

MEETING MINUTES FOR DISTRICT 66 SERVICE MEETING (AREA 83) (August 26th, 2009)

4. ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

I am getting quite excited over our District 66 Service Information Day. Everything seems to be falling in place. Also, there is an Area Meeting coming up on September 12th and I will be attending with Pat C. There is always something new brought up there. Yours in service, Gary C.

5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

Good evening everyone. It is great to see all of you again. I have had a great summer spent with family and friends and I was continually reminded that it has all been possible because I am a member of this amazing program called Alcoholics Anonymous. The summer is all but gone and now it is time for me to turn my energies back to job at hand of fulfilling my duties as District Committee Member for which I am grateful for the opportunity that you people have given me to be of service. I do hope that everyone had a good summer. A gentle reminder to talk to all your groups about our Service Information Day on Sept. 19th at Wall Street United church in Brockville. Yours in love and service. Pat C.

GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS

Athens 3RD Tradition Group

All is well at the Athens Group. Attendance is good. No Anniversaries to report. Yours in Service, David F.

Autonomy Group – Brockville

I have nothing to report for the month of August. Yours in Service, Wendy M.

Brockville Lunch Bunch Meetings – Brockville

NOT PRESENT BUT REPORT SENT.

The Brockville Lunch Bunch is going very well. Good attendance. It's a good feeling to know that a need is being fulfilled. The fellowship is going strong. Yours in Service, Denise M.

Grapevine 12&12 Group – Smiths Falls

Both meetings are doing well. We have 2 celebrations in September; Brenda E celebrates 7 years on Sept. 9th, and Joyce L. celebrates 24 years on Sept. 23rd. Yours in Service, Debbie M.

Heritage Valley Group– Carleton Place

All is well at the Heritage Valley Group. We had John M do a presentation for us on Mon, Aug 24 for Self Support, which was well received. On September 28th Terry S will celebrate 21 years and Don P 1 year. Business meeting are well attended. Yours in service, Paul F

Land of Lakes – Sharbot Lake

Turn out continues to range between 15-20 per meeting. Lots of new sobriety and visitors to cottage country adding energy to our meetings. Last Monday of the month Jim R is celebrating 1 year, and Bob M 13 years of sobriety. Cheques for \$100 to District and \$300 to New York were brought to the table at the meeting tonight. Yours in service, Craig G.

Living Sober Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

Merrickville Sunday Night

NOT PRESENT BUT REPORT SENT

Everything at the Merrickville Group is going well and we are having a full house at our meetings. We have 2 anniversaries this month. Mike T. with 5 years and David N. with 17 years. Yours in Service. Ron W

Mississippi Group – Carleton Place

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GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS (con't)

New Beginnings – Smiths Falls

The group is doing quite well, good attendance at all four meetings. We have 2 birthdays coming in September with Donnie S on Sept 13 (night) with 23 years and Mel S on Sept 20 (morning) with 5 years. Yours in love and service, Tom R.

New Hope Group – Smiths Falls

REPORT NOT SUBMITTED

Perth Sunday Morning

REPORT NOT SUBMITTED

Perth Tay Group

Our group is enjoying great turnouts for our Tuesday night closed discussion and Thursday night open speaker meetings. Celebrating Sept 3rd is Mike with 1 year. Our Group Anniversary is on October 1, 41 YEARS. Details to follow. Yours in service, Tom M.

Phoenix Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

Saturday Night - Smiths Falls

Greetings from the Smiths Falls Saturday Night Group. Meeting attendance has been good. Neil P will be celebrating 23 years on August 26th. Greg L will be celebrating 16 years on Sept 12th, and Ann B will be 34 years on Sept 15th but will not be celebrating until next month due to holidays. Yours in service, Richard S.

Seaway Group – Brockville

We have NO celebrations in September. I am still looking for out of town speakers that would be interested in coming to our meeting to share your Experience, Strength and Hope on a Wednesday night. Please come and see me or contact me if you are interested. We had 17 members at our business meeting held on August 19th. What a great turnout. For the past 2 months we have discussed distractions at the beginning of our meetings and we have voted that the Chairperson is to control the meeting and must be comfortable doing so. We welcome all to our meeting and we felt this may be due to a very high attendance of newcomers since we have 2 long term treatment centers in Brockville. PATIENCE, KINDNESS, TOLERANCE AND LOVE. I am considering approaching my group to consider changing meeting location as we are a very large group, our meeting room is quite small and it is NOT W/C accessible (lots of stairs too). Lastly, we have been experiencing BATS in our meeting room. Yes, BATS!! It is a Church issue as the roof needs repair and that is happening in October. They say bats are a symbol of rebirth but it has caused some chaos in our meeting!! Just thought I would share that will you all. Yours in service, Twyla S.

Steps to Freedom – Carleton Place

The Steps to Freedom Group is going strong. This month we made a \$28 contribution to the District. We have two upcoming birthdays in September Greg L (16 years) and Andrew M (3 years). Yours in service, Andrew

Sunshine Group – Brockville

All is well. Jim M will celebrate 31 years on Thursday, Sept 3 at NOON. Yours in service, Barbara P.

12&12 Serenity Group – Perth

Our meetings are well attended but we are looking for new members to do service to enable us to keep both meetings going. We have distributed money to WSO, Area & District. In September, Vaughan J. will be celebrating 14 years. Yours in service, Ann T.

Westport Group

REPORT NOT SUBMITTED

Young Peoples Group – Brockville

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives

Nothing much to report. I've received a couple of group histories with promises of more to follow. Patience is a virtue. Yours in service, Colleen L.

Correction and Treatment Facilities

I am glad to be here tonight. I am pleased to report that Alwood and Newgate 180 for men are running smoothly. As far as I know all of the commitments have been kept. Newgate 180 for women is coming along a little better. We are establishing better communication between the reps. for each District and it is certainly making it easier to find volunteers and get them going in there. There is always a need for any women available to do this service.

The Brockville jail and the Secure Treatment Unit at the Brockville Mental Health Centre are coming along well too. Sometimes the guards are a little slow letting the volunteers in, and passing along literature, and that can be frustrating but I guess we have to be grateful to have this opportunity to do this service. There is always a need for more volunteers for these corrections commitments but more people have become available since summer is coming to an end.

I did receive a large literature order from Stan C. and sent some into the STU site on Monday. I'm pleased to say it got in to the inmates. I received an email from one of the addictions counselors the next day thanking us for the literature. I will be taking some more literature into the jail within the next few weeks. I thank you again for the opportunity to do service. Yours in recovery, Carolyn M

**I have applications available for the Jail and STU in Brockville with me tonight. There are also application forms on our website. I also have the forms available for the police check here. Requirements- Minimum 2 years of sobriety with no criminal charges within the last 5 years.

Grapevine/Literature

Literature is moving well. I received a cheque from the Ottawa Area CFTF Committee for \$192.77 for literature bought through us. I am getting very low on Big Books, so I will place an order next week that should be in by September 8th. Grapevine – I will be sending the order for pocket planners and calendars with Pat C to give to the Area Grapevine Chairperson based on the orders I get from the groups tonight. That's all for now, thanks! Yours in love and service, Stan C.

Public information & Cooperation with the Professional Community

NOT PRESENT

Self- Support

NOT PRESENT

12 Step Phone Coordinator

NOT PRESENT BUT REPORT SENT.

Sorry I was unable to attend as a friend was having a celebration .Nothing new to report. Perth Tay is up in September. Yours in service, Brian M.

Website Chair (www.lanarkleedsaa.org)

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Gary motioned to give the Service Information Committee a \$300 start up float. This will be returned at the next District Meeting. Colleen seconded and Paul P moved. Neil to give Twyla a cheque tonight.
2. Cheque has been given to Wall Street Church for the \$125 rental fee for Sept 19th Service Info.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Information booths our District helped pay for are not available to us for display at our events along with the reps we elected, and whose expenses come out of the contributions we make to Area. Request for Pat C. to as at the next Area meeting if in fact the same regulation applies to Toronto, etc. when they have conference. Is the Chair not allowed to show up unless they are speaking? (Joe W.)

Discussion took place and it was disclose by Jim S that displays are at our disposal and could be sent via courier if necessary. For Area to cover the Chair's expenses it has to be feasible = the Chair would be partaking in the event and on a panel. We (AA) need to be frugal with our money at this time and spend wisely.

SHARING PORTION

District meeting with be held in the Coffee House again in September unless we hear otherwise at which time a communication will be send to everyone and phone calls made if necessary.

7TH TRADITION collected = \$37.58

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2009 @ 7:30 PM AT THE COFFEE HOUSE

CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE AND LORD'S PRAYER AT 8:35 PM