

DISTRICT 11 MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 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
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
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: - 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 9 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 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 09/05/23 after expenses \$1339.47

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 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 one again be hosting a tailgate picnic in October. We will provide a full grilled meat, and sides 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.

GSR REPORTS

Marvel R. Pine City Monday Night Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 7:30 PM Step and Big Book Study. 8, yes, EIGHT!!!! Medallions were given in September. Those medallions represented a total of 75 years of sobriety. Congratulations to all who received those medallions. The group as a whole have several people in service, who run meetings at the Pine County Jail. 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 September.

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 is 15 to 20 people. Topic based on As Bill Sees It. New members are showing up weekly. Great discussions and strong AA leadership. Medallions given this month to 2 members, for 1 yr. and 12yrs. of solid sobriety.

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.

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. 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

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 for bowling or cards.

Bud R. Tuesday Night Vision of Hope at 7PM in Moose Lake Hope Lutheran Church. 1 38 yr medallion was given in September. Basket topic meeting.

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 has not had an AA member show up regularly, so there is a

vital need for new volunteers. 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

Structure/Archives: No committee

OLD BUSINESS

The following items were addressed:

- (a) Tailgate picnic at Holy Angels Happy Joyous and Free was a huge success. We served and had fellowship with 30 people.
- (b) We discussed and agreed to continue tailgating at a regular meeting in our district for the next few months.
- (c) Update District Website with Officers. Kurt will follow thru with previous plans.
- (d) Update on website and downloads (see above).

NEW BUSINESS

- (a) 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. 1st 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 host group after the tailgate.
- (b) Bud R. to present Concept 10.
- (c) 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. We decided that it would be more beneficial to have a member attend our district meeting to observe the protocol and format we use.
- (d) 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, and pass the information on to Lee Ellen, who will update the Alternate DCM after the Election Up
- (e) We have several GSR's and Officers who will be attending the October 7th Area 35 Fall Assembly in St. Cloud.

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

Yours in Service,

Lee Ellen O.
District 11 Secretary