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DISTRICT 8 MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00 PM by DCM (Kyle T.)

Non-AA / Non-District Announcements

- Kasi is looking for Groups to host in the hospitality room at the Cedar River Round-up this year.

The Serenity Prayer

Welcome New GSRs / Alt GSRs

- N/A

The Agenda

- Angie moves to approve the Agenda
 - ✓ Motion seconded by Wes
 - ✓ Motion adopted

OFFICER REPORTS

Secretary – Todd H. (secretary@aa-cedarrapids.org)

- Linn M. moves to approve the Secretary Report
 - ✓ Motion seconded by Valerie
 - ✓ Motion adopted

Greetings District 8!!

Thank you again to Brett for filling in for me last month! I received the email addresses for the new GSRs from Kyle T and the mailing address of Valerie F, so I will get them added to our contact list. Please let me know if anyone is wanting to receive meeting minutes and other communication and I will get them added as well. Looking forward to serving this term!!

Yours in Love and Service,
Todd

Treasurer – Troy F. (treasurer@aa-cedarrapids.org)

- Treasurer Report attached
- Wes moves to approve the Treasure Report
 - ✓ Motion seconded by Linn M.
 - ✓ Motion adopted

Hello,

Here is my report for the month of January, 2023... Good evening District 8, Our starting balance for this reporting period was \$4,303.79. Total debits for the month amounted to \$638.87 including a payment of \$232.19 to AnserPlus. CenturyLink was paid \$45.51. Zoom was paid \$15.89 for the monthly subscription. Allegra was paid \$11.02 for minimal updates to the meeting list. \$157.26 was paid to DreamHost to cover the annual fee for our website hosting. Finally, the DCM received a “pre-imburement” of \$177.00 to cover mileage and hotel during the trip to Marshalltown. Total deposits for the month amounted to \$250.00 consisting of 3 group contributions. Our ending balance is \$3,914.92. Our prudent reserve is \$1,500.00 which leaves us an available balance of \$2,414.92. Our literature account has a balance of \$697.32 Previous Actions Items: None NEW BUSINESS: Proposed 2023 Budget MONEY TALKS The monetary amount of each contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that joins us in unity with A.A. groups around the world. 32 of 71 Groups in District 8 (45.07%) have contributed to our District fund in FY22. An AA Group Anamosa Group Basic Text By the Big Book Center Point AA Coggon Grace Group Crossroads DAM Meeting Early Birds Upstairs Zoom

Early Bird Welcome For Those Who Want It Foxhall Friday Night Hope Full Measures Happy Hour Kenwood Keystone Kwitters
Last Call Marion Midweek Mercy Group Monday Night Big Book Neighborly Group New Beginnings Pass It On S.O.S. Young
People Sunday Nitters There Is a Solution Unity Noon Serenity Seekers West Highlands Women Into Action Womens 12x12 Women's
Fellowship Club

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,
Troy F.
District 8 Treasurer

Alternate DCM – (altdcm@aa-cedarrapids.org)

Good evening,

I am thrilled to serve as District 8's alternate DCM.

I have met with the outgoing Alt DCM and going forward, I plan to align my reports to the format that many of us are familiar with.

Last month's meeting attendance was X total, with X GSR's in attendance and X groups represented.

Everyone, please make sure to sign in. The sign in sheet is located by the door on the table with the announcements.

Please email altdcm@aa-cedarrapids.org with any changes that need to be applied to the printable, electronic and virtual meeting lists. I have been forwarding new meeting information to our Webmaster so he can keep the electronic meeting list updated. I am also forwarding all meeting change information to the Area 24 Alternate Delegate to keep the Area meeting list updated.

I continue to keep record of all changes affecting the printable meeting list in an email draft that I will send to Alegra Printing when it is time for our next quarterly update.

If your group has made any changes, including new GSR, Alt GSR, or both, and has not submitted a group change form, please do so at your earliest convenience. Group change forms are available on the District 8 website as well as on the table with the sign in sheet and announcements.

In Service,

Josh H.
District 8 Alt. DCM
Email: altdcm@aa-cedarrapids.org
Cell: 402.309.9850

DCM – Kyle T. (dcm@aa-cedarrapids.org)

Greetings District 8

I am excited to be your new acting DCM

I attended the Area 24 Service weekend in Marshalltown January 7th and 8th. I was present for the DCM sharing session as well as the business meeting Sunday. It was a great experience.

The next Service weekend in Marshalltown is March 18th and 19th at The Marshalltown Arts and Civic Center. I encourage all GSR's to attend.

If you have any questions about the upcoming Service Weekend or anything else please feel free to ask after the meeting or email me at

dcm@aa-cedarrapids.org

In Service,

Kyle Taylor
District 8 DCM
Email dcm@aa-cedarrapids.org
Cell (319) 651-7765

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Tech Chair – Dave G. (tech@aa-cedarrapids.org)

I met with the outgoing chair on January 8 and was oriented on the state and workings of our District 8 website plus other duties of the tech chair.

Regarding the website, the following were updated last week: 1) The downloadable meeting list, 2) The online meeting list, and 3) The events page.

District 8 officers and service chairs were sent updated password and email information on January 14 and asked to confirm proper function of their email by January 16. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding your email.

The tech committee met by Zoom on January 15. Present were committee members Nathan D., Jason B., and Jen D. We discussed these matters:

1. We will meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 7 pm by Zoom.
2. We would like to hear if there are problems with our current email setup before making any changes. For now, we are leaving the email as is. It was suggested to have all emails do a test before the district meeting.
3. We suggest postponing any action on the purchase of a computer for the district secretary as we are not onboard with that decision.
4. We will keep our current SSL certificate and renew it in March rather than budgeting for a paid version.
5. We will report total users to the website each month.
6. We will schedule regular backups of our website through Word Press and Nathan will perform that setup.
7. We will be checking out other district's websites for ideas.

Our website had 601 distinct tracked users in the past 30 days.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave G.
District 8 Tech Chair / Webmaster
tech@aa-cedarrapids.org
(319) 350-2590

Treatment – Jeremy M (treatment@aa-cedarrapids.org)

Not many updates this month for District 8 Treatment. As always, just excited to see that AA's continue to show up in these facilities.

Thanks,

Jeremy

Public Information – Mark S. (pi@aa-cedarrapids.org)

No report

Newsletter – ??? (newsletter@aa-cedarrapids.org)

Position unfilled.

Literature – Randy N. (literature@aa-cedarrapids.org)

Hello District 8

The Debit card for the Literature Account was transferred on Saturday 1/14/23.

I will be getting the new Debit card on 1/17/23 due to the Bank being closed for MLK Day.

The exchange of the Literature on hand was made. If anyone needs anything please contact me via email or at 319-270-6977. Please leave a message if calling or text if I am unable to answer the call

In Service

Randy N

District 8 Literature Chair

Grapevine – Jean R. (grapevine@aa-cedarrapids.org)

January District 8 Grapevine Report

DISTRICT 8 GRAPEVINE REPORT

As mentioned in December, District 8 Grapevine will be represented at the 29th Annual Cedar River Round Up held at the Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel.

I contacted Jim E at (563) 940-1714 the contact for the Round Up and ascertained That approximately 250-300 are expected to attend this year.

I confirmed with Jim E, that the Grapevine will need a table at the round up For the purpose of displaying Grapevine information.

I ordered promotional items from the Grapevine and received a confirming email that the order was received and will be processed. Items requested will appear in this month's minutes.

Promotional Supplies Requested:

5 ZZCATALOG
5 ZZGVLVFLER
5 ZZPROMOCARDS
10 ZZGVSUBCAD
10 ZZLVSSUBCARD
10 ZZGVRFORM
10 ZZGUIDELINES
10ZZCOMPATERIALFORM
10 ZZBACKISSUES30FLYER
50 BOOKMARK
20 GVFLYER

Last month at our business meeting, I requested that all of the attending GSR's and their meetings to participate in a used Grapevine Magazine Drive. The magazines will be used for distribution at the round up. I asked our meeting to bring Grapevine magazines to the January District Meeting.

I am have the gift certificate for the Pizza Ranch this evening to give to the GSR or Chair person who brings the most Grapevines magazines for the magazine drive to the next District Meeting.

Grapevine Drive response from District 8 will be noted in next month's report.

The Grapevine Magazine Drive will be continued at the Round Up with the same prize offered. Please bring your Grapevine used magazines to the Round Up for distribution to the round up participants. Any left over magazines will be carried over to the 2024 Round Up.

December Motion:

In order to concentrate my efforts on the Round Up, I request that the motion for the 30 packs of Grapevines issues going to ASAC, The Safe Place and the Heart of Iowa is moved to the March District Meeting.

JANUARY MOTION:

Please reimburse Jean R, for the ordered Grapevine Purple Table Cloth and Black Presentation Board purchased for the Round Up display and for use at other District 8 events.

Purchase order in the amount of \$47.00 will be submitted to the treasurer this evening.

The Supplies mentioned in this motion will be turned over to the next GV District 8 Rep at the end of my two year term. Thank you.

Because of the Grapevine Billing and Computer changes, we expect brief service disruptions, especially for those ordering products online. Please be patient, and if you encounter a problem, come back later to try again. For urgent needs, you can call Grapevine and La Viña customer service at 212-870-3417.

Thank you for the allowing me to serve you.

Jean R., District 8 Grapevine Chair

Corrections – Jim H. (corrections@aa-cedarrapids.org)

Gave verbal report.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Jeff B. (cpc@aa-cedarrapids.org)

Greetings District 8:

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve District 8 as CPC Committee Chair for the upcoming term. Troy F. has been gracious and has made himself available as a resource to me as I find my footing in this new role. The CPC Committee has not yet held a meeting, but I have reviewed the CPC Workbook as a primer. I welcome and would appreciate insights or suggestions regarding how I may best serve District 8 and/or how the CPC Committee can effectuate its purpose in the upcoming term.

Yours in service,

Jeff B.

Archives – Lynn M. (archives@aa-cedarrapids.org)

I have a plan, God laughs, that is every group in the District have their own folder. This includes Group History and fliers for Group Events. When making these fliers please include the year of the event.

Contact me, I can help!! In writing Group Histories, taking oral tales from long timers - over 25 years of sobriety and organizing long timers' meetings.

I will contact you, I need help with the Archive Adventure. Such as organizing paper, books, photos and other media. Also looking into digitalizing archives, what that involves. AA.org and other Archive Chairs will be useful!!!

I am excited to embark on this adventure with you all!!

In Love and Service, Lynn M.

319-431-4855

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- District 8- 2023 Spring Conference Update

Hello District 8.

The first point I would like to make is our first round of flyers we provided at that the last 2 conferences are incorrect. There will be NO LINENS provided at the spring conference in Grinnell as originally stated. Please let your groups know to please bring their own twin sized linens!

We picked up the decorations and registration materials from the Fall Conference. The banner has been ordered. The trifold program is complete. I took a trip to Grinnell college with Carolyn, the AI-Anon representative and met with our contact there, Jenielle. We took another walk through of the college to look at the room size, what rooms to use, and most importantly where to put the coffee pots. Please remember that there will be water bottle refill stations around the college. So bring water bottles :) When we went over the numbers with Jenielle, during that visit, we found out that linens WILL NOT be available like we originally thought. If someone forgets, there will be a few available.

We are looking forward to registrations coming in. We encourage everyone to please use Cheddar Up when registering, if possible. To date, we have received 5 registrations.

Finally- if you only get two things from this report let it be this:

Bring your water bottles and there will be NO LINENS provided at the Spring Conference in Grinnell.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and I look forward to June!

Yours in service,

Danielle H

319-651-2469

Danielle@Humphreys.pro

NEW BUSINESS

- Parliamentary Procedure overview by Kyle T. Please see Brief Parliamentary Procedure Guide document attached in meeting minutes email.
- Nominations for Newsletter chair.
 - ✓ Tom nominated himself.. Kyle stated that District 8 has a 2 year sobriety requirement for Newsletter position and that Tom has less than 1 year sober.
 - Randy N moved to wave to 2 year sobriety requirement
 - 2nd by Jim H.
 - Motion failed.
- Proposed annual budget presentation
 - ✓ Troy F moved for the body to accept his proposed annual budget
 - ✓ 2nd by Wes.
 - After much discussion, Dave G moved to postpone this motion.
- John R moved that the PI Chair obtain, then report to the District, the call activity into our hotline and the referrals to AA members over the past 2 years.
 - ✓ 2nd by Troy F.
 - Motion passed
- Jean R moved to be reimbursed, for the ordered Grapevine Purple Table Cloth and Black Presentation Board purchased for the Round Up display and for use at other District 8 events. Purchase order in the amount of \$47.00 will be submitted to the treasurer this evening. The Supplies mentioned in this motion will be turned over to the next GV District 8 Rep at the end of my two year term. Thank you.
 - ✓ 2nd by Josh H.
 - Motion passed

GROUP REPORTS

<http://www.aa-cedarrapids.org/>

Due to COVID-19, District 8 is going virtual. Click the link to stay connected with the most up to date meetings and club closures.

[Virtual Meetings](#)

- EBUZ
 - ✓ Hi, Terri M has an Anniversary coming up, 1/26, 09, 14 years

Upcoming Events

- District 8 Monthly Business Meeting
 - ✓ February 20th – Veritas Church
- Service weekend in Marshalltown is March 18th and 19th at a location yet to be determined.

Tradition I (Jen D)

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

Next Meeting: Tradition II (Tom C.)

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority...a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants... they do not govern.

Adjournment

- DCM adjourned the meeting @ 8:24 PM

Closing

- Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next District 8 Business Meeting

- February 20, 2023 @ 7 PM
 - ✓ Veritas Church – 509 3rd Street SE