tabled.** January minutes were not available for approval. District meeting directories available. Please text or call **218 380-0110** to arrange for delivery of them for you to hand out. Upcoming events were noted and will be listed on our webpage.

**Treasurer-** The January Treasurer report was reviewed and approved. Annual meeting room rent and annual webmaster payments were approved for disbursement.

**TOTAL BALANCE in checkbook as of 02/07/2023 after expenses \$837.97**

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 CONTRIBUTIONS.**

**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.

### **GSR REPORTS**

**Gary H.** Quamba City Hall Monday 8 PM Quamba Big Book, Step and Tradition. Our meetings have had reduced attendance due to the extreme weather. No medallions this month. 2 members doing jail meetings.

**Marvel R.** Pine City Monday Night Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Step, Big Book. Monday 7:30 PM Open meeting. Regular attendance 15 - 20. We gave a 2yr. medallion last month. Great discussions.

**Sharla W.** Sunday Amethyst AA Sandstone City Hall 7PM Big Book, Step and Tradition and Living Sober. We gave out an 18 mo., 2yr., 5yr. and a 7yr medallion. At 6 PM those who wish meet early get together to study a step before the regular meeting. Bring a notebook. We read the 1<sup>st</sup> step and had great discussions and participation at our 7 PM meeting. **Our monthly Sober Bowling was on January 20<sup>th</sup> at Sandstone Bowling Alley at 7PM. It is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month and the cost is \$12 for the evening including shoes. If you don't bowl, cards are played too. 10-12 people attending. New people attending weekly.**

Saturday Serenity at Sandstone City Hall 10:30 AM. Big Book, Grapevine and Step meeting. Average attendance is 12 to 15 people. Great topics from our AA books and discussions following. We gave 3mo, 9 mo., and 3 yr. medallions this month. After our meeting we go for dinner or coffee at a local café.

### **YOUNG VIKINGS GROUP ON SUNDAY NIGHT AT HOPE LUTHERAN IS CLOSED**

**Lee Ellen O.** What's the Point Saturday AA Zoom Meeting at 9AM. As Bill Sees It. On line Zoom

**Kurt N.** Sunrise Big Book Study Monday morning 9AM Zoom Meeting. Active members include people from Woodbury, Mahtomedi, Askov, Sturgeon Lake, Sandstone and other various suburbs of the Twin Cities. Attendance steady at 6 to 8. This is a paragraph-by-paragraph study of the Big Book of AA. We had our first group conscience this month.

Wednesday Finlayson 7:30 PM Meeting based on topics from conference approved literature.

Attendance is low, no one to keep meeting open so meeting fate is in doubt.

**Joe K.** Happy Joyous and Free Friday Night 7 PM at Holy Angels Church ML Speaker Meeting. We have speakers scheduled through April of 2023. If you wish to speak, please contact **Veronica at 218 485-1606**

**Gene F.** Saturday Morning Open Meeting at Willow River Presbyterian Church. Regular attendance of 10 to 16 people. Topic based on As Bill Sees It.

**Renell P.** Mora Library Open Speaker Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month at 6PM. **Katharine M.**

Thursday Evening 8PM Ogilvie, MN Town Hall. Step, Tradition, Big Book. We have fellowship cribbage at 7:00 PM. a 12 yr. and 15 yr. medallion were given out. In March we will be hosting the Round Robin.

### **ACTION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Corrections: Gary H. Chairperson. 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 bring the message to those in need.

Grapevine/Literature: No committee

Structure/Archives: No committee

Public Information/Cooperation with Professionals: No committee

Treatment: There was interest from several members of the Pine City group for this as well.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- (a) Both PI – Nils and CPC – Greg, Grapevine- Mike- have offered to visit any district to offer support and/or answer questions about Law Enforcement, Probation or Businesses. We agreed to wait until after the Spring Assembly.
- (b) Willow River Saturday Morning Group is interested in having us host their meeting in the spring.
- (c) District fiscal policy/TABLED
- (d) Informed Group Conscience and Group Inventory Worksheets will be posted on our website to bring to groups for discussion. GSRs should encourage the use of these important tools.
- (e) The DCM will be visiting all groups to get updated group contact information and encourage groups to send GSRs to District meetings.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Kathy M. was elected District 11 DCM to replace Vicki R. who is now the Area Treasurer.
- (b) CONCEPT 3 to be presented by Kurt N.spell
- (c) Inventory of District – DCM – an outline of responsibilities and space for comments was tabled until after the agenda items.
- (d) It was suggested that we include a QR code on our district business cards that will bring us directly to our website. We will bring this up for consideration.

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement and the Declaration of Unity.

Yours in Service,

Lee Ellen O.  
District 11 Secretary