

DISTRICT 11 MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 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:

Kathy M. District Chairperson

Kurt N. District Treasurer / GSR Monday 9AM Zoom / GSR Wednesday 7:30 PM Finlayson
United Methodist Church

Lee Ellen O. District Secretary

Sharla W. GSR Saturday Serenity 10:30 / Sunday Amethyst 7:00 Sandstone

Marvel R. GSR Pine City Monday Night ORLC

Gene F. GSR Saturday Morning Willow River Open Meeting

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

NEXT DISTRICT 11 COMMITTEE MEETING – May 13th, 2023, 9AM at 1st United Presbyterian in Willow River, along with a full breakfast served by the district officers. All are welcome.

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 notes.

CONCEPT 4 WAS PRESENTED BY MARVEL

OFFICERS REPORTS.

DCM – Kathy read her speech that she presented to the area Spring Assembly. You will find a copy of it in the notes section of the meeting minutes. She is still trying to attend meetings in our District with a 7th tradition flyer to discuss the importance of self-supporting contributions. Weather has impeded her attempts so far.

Secretary – March minutes were approved with a correction to the meeting date. March 7th not 6th. 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 February Treasurer report was reviewed and approved. Annual meeting room rent and annual webmaster payments were disbursed along with the WCRAA expenses.

TOTAL BALANCE in checkbook as of 03/06/2023 after expenses \$618.08

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

Marvel R. Pine City Monday Night Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Step, Big Book. Monday 7:30 PM Open meeting. Excellent attendance 20 -25. 1 medallion in April – 10 years. There was great discussion and sharing. This month we took 2 weeks to read and discuss Step 4. Our meeting was able to contribute \$250.00 to the District this month and will look at contributing to all 3 regular entities next month. My group sent me to the Spring Assembly as their GSR representative, which I enjoyed immensely. I brought reported back to them at our regular business meeting.

Sharla W. Sunday Amethyst AA Sandstone City Hall 7PM Big Book, Step and Tradition and Living Sober. 0 medallions this month. At 6 PM those who wish meet early get together to study a step before the regular meeting. Bring a notebook. We read INTO ACTION and the 4th Step and had great discussions and participation at our 7 PM meeting

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, 6 mo., and 3 yr. medallions this month. Our monthly Sober Bowling w at Sandstone Bowling Alley at 7PM. It is on the 3rd 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. After our meeting we go for dinner or coffee at a local at Whitneys café.

YOUNG VIKINGS GROUP ON SUNDAY NIGHT AT HOPE LUTHERAN IS CLOSED and there is no MONDAY NIGHT MEETING AT HOPE LUTHERAN IN MOOSE LAKE.

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

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. We have had 7th tradition contributions from zoom members toward district and zoom fees.

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. We gave a 1 yr. and 26 yr. medallion in April. Topic based on As Bill Sees It.

Renell P. Mora Library Open Speaker Meeting 1st Saturday of the Month at 6PM.

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 bring the message to those in need.

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

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) We talked about utilizing our area officers and chairs to present at district meetings
- (b) District fiscal policy will be discussed at the June 6th district meeting.
- (c) 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 providing 7th Tradition pamphlet and discussing the importance of this tradition.

NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Kathy M will create a group text to see who can attend area meetings with her.
- (b) Concept 5 to presented by
- (c) QR code will be added to our business card
- (d) We need to figure out how to add documents to our website. (Informed group conscience)
- (e) Marvel nominated Sharla W. as Public Information Rep for our District. She was unanimously approved and will begin that position immediately.

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

Yours in Service,

Lee Ellen O.
District 11 Secretary