

District 3 Monthly meeting minutes, May 2008

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

- DCM report-**
- Four people in attendance in Stephenville's Area assembly.
 - A pamphlet was passed around about emotional sobriety and a CD that is available..
 - Area ^{alternate} web-site chair is vacant.
 - They advised the 7th tradition basket is for money only.
 - Options are needed for court slips if they aren't going in the 7th tradition basket
 - It was suggested to go to the Area 34 web-site and read District 51 - 459 on how to solve your district problems.

Secretary- read and made changes where needed minutes accepted

Treasurer's report- read and accepted

Answering service- 14 calls 1 patched, Lynn D. called the Michigan Message Center (MMC) for options about our bill there is an info packet available on line for \$9.99 a month.

Grapevine- nothing new to report

Corrections- Lt. Barr was contacted saying having less than over 5 years for a misdemeanor and 10 years for a felony is not going to be flexible when trying to ^{get} approved to go to the jail meetings. There are woman's meetings in the jail. It was recognized that you couldn't really have meetings in the jail when there isn't much interest.

- The 70X7 ministries at Ridge Point church are working in ^{addition} ~~addiction~~ along with their regular meetings to have prisoner re-entry meetings; they want to get the Mental Health facilities and the probation courts along with Michigan Works together to work on a plan.
- A motion was made and passed to talk to Lt. Barr asking that Don J be the go to person for A.A. with 70X7 for clarification.

Web site- Up dates from last month changed, continuing to work with South Haven for schedule updates.

Public Information- A group met for an hour, they discussed P.I. info because our local groups and population don't understand what we do or how we do it.

- It was discussed that the focus should be inward on what Public Information is about.
- They split up and took certain meetings to collect correct contact info, and review the process for money going to New York then giving a report for same.
- There was a question about having the Holland Group set up with an intro to AA meeting. Steve and Linda (they ran this in the past) said they were willing to come in and explain the process, again it's noted how hard it is to implement with out volunteers.

Old Business: Topics on the Area Assembly for June 15th motions made and passed for the following:

- More money needed for food- 640.00 total
- 8 people needed for break down
- Rick and Sam will set up
- Terri and David will be greeters
- Warren has the kitchen help covered
- Please try and bring at least two new people (share the love)

New Business:

- State convention pins were passed out to purchase.
- there was discussion on who can vote; our delegate stated the only time there is a restriction is during elections.
- Rob L was in attendance for the first time, he is the alternate GSR for the Holland ^{North} Group.
- The lack of interest in the grapevine was mentioned maybe due to the cost or lack of service reps.
- Terri T. had to resign as your District Secretary.
Thank-you, I am grateful for the privilege of service work.
- District Secretary position is vacant.

Closed meeting

In attendance:

Terri T.
David T. ~ GSR 12 at 12 and district website
Rick R. ~ District Grapevine rep Holland
Laurie A.
Collette S. ~ GSR Saugatuck Sunday Group 12 at 12
Richard G. ~ GSR Douglas Friday night Group
Katie O. ~ Glenn
Michael H.
Warren E. ~ Alt GSR Continue to Continue Group
Rob L. ~ Alt GSR Holland Group
Lynn D. ~ GSR Holland Group District answering service
Kurt B. ~ GSR Zeeland Friday Group District treasurer
Richard A. ~ Stepping Stones group
Victor Z. ~ Stepping Stones group
Sam W. ~ GSR Wednesday All Saints noon Saugatuck
John B. ~ GSR Douglas Continue to Continue
Fred S. ~ Stepping Stones group South Haven
Gene O. ~ DCM District
Linda M. ~ Alt. DCM Holland Group
Don T. ~ GSR Hamilton Group