

District 3 Monthly meeting minutes, October 2008 (10-6-08)

Prepared by Don J. substitute secretary. Attendance was not officially taken.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer (6:00 PM).

Meeting opened and closed by Don J., the elections (rest of the meeting) were conducted by Gene O.

Only the following posts were to be elected:

- DCM
- Alternate DCM
- LCM (2)
- Secretary

Discussion was opened for elections (length of term):

- Rick R. gave reasons for the election times being staggered.
- David T. gave reasons to hold the elections in February (09).
- Tom M. suggested that we go ahead with today's scheduled elections.
- David T. discussed using the LCM (2) as alternate DCM.

Motion by David T: To have no alternate DCM, but to have LCM (2) serve as alternates.

- 2nd by Kurt B.
- Discussed
- Vote, (ayes) Motion passed.

Motion by Linda M: To change the third legacy procedure (voting) to "Hand Raising" for The Elections only.

- 2nd by David T.
- Discussed
- Vote, (ayes) Motion passed.

Elections for DCM:

- Nominated Linda M., and accepted by Linda M. (no others nominated).
- Majority raise of hands.
- Linda M. is the new District 3 DCM.

Nominations for LCM North:

- Nominated Rick R. (accepted).
 - Nominated David T. (declined).
 - Vote (hands) for Rick R. (won).
 - Rick R. is the new LCM North.
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Nominations for LCM South:

- Victor Z. nominated Fred S. (accepted).
- No other nominations.
- Vote (hands) for Fred S. (won).
- Fred S. is the new LCM South.

Nominations for Alternate LCM North:

- Nominated David T. (accepted).
- Nominated Don J. (declined).
- Vote (hands) for David T. (won).
- David T. is the new LCM North.

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Nominations for Alternate LCM South:

- Nominated Victor Z. (accepted).
- No other nominations.
- Vote (hands) for Victor Z. (won).
- Victor Z. is the new Alternate LCM South.

Nominations for Secretary:

- David T. nominates Molly M. (accepted).
- No other nominations.
- Vote (hands) for Molly M. (won).
- Molly M. is the new Secretary.

Elections for 2008 are over:

Special Thanks given to Gene O. for serving as our districts past DCM.

Discussion on the newly made "Beginners Packets" (400 were made as a group project).

Discussion on "Big Books" and "Beginners Packets" for the Fillmore Correctional Facility.

Report on Area 34 (held in Traverse City on 9-21-08) was given by Gene O.

- A GSR orientation was given with the theme "Service is not a secret it is a tool".
- District 13 (Traverse City) but in a bid for the 2010 State Convention.
- ~~3rd legacy to elect Mike Y. as Area Trustee.~~ MAKE 4 AREA 34 (SEE NOMIN @
- Next area meeting is to be held at Le Roy on 10-19-08.

Treasures Report was given by Kurt B.

- Linda moved to accept the report.
- 2nd by Sam W.
- Voted and passed.

Secretaries Report was given by Linda M. in lieu of Warrens absence.

- Moved to accept by Linda M.
- 2nd by Graham R.
- Voted and passed.

Discussion by Gene O. on how donations were being sent to our district.

No Answering Service Report this month.

PI (Public Information) Report was given by Tom M.

- PI had 12 Big Books sent from the publisher to the Fillmore Jail.
- PI is sending some literature to the local churches.
- Tom M. spoke for one hour at Hope College about alcoholism.
- PI wants to order \$50 of Spanish Literature.
- PI wants the 12 and 12 group to allocate \$200 for 400 more Beginners Packets.
- Tom M. comments on the use on non-AA literature, and on all groups receiving some literature about specific group procedures.
- Discussion about the MRC landlord and how he can use non-AA literature because he is the landlord. Although, Holland AA North rents (pays) for the room.
- Discussion about the confusion of the court sent being exposed to non-AA literature (non-conference approved literature).
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- Discussion on group-conscious concerns such as Hazelden literature and the Lord's Prayer.
- Question on the number of Spanish Big Books needed. 20 to 25 yes.
- Kurt B. is taking (about 50) Beginners Packets with him into the Fillmore Jail.

Corrections Report by Don J.:

- August/September phone conversations with Vern P. (AA and the 70x70) lead to Vern's request for Big Books, Beginners Packets, and for pocket sized Big Books (the first 164 pages) that could be fit inside the Beginners Packets.
- Keeping correspondence and communication with those that are detained.
- Kurt B. added that the first two AA meetings at the jail went well! Also, more volunteers are needed Thursdays at 8:00 PM.

Special Needs Report by Linda M.

- Comment on area nursing homes
- Holland AA trying to get a daycare started (39th Street) so that women with children can attend meetings.

Grapevine Report by Rick R.

- This months cover "Sober after 60".
- Good articles, one while drinking the former bartender recovers, and the other about how we are forced to attend meetings.
- Rick R. mentioned how some groups donate Grapevine subscriptions to "Chester Ray" and to "Harbor House".
- The Grapevine is available free online.

Comments on the Area 34 directories, the current 2008 edition:

- Linda M. asked if anyone wanted them.
- They have to be picked up at area by Linda M.

Motion by Tom M. for PI to receive \$200 in funds from the 12 and 12 group.

- 2nd by _____
- Voted and Passed.

Question, Linda M. asks about information on the districts system for reimbursement concerning the DCM.

Motion by David T. to fund the DCM monthly area traveling expense with a 45 cents/mile payment plan.

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- 2nd by Sam W.
 - Discussion on the district paying the DCM 45 cents/mile and the extra money going back into the basket.
 - Rick R. is opposed to the payment of 45 cents/mile.
 - Voted 9 to 7 and the motion lost (did not pass).

Motion not clear on who made the motion. It could have been Rick R. he did comment on how we used to pay the DCM for traveling with a gas and hotel receipt.

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- David T. commented on wanting the travel expense up-front.
 - 2nd by _____
 - Voted and passed.

Linda M. (DCM) wants us to think about whether we should have a "District Chair" position, or not.

Motion to Adjourn by Kurt B.

- 2nd by all.
- Voted and passed.
- Meeting adjourned.

Un-Official Attendance:

Gene O.	Linda M.	Katie O.	Tom M.
Victor Z.	Graham R.	Rick R.	Molly M.
Collette S.	David T.	Don J.	Richard G.
Kurt B.	Sam W.	Jim K.	Michael H.