

# DISTRICT 11 MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2023

Regular meeting of the district 11 Board held at Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson. We opened the meeting at 7:10PM 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  
Gary H. GSR/Dist. Corrections Committee 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  
Vicki R. Area Treasurer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** - Announcement can be found on the District Web Site under the EVENTS tab, and in your Northern Light Area 35 Newsletter.

**NEXT DISTRICT 11 COMMITTEE MEETING** – September 5, 2023 at 7PM in Finlayson at Peace Lutheran Church.

**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 8 WAS PRESENTED BY Gene F.**

## **OFFICERS REPORTS.**

### **DCM**

**Secretary** – August 1st minutes were approved as presented. 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 Sharla, seconded by Gene. and unanimously approved by all.

**TOTAL BALANCE in checkbook as of 07/11/23 after expenses \$1,139.47**

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**

**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, 7:30 PM Step and Big Book Study. Absent, no report

**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. A 14yr. medallion was given.

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.

**Gene F.** Saturday Morning Open Meeting at Willow River Presbyterian Church. Regular attendance of 15 is the average number of people in attendance. Topic based on As Bill Sees It. New members are showing up weekly. Great discussions and strong AA leadership. Medallions given this month, 1 yr. and 41 yr.

**Renell P.** Mora Library Open Speaker Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month at 6PM. We have AA and Alanon speakers preceded by delicious pot luck suppers. Absent, 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. We had 2 newcomers in July.

**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. We go to local café for more fellowship following the meeting.

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

A 2yr medallion was given this month. We have had great discussions on the literature. 2 new people have started in the last month. Sober Bowling continues throughout the summer months as usual on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Join us for bowling or cards.

### **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. Rush City has not had an AA member show up regularly, so there is a vital need for new volunteers

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.

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

Grapevine/Literature: No committee

Structure/Archives: No committee

Treatment: There is still an interest from several members of the Pine City group for this.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The following issues were addressed:

- (a) Tailgate set for Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at the Moose Lake speaker meeting 6:15 PM.
- (b) How to handle food for that amount of people. 25
- (c) Presenter of Concept 9 at next District Meeting
- (d) Need GSR's at the ACM or online to vote on the 12x12 motion and the Plain and Simple translation of the Steps.
- (e) Discuss ways to help meetings that are struggling with attendance and paying for their meeting place. See (d) in New Business below.
- (f) Update District Website with Officers see (e) in New Business.
- (g) Update on website and downloads see (e).
- (h) Update about trip to West Central Regional Forum. See DCM report,

**NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Kathy needs help for the September 1<sup>st</sup> tailgate party at Happy, Joyous and Free in Moose Lake.
- (b) Discussed tailgating at different meetings in our District and providing food prior to their meeting. Discussion was in agreement for this to continue after our Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> one in Moose Lake. Our District members will provide potluck and grill meat. Reimbursement will come from any donation given by those AA's attending, with the balance after reimbursement going to the meeting we will attend after the tailgate.
- (c) ? to present Concept 9.
- (d) Discussion as to the need to help a local meeting who are struggling with membership on meeting format. District officers volunteered to co-run a meeting and provide guidance on meeting protocol for one night.
- (e) We still need to add committee members and Alternate DCM to the Web site. Kurt will talk to Tyler and learn how to add information, brochures and flyers to our District Web page.

Meeting closed at 8:15 PM with the Responsibility Statement and the Declaration of Unity.

Yours in Service,

Lee Ellen O.  
District 11 Secretary