

MEETING MINUTES FOR DISTRICT 66 SERVICE MEETING (AREA 83) (April 29th, 2009)

- 1 Moment of Silence (7:30 pm)
- 2 Serenity Prayer (7:30 pm)

- 3 28 people present
21 votes

- 4 Reading of Twelve Traditions (read by Ann)

- 5 Review and Adoption of Agenda (M) John M (S) Stan C = Carried
Add: #4. 12 Step Chair position
#5. TV ads

- 6 Review and Adoption of Previous Minutes (Mar 2009) (M) Andrew M (S) Colleen L = Carried
**Website correction: Greg DECLINED 3 years of previous costs = \$165.00 not \$60.00. Personal contribution Grapevine 12 X 12 Group – Smiths Falls: Submitted report AFTER minutes sent out, report has been included in the March minutes on the Website.

REPORTS

1. Treasurer Report (M) Paul F (S) John M = Carried

Neil mentioned that he has misplaced the cheques and will be ordering more. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Date	Item	Credit	Debit	Balance
10-Mar	Opening Balance			2,435.38
10-Mar	Stan C (Roundup)		800.00	1,635.38
12-Mar	Pat C (Assembly)		300.00	1,335.38
25-Mar	New Hope	75.00		1,410.38
25-Mar	Rodger C (Meeting Lists, Literature)		49.00	1,361.38
25-Mar	7th Tradition	40.04		1,401.42
07-Apr	Bill Payment - Bell Canada		53.01	1,348.41
08-Apr	Check order		6.00	1,342.41
09-Apr	Monthly Fee		4.00	1,338.41
	Totals	\$115.04	\$1,212.01	

April 9 Closing Balance \$1,338.41

Outstanding Checks

Carolyn (CFTF)		250.00	1,088.41

Adjusted Balance \$1,088.41

2. Secretary Report

I am still requesting that the Agenda be posted on the Website. I will contact Greg about doing this for the next meeting. I am submitting a receipt for \$37.28 for the cost of ink for my computer and this will be the only receipt that I will submit for my 2 year term. Colleen motioned for the District to reimburse me and Debbie seconded it. Joe mentioned that in the future if I do have any expenses that I just approach Neil with a receipt that it does not have to be brought to the District Table. Just a reminder to those of you that are able to send me an electronic version of your report I would really appreciate you sending it to me via email. Thank you, yours in Service, Twyla S.

3. Registrar

I still have a few groups that I can not get any information about. Twyla offered to look at the Brockville groups. If you can help with any of them I would appreciate it. Come see me after the meeting. Thank you, yours in service, Paul B

4. Alternate District Committee Member

Not much to report. I attended the District 66 Round-up and enjoyed it very much as usual. I am trying to get around to more groups in the District for a little more input on things but it is going a little slow. Yours in Service, Gary C.

5. District Committee Member

Good evening everyone. I am an alcoholic and my name is Pat. It is good to see all of you again. A lot has happened since our last meeting. The Assembly in Kingston was well attended with 65% of our groups registering. Once again this was a great learning experience and I was honoured to represent our District. April 11th was our District Round-up. What an attendance. 260 people signed in at the door. It was a great day of sharing, AA and Alanon panels, guest speaker Joe D. and a super pot luck dinner. Many thanks to Joe W. and his committee for a job well done in organizing this event. Sobriety count down totaled 1947 years, that's a lot of 24 hours. Give yourselves a round of applause because it was your participation as well as many visitors from other districts that made it the wonderful day that it was. Pat C. District Committee Member.

GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS

Almonte

NOT PRESENT

Athens 3RD Tradition Group

All is well at the Athens group. Attendance is up and there are no anniversaries for May to report. Yours in service, David F.

Autonomy Group – Brockville

Attendance continues to be strong. No birthdays to report for May. As discussed at last District Table meeting we have addressed the issue of aggressive/inappropriate behaviour at meetings by briefly noting at the beginning of our meeting that it will not be tolerated and anyone participating in this form of behaviour will be asked to leave the meeting for that night. This announcement has been well received by all in attendance. Our GSR, Conrad, attended the Service Assembly in Kingston. Yours in Service, Wendy M, Alternate GSR.

Back to Basics Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

Brockville Lunch Bunch Meetings – Brockville

Meetings are going well. Attendance is steady. Some long term sobriety visitors have attended. Most of our meetings are alcoholics in their first year. I will be contacted Greg to update the meeting list to reflect that our meeting is now being held 4 days a week (Mon, Tues, Wed, & Friday). Yours in service, Denise M.

Brockville Sunday AM Group

NOT PRESENT

Elgin Closed Discussion Group

NOT PRESENT

GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS (con't)

Friends in Sobriety – Smiths Falls

Hi friends. The group is hanging on with a few members keeping it going. Yours in sobriety, John M. Alt. GSR.

Friendship Group – Carleton Place

NOT PRESENT

Grapevine 12&12 Group – Smiths Falls

Both meetings are doing fine. We have one member celebrating this month; Mike G., 15 years on May 20th. Yours in Service, Debbie M.

Heritage Valley Group– Carleton Place

April has been steady at the Heritage Valley Group. The Roundup was enjoyed by all who were able to attend. Congratulations to the committee. In May we will have four celebrations, Kimberly with 5 yrs on May 11, and Joe M, 19 Betty S, 5 and Terry M with 2 yrs all on May 18. Yours in service, Paul F.

Land of Lakes – Sharbot Lake

NOT PRESENT

Living Sober Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

Merrickville Sunday Night

Everything at the Merrickville Group is going well and we are having a full house at our meetings. Yours in Service. Ron W, GSR

Mississippi Group – Carleton Place

NOT PRESENT

New Beginnings – Smiths Falls

Our group is doing well and we are happy to be a part of the AA family. Yours in love and service, Donny S.

New Hope Group – Smiths Falls

On April 27th the New Hope Group had a joint anniversary celebration with the Share and Care Al-Anon Group. The meeting was well attended. New Hope was celebrating 34 years and Share and Care 44 years. Each group had a speaker. Attendance has been steady at approximately 25. Celebrating at the end of May are Rodger C. 14 year, Bud P. 2 years and Steve K. 17 years. Yours in service. Bud P.

Perth Sunday Morning

No report forwarded.

Perth Tay Group

Perth Tay would like to thank everyone who attended and helped out with the Spring Roundup. It was a great day for sobriety. Celebrating on May 21st are John P. 12 years, Lorie M. 11 years and Dick M. 30 years. Yours in service, Tom M.

Phoenix Group – Brockville

No report forwarded.

Saturday Night - Smiths Falls

Things are well at Saturday night group. We had an excellent turnout at our 50th Anniversary this past Saturday. Thank you to all who attended. On May 23rd, Rick B will celebrate 20 years. Yours in Service, Richard S.

Seaway Group – Brockville

I would like to thank my group for financing my attendance at the Spring Area Assembly in Kingston. It was an awesome weekend and the workshops were very helpful. We have one very special celebration in the month of May. On Wednesday, May 20th, Gary C, our Alternate District Committee member will be celebrating his 5th year of sobriety. I encourage you all to come out to help him celebrate. I would also like to thank all of you that came down on April 22nd to help Jim S. celebrate his 22nd birthday as he has now left our District and is residing in Ottawa. Yours in Service, Twyla S. GSR, Seaway Group.

GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS (con't)

Steps to Freedom – Carleton Place

Good evening everyone. The Steps to Freedom Group is going strong. New faces are at every meeting and many return week after week. We sent our GSR to the area assembly and continued to support AA at both the district and area levels. Yours in service. Andrew, GSR Steps to Freedom Group

Sunshine Group – Brockville

Attendance continues to be strong. We have one celebration in the month of May. On Thursday, May 7th, Dick A will celebrate 8 years of sobriety. The Sunshine Group will be celebrating our 10th Anniversary on May 14th at noon and all are encouraged to attend. It will be a speaker meeting with potluck after the meeting. The poster is available on the website. Yours in service, Steve S. Alt. GSR.

12&12 Serenity Group – Perth

All is well in both of our meetings. We have obtained pamphlets and Big Books from PICPC and are going to distribute them in the Perth High Schools and some of the other businesses and offices with waiting rooms. We have two anniversaries in May. Garth with 15 years and Ann T with 12 years. Both will celebrate on the first Monday in June at 7:30. Come and join us. Yours in Service, Ann T.

Westport Group

NOT PRESENT

Young Peoples Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives

No report.

Correction and Treatment Facilities

NOT PRESENT

Grapevine/Literature

I have a good supply of books on hand. Effective July 1, 2009, G.S.O. is increasing the literature prices, the Big Book is up 33% but the rest of the literature is somewhat less. The discount and the shipping charges will not change. I received the order of Big Books for PICPC and Rodger has them now. Grapevine. Nothing new to report. Yours in Service, Stan C.

Public information & Cooperation with the Professional Community

We now have a Public Information Committee for District 66 with all areas represented except for Sharbot Lake area. Anyone who is interested in doing PI service please contact myself or attend one of our District Meetings.

We had a PI table at the Round Up on April 11, 2009 and it was a great day. Literature was also distributed to appropriate areas in Smiths Falls. Representatives from PI committee have received literature/ PI information kits/Big Books for distribution.

I have received the Big Books from Stan and some have already been distributed. Anyone on the PI committee needing Big Books for distribution to school libraries etc. please see me after the meeting.

I would like all the PI committee members to send me their phone numbers and email addresses for communication. We will be having PI meetings prior to the District Meetings whenever necessary. The meeting will be announced.

I received a request for fellowship sharing on the use of full faces in video projects produced by AA World Services Inc. (AAWS). This item is on the agenda for April 30, 2009, if time allows for adequate discussion by all GSR's and District Committee members, and visitors. Yours in Service, Rodger C. PICPC Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (con't)

Round-up

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS DISTRICT 66, 26th ANNUAL SPRING ROUND UP, "A Daily Reprieve" This will be the final report to the District Table for the 2009 Round Up Committee. I would very much like to thank all of those who participated in the committee as well as the District Table for all the continuing support and all of our wonderful groups. Every group in our District contributed in one way or another and our final tally for attendance was 260 people breaking all previous records.

I would like to remind all the GSR's to actively seek volunteers for next years committee to assist Tegan who will be the incoming Round Up Chairperson. It is a great committee with a lot of fun and sobriety attached to it.

The Treasurers report is below for anyone interested in all the details of expenses. Our final tally was \$1491.44. We began with an \$800.00 float from District 66 and will be returning that float with an additional \$680.70 to be sent on as a contribution to GSO. I would invite any questions about the report or the event and ask any questions about the finances to be directed to Stan C. our 2009 Treasurer.

I would like to suggest a motion that proceeds after expenses be sent directly to GSO. The motion of sending the proceeds from the Round up (\$680.70) was voted on as follows: 17 votes for, 4 against. The motion was carried. The next Roundup meeting will be in January 2010. Yours in Love and Service, Joe W. "Get your kicks in District 66"

ROUND UP 2009 – FINANCIAL REPORT

FLOAT FROM GOLDEN TRIANGLE DISTRICT \$800.00

RECEIPTS

7TH TRADITION AT THE DOOR	\$1,191.57
SALE OF POP & WATER	<u>\$ 180.57</u>
TOTAL	\$1,372.14 + \$800.00 = \$2,172.14

EXPENSES

HALL RENTAL	\$ 200.00
PAPER & PHOTO COPYING	\$ 40.68
NAME TAGS	\$ 102.38
GIFTS FOR SPEAKERS	\$ 25.00
POP & WATER	\$ 72.86
SUPPLIES (PLATES, CUPS, ETC.)	\$ 100.60
TIM HORTONS	\$ 74.85
FOOD (ROLLS, MILK, CREAM)	<u>\$ 64.33</u>

TOTAL \$ 680.70

RETURNED TO GOLDEN TRIANGLE \$1,491.44 = PROFIT OF \$ 691.44

Self- Support

Hi friends my name is John M and I am your Self Support Chair for this term .I been invited by two Groups to give a little presentation to let them know how Self Support works in District 66. Please feel free to call me anytime you need me to come to your business meeting so that we can arrange a date. I would like to form a Self Support committee and propose a meeting on May 27th at 6:30 prior to our District meeting. Encourage you all to attend. Yours in Service, John M.

12 Step Phone Coordinator

NOT PRESENT

Website Chair www.lanarkleedsaa.org

NOT PRESENT

OLD BUSINESS

Literature receipts totaling \$581.54 is owing to Stan. Joe motioned that we cut Stan a cheque and Colleen seconded it. Motion carried. This included \$301.78 for the 40 Big Books for Rodger (PICPC Chair)

NEW BUSINESS

- 12 Step Phone Coordinator position is open as Susan S. is unable to fulfill the commitment at this time. Brian M has volunteered to do it.
- 12 Step contact phone list. Discussion around updating the list and who takes care of it. It was decided that the 12 Step Phone Coordinator will keep this list up to date.
- TV Ads (Request for Fellowship sharing on the use of full faces in video projects produced by AA WORLD SERVICES INC. (A.A.W.S.) ****MOVED TO NEXT MONTH**

SHARING PORTION

Merrickville group meets at Newgate 180 in Ottawa and they were wondering if they could get 6 Big Books from CFTF for Newgate as their books have been depleted by donating to them. It was suggested that the Merrickville Group contact Carolyn the CFTF chair and request books to take to Newgate. It really should be Newgate requesting books but the Merrickville group will look after this as they want to make sure Newgate has books for the clients.

7TH TRADITION collected = \$39.22

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS MAY 27TH, 2009 @ 7:30 PM

CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE AND LORD'S PRAYER AT 8:55PM