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DISTRICT 8 MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2023

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

Non-AA / Non-District Announcements

- Rose – Marion by Moonlight hang on Thursday

The Serenity Prayer

Welcome New GSRs / Alt GSRs

- Lauren – Age of Miracles (Thursday Night)

The Agenda

- Lynn M moves to approve the Agenda
 - ✓ Motion seconded by Wes Y
 - ✓ Motion adopted

OFFICER REPORTS

Interim Secretary – Brett M. (secretary@aa-cedar-rapids.org)

- Lynn M moves to approve the Secretary Report
 - ✓ Motion seconded by Cheryl T
 - ✓ Motion adopted

Hey friends!! I am incredibly grateful and honored to sit in for Toddy tonight. Please be praying for his health this evening. He has come down with a fever that is kicking his butt a bit. We love you, Todd, and are praying for you!

I will make sure meeting minutes get out to the body...please let me know if there is anything else you need from me!

I love you all!
Brett (2 Ts)

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

- Treasurer Report attached
- Treasurer Commentary attached
- Lynn M moves to accept the Treasurer's Report
 - ✓ Motion seconded by Mark S
 - ✓ Motion adopted

Alternate DCM – (altdcm@aa-cedar-rapids.org)

Hello District 8,

Last month's meeting attendance was 40 total, with 24 GSRs and 10 service chairs in attendance.

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

Please email me any changes that need to be applied to the printable, electronic and virtual meeting lists. I have been forwarding new meeting information to our District Technology Chair so he can keep our meeting list updated on the District 8 website. 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 and update it as they come in. Please check my work, by vetting the Area 24 meeting list, the District website's meeting list, and District 8's printable meeting list. Look for any corrections regarding times, locations, and type of meeting, i.e. Open/Closed, or Zoom/In Person. Thank you.

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.
Alternate DCM
District 8
altdcm@aa-cedarrapids.org
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DCM – Kyle T. (dcm@aa-cedarrapids.org)

☐ DCM Report attached

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

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

No report.

Guidelines – Joe P. (archives@aa-cedarrapids.org)

No report.

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

Said some really great things but no digital report.

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

No report.

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

No report.

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

Table prepared with history and other fun nuances!

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

Said some really great things but no digital report.

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

Hello District 8,

AA continues to remain strong in the District 8 treatment centers, and the different AA point of contacts continue to ensure that the message of Alcoholics Anonymous is carried into these facilities. It is nothing short of phenomenal how the AA's of District 8 continue to remain consistent in service in these places.

Just a few short months ago, District 8 purchased several Big Books for our area treatment centers, ensuring that the basic text of our organization is available to newcomers. I was informed that this stock is depleting quickly, and this is likely due to the strong emphasis of sponsorship in the message being delivered. I am asking that everyone take back the ask to their home groups, to please consider donating Big Books and other AA approved literature to these facilities. If anyone has any questions about this, my number is 319-415-6216, text is best.

Also, starting in August, I will be holding a monthly informational Zoom meeting for anyone interested in attending. For our first meeting, we will be talking over the different service opportunities available in treatment, and also discussing the AA in Treatment Settings

pamphlet.

Thank you,
Jeremy

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

No report.

Newsletter – Diane N. (newsletter@aa-cedarrapids.org)

Newsletter attached.

I sent the June edition newsletter to the District Secretary and Webmaster on May 30th. I see it was posted on the website, thanks to the Webmaster Team for that. However, I see it still hasn't been sent out via the District Secretary.

I will have the July edition completed and sent to the District Secretary and Webmaster by June 30th. I am always open to feedback and ideas for upcoming editions. Thanks to all who've submitted articles and ideas thus far.

In Service,
Diane N
District 8 Newsletter Chair

2023 Conference Report – July

Final report to happen at July D8 Business Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion: Guidelines Chair moves that the following changes be made to the District 8 Guidelines:

- Re-title the section “Format of District Meeting” to “District Meetings”.
- Remove item 3 from the section “Format of the District Meeting”, which reads “One hour into the District Meeting, a 10 minute ‘smoke break’ will be taken. (01-15-01)”.
- Edit item 1 from the section “District Elections and Election Policy” from “District Elections will take place in September. (07-20-20)” to “District Elections shall take place in September of even-numbered years.”
- Edit the “New Groups” section to remove contradictions and clean the content from the current version to the following:
 - Protocol for recognition of new groups or meetings in District 8:
 - New group shall contact the Alternate DCM who will:
 - Inform the Secretary to announce the new group/meeting in the District Minutes.
 - Assist the new group/meeting in registering with Alcoholics Anonymous.
 - Immediately inform the Technology Committee Chair to have the new group/meeting listed in the online meeting list.
 - After a six-month waiting period, the new group/meeting shall be added to the printable District 8 meeting list.
- Edit item 6 from the section “District Expenditure and Budgeting” which reads “Any outstanding costs associated with the website will be paid by District 8. The Webmaster will be responsible for reviewing service options and costs periodically, making recommendations to the District for approval on expenses. (11-18-02)” to read “All expenses associated with the website will be paid by District 8. The Technology Committee Chair will be responsible for reviewing service options and costs periodically, making recommendations to the District for approval on expenses.”
- Edit item 1 from the section “Secretary” which reads “Minutes from the District Meeting will be sent to: G.S.R.’s of Groups, Service Chairs, District Officers, Area Chair and Area Delegate. Anyone else wanting copies of the minutes can receive them for \$1.00 per month. (01-16-95)” to read “Minutes from District business meetings will be sent via email to: Group GSR’s, Service Chairs, District Officers, Area Chair and Area Delegate. Printed copies may be requested to be mailed only in cases where the individual servant does not have access to email.”
- Remove item 3 from the section “Secretary” which reads “The District Secretary will include an “Upcoming Events” section in the District 8 Minutes, to include Non-District, Non-Group, or Non-Service-Events. (03-16-09)” as this is redundant with the function of the District 8 Website.
- Remove item 1 from the section “Treasurer” which reads “The Treasurer shall pay all operating expenses on a timely basis. These operating expenses will include previously approved budgeted amounts for District Officers and Chairpersons. (01-01-01)”, and be moved to the Treasurer’s District 8 Job Description.

- Move item 2 from the section “Treasurer”, which regards annual audit, to the section “District Expenditure and Budgeting”, and ensure that this appears in the Treasurer’s District 8 Service Description.
- Remove all items under the section “Literature” as they are either unverified or unnecessary/self-evident.
- Move items 2 & 3 from the section “District 8 Guidelines” to the section “District Meetings”.
- Retitle section “Website” to “Technology Committee”.
 - Motion seconded by JD
 - Troy F makes amendment to add verbiage “minutes can be sent to anyone who would like it” (re: the district minutes)
 - Motion seconded by John R
 - Motion adopted
 - Motion adopted

NEW BUSINESS

- Josh H moves that District 8 host the Area 24 Delegate Report picnic on August 5th at one of the pavilions in Ellis Park. Cost for rental not to exceed \$120.00
 - ✓ Motion seconded by Troy F
 - ✓ Motion adopted
- Josh H moves to setup committee to facilitate Area 24 picnic
 - ✓ Motion seconded by Wes Y
 - Troy F moves to amend motion to for DCM to assign committee members
 - Motion seconded by Wes Y
 - Tony A moves to reconsider the motion
 - Motion seconded by JD
 - Motion failed
 - Kyle T trumped the entire conversation
 - ✓ Motion adopted

GROUP REPORTS

- Kenwood Group
 - ✓ Hey, I'm Kristin and I'm an alcoholic. I'm here as GSR of Kenwood Group. We meet Tuesday nights at 8PM at Kenwood Park Methodist Church on 34th St NE a block from the Fellowship Club. We have ten home group members and approximately twenty attendees with attendance up during the summer months. We hold business meetings quarterly with the next meeting being July 25. But we continue to raffle literature the last Tuesday of each month. This month is a winner's choice. We use the raffle system for sharing on the last Tuesday as well. I look forward to seeing everyone tonight!
Kristin H
- Foxhall Speakers attached
- EBUZ
 - ✓ Marty H – 8 years (Saturday, July 8th)

Upcoming Events

- District 8 Monthly Business Meeting
 - ✓ July 17th – Veritas Church

This Meeting: Tradition VI (Valerie)

Short Form: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Long Form: Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.- and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.

Next Meeting: Tradition VII (Dave G)

Short Form: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Long Form: The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

Greeter for next month

- Lauren – 6:30 PM

Adjournment

- Troy F moved to adjourn
 - ✓ Motion seconded by Wes Y
 - ✓ Motion adopted
- DCM adjourned the meeting @ 8:02 PM

Closing

- Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next District 8 Business Meeting

- July 17, 2023 @ 7 PM
 - ✓ Veritas Church – 509 3rd Street SE