

**MEETING MINUTES FOR AREA 83 - DISTRICT 66 SERVICE MEETING
(February 25th, 2009)**

- 1 Moment of Silence (7:35 pm)
- 2 Serenity Prayer (7:36 pm)
- 3 36 people present
24 votes
- 4 Reading of Twelve Traditions (Tegan H)
- 5 Review and Adoption of Agenda (M) Paul (S) John = Carried
- 6 Review and Adoption of Previous Minutes (Dec 2009) (M) Andrew (S) Roger = Carried

REPORTS

- 1 **Treasurer Report** (M) Conrad (S) Jen B = Carried

Neil stated that the bank statement is as of the 9th of every month, therefore the report he presents at the end of the month will only be current to the 9th of that month. Balance as of February 9th, 2009 is \$1,030.33.

- 2 **Secretary**

I would like to encourage you all to check out our District Website where the meeting minutes and agenda can be found. If you could please print off your own copies for the meetings that would be appreciated as it will cut down on our cost of doing so. I will continue to bring a few copies with me for those that are unable to print their own. I will not be able to get to the meeting minutes for a few weeks as I am going on vacation. I look forward to serving as your Secretary. Yours in Service, Twyla S.

- 3 **Registrar**

Paul not present.

- 4 **Alt DCM**

I had the pleasure of attending two meetings at the Area level and I am amazed at the learning yet to do for AA. This is the place to find out what Alcoholics Anonymous is really all about. I am very honored to be at the District Table as your Alternate DCM. I will try my best to assist the new District Chair and anyone else who wants help. Thank you for getting me this far. Yours in service, Gary C.

- 5 **DCM**

Here we are at our first meeting of the new term. I come a little nervous or maybe a whole lot nervous and I hope I don't mess up too badly. I look forward to working with and for you over the coming term to carry the AA message. My apologies to those people that did not receive the cancellation notice of our January meeting due to the snow storm. I wish to point out that the Spring Assembly is taking place at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston March 28th and 29th. Saturday is the information day and Sunday is the Area business meeting. I encourage all GSR's and their alternates as well as other members to attend as it is first of all part of the groups responsibilities to be part of this plus it is a tremendous learning experience on how AA works beyond the group and district levels. I have here tonight copies of the Saturday workshops for your convenience. My computer was in the sick bay for a while but it has now been revived and appears to be OK. Yours in love and service, Pat C.

GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS

Almonte

NOT PRESENT

Athens 3RD Tradition Group

NOT PRESENT

Autonomy Group – Brockville

A quick note to say that the group is doing well, with steady attendance. Two anniversaries in the month of March: March 8th is Bob B. celebrating 2 years and March 15 Cindy-Lou celebrates 1 year. Yours in service, Conrad, GSR for the Autonomy Group.

Back to Basics Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

Brockville Lunch Bunch Meetings - Brockville

Meeting has been running since May 2006 with NO GSR and only a few members, hence it is a meeting not a group. As of today, the meeting is expanding to 4 days a week, Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri at 12:00. There should be representation at the next District meeting. Yours in service, Twyla S.

Brockville Sunday AM Group

NOT PRESENT

Elgin Closed Discussion Group

NOT PRESENT

Friends in Sobriety – Smiths Falls

The little group is doing good, we have between 5-7 people every week. We are doing a cheese tray for the Round-up in April. Yours in service, Alt. GSR, John M.

Heritage Valley Group– Carleton Place

Hi everyone, my name is Paul and I'm an alcoholic. The attendance at our regular and business meetings has been very good. We will celebrate our group's 20 year anniversary on March 16 2009 with a pot luck dinner at 6 00pm and a Speaker meeting at 8pm. We are able to donate money to District and send some to New York as well. Thanks to all. Yours in service Paul F.

Friendship Group – Carleton Place

NOT PRESENT

Grapevine 12&12 Group – Smiths Falls

Both meetings are doing well. We have 2 members celebrating, Debbie M 14 years on March 11th and Bridget F. 1 year on March 18th. Yours in service, Debbie M.

Land of Lakes – Sharbot Lake

We continue to have a closed discussion meeting at 8:30PM on Mondays at the Anglican Church in Sharbot Lake. Business meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7:30 and the last Monday is birthday night and an Open Speaker meeting. We typically are pulling in 10 or 12 per night, up significantly from the past few years at this time. We have 2 or 3 less than 3 sobriety attending regularly and appreciate all our visitors from other groups who energize our meetings. Rod D of our group is celebrating 18 years at the end of the month and his actual dry date is March 11. Peter D celebrated 2 years this past Monday. Yours in service, Art.

Living Sober Group – Brockville

The group is being attended well with approximately 30 people. The topic from the Living Sober book is working out well. Susan S. will celebrate 5 years tomorrow (Feb 26). Yours in service, Brian M.

Merrickville Sunday Night

Everything at the Merrickville Group is going well and we have a full house at our meetings. The treatment centre has expressed appreciation of our work and fellowship with their clients. Your in Love & Service, Ron W, GSR.

GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS (con't)

Mississippi Group – Carleton Place

Meeting has increased in attendance in 2009 from 20-24. Birthdays in March, Rick W. 9 years on March 10th, and Angie R 18 years on March 17. Yours in service, Dwayne K.

New Beginnings – Smiths Falls

We have 3 anniversaries coming up: March 1st Jazz with 2 years, March 22nd Douglas M. with 26 years, and March 29th Doug C with 29 years. New Beginnings is alive and well attended. Your in love and service, Don.

New Hope Group – Smiths Falls

No report forwarded

Perth Sunday Morning

No report forwarded

Perth Tay Group

Meetings are well attended. Celebrating this month are March 12th Lorne T with 9 years and Pat C with 9 years. On March 21st, Charlie M has 19 years. Your in service, Tom.

Phoenix Group - Brockville

Our attendance is down a little. Heather G had her 15th birthday this month. In March we have two birthdays on March 3rd, Elaine N has 11 years and Ken D has 7 years. Yours in service, Ken D.

Saturday Night - Smiths Falls

Attendance was very good in January due to the fact that we had a lot of birthdays that month. To this pint in February it has been normal. This Saturday, February 28th, Blair B. will be celebrating 31 years and on March 7th, Vivian will be celebrating 27 years. Yours in service, Richard S.

Seaway Group - Brockville

The Seaway Group continues to have outstanding attendance at both the regular meetings as well as our business meeting. We will have one celebration in the month of March on the 25th, Bob T. will have 35 years. I look forward to serving as the new GSR for this group. Yours in service, Twyla S.

Steps to Freedom – Carleton Place

The group's attendance is growing every week (almost). As requested by the district, two of our members are working to go into the jails. Also, we would like more information from the Public Information Chair regarding what exactly he wants us to volunteer for. Yours in service, Andrew, GSR.

Sunshine Group – Brockville

The meeting has moved as of February 5th to the Parish of the St. Lawrence (formerly St. Peter's). Open Discussion meeting based on topics generated by those attending – only OPEN discussion meeting in Brockville. Attendance growing – 20 last week - *Difficulty getting quorum for business meetings. Yours in service, Barbara P. GSR.

12&12 Serenity Group - Perth

Both our meetings are doing well but we would like you to announce that we are having an Open Speaker Meeting at 7:30 on the first Monday of each month. Friday noon Big Book Meeting is very well attended with 20-30 people or more. Last Sunday we met and did a group inventory which brought up several items for discussion and tentative changes. We are sending money to District, Area and New York this month. We have no anniversaries in March. Yours in service, Ann T.

Westport Group

Greeting, my name is Jen B. and I am happy to announce that I am the new GSR for the Westport by the Book group of AA District 66. Our group is doing well and had an average attendance over the Winter months of 6-12 alcoholics. We read for two weeks from the Big Book and two weeks from the 12 X 12 with discussion following. When they arise, birthdays are celebrated with an open speaker meeting. We meet Wednesdays at 8:00pm at the Westport United Church. Your in service and with gratitude, Jen B.

Young Peoples Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Alkathon

Financial report showing a surplus of \$120.96 to include 2 cheques for \$25.00 each received from Westport and Elgin groups as well as my cheque for \$70.96. Our committee wished to continue having an Alkathon in Smiths Falls regardless if another Alkathon may open in the District. We would also appreciate if a reserve would be held by the District for \$200 to support this Alkathon. Both Don S (Chairman) and Jim O (Secretary/Treasurer) have agreed to stand again for the 2009/2010 Alkathon and we will be looking for new people to join us and take over the next year. Yours in love and service, Jim O.

Archives

I am very grateful to be this terms District Archivist and will try not to inflict too much damage in the next two years. There will be an archive table at the upcoming Roundup (April 11th) in Perth as there has been in previous years. If any of the groups would like to give anything to the archives, I'd appreciate it. I'd be interested in any old minutes, documents and record books that you might have. I am hoping for being a project to document the memories of our old-timers and I would like to see newcomers involved in this project. I will have a better formulated plan later this year, aka, more shall be revealed. Yours in service, Colleen L.

Correction and Treatment Facilities

The meetings at Alwood and Newgate 180 for men are going along well. The biggest obstacle has been the bad weather but volunteers are doing their best to fulfill their commitments and we are fortunate to have local AA members to fill in if the need arises. Same with the Brockville Jail. Apparently some members are going into the jail on their own and I think Crystal is suspicious. I'm not sure what would happen if she does find out but I don't plan on telling her. We are really in need of volunteers for the Secure Treatment Unit at the Brockville Psychiatric Hospital. Please pass this on to your groups and anyone interested can get in touch with me via email or phone. Our district has not been in the Woman's Newgate 180 recently but we will be there tomorrow night. I am always looking for woman volunteers to go in, preferably someone who is able to get there on their own. Anyways, I am certainly feeling my way around and I know I've made some mistakes so please bear with me but I am grateful for the opportunity to do this service. I will bring a copy of the CFTF budget to the next District meeting and then I'll request a contribution. The requirements to go into the STU and the Jail are 2 years or more of sobriety and no criminal charges for 5 years. The Jail meeting is every Wednesday night at 7:30 and the STU is every Monday night at 7:00. Possibly we could get the application posted on the Website? Your in love and service, Carolyn M.

Grapevine/Literature

I have a good supply of books on hand and I will carry a few Big Books and 12 X 12's with me. If any groups want anything please call as I do not have an email address. Thanks! Yours in service, Stan C.

Public information & Cooperation with the Professional Community

I have the privilege of being the Public Information chair for District 66. I have been distributing AA approved literature and pamphlets in the Smiths Falls area. I would like to take this opportunity to ask for assistance in distributing literature and pamphlets in Carleton Place, Perth & Brockville areas. I have had several people approach me, interested in being part of the District 66 Public Information Committee. I would like to schedule a Public Information meeting PRIOR to our next District Meeting and all interested people can attend. I would also like to request funds to purchase more literature and pamphlets. Yours in service, Rodger C.

Round-up

The last committee meeting was held on February 10th in Athens. Tegan H accepted the position of Co-Chair alongside with Joe as Chair. Also, Tegan H has been elected to be the FOOD CHAIR. Please email or call her with your questions or concerns. We will be requesting our \$800 cheque tonight from the District and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1st @ 7:00PM in Brockville as the Seaway Group, Wall Street Church. Jim S. reports that all panels are in place. Yours in service, Joe W.

Self-Support

Hi, my name is John M, I'll be your new Self-Support Chair for the next two years. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call me or e-mail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (con't)

12 Step Phone Coordinator

Due to personal reasons Susan is not able to take over the position at this time. I spoke with Susan this week and assured her that I am able to maintain the position for a short period until such time she is able to assume the role. We had a problem with the system this month. It reset and removed all but one of the telephone numbers from the configuration. Thankfully Betty S. was able to handle the calls. I corrected the issue last weekend. We need a couple of volunteers for March please. Yours in Service, Neil P. Temporary 12 Step Phone Coordinator

Website

(www.lanarkleedsaa.org)

Greg L. not present but sent report for January (no meeting).

I have spent most of the month cleaning up the website and re-organizing it so that it will be easier for me to provide updates quicker to members and anyone looking for information. Our meeting list is current as of February 1, 2009. There are 2 meetings changing location in Brockville. Please note that in the future all changes to the meeting list MUST be brought to the District table and by the GSR of that particular group. There will be no future alterations made to the meeting list UNLESS these conditions are met. This is in accordance with the District Table guidelines adopted many years ago regarding this very subject. I thank you for your cooperation and understanding. As far as the printable meeting list is concerned, it is in PDF format and should be very easy to print, only one click or two and your printer should print it as it is posted. If anyone has problems with printing the list, please call or email me and I will try to help you troubleshoot the issue. I have posted a help link but it takes you to an outside website and I feel it should not be posted due to our non-affiliation with any one particular company. I would like to thank Joe W. for his service from the last term and I look forward to serving the next two years. Your humble servant, Greg L.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Volunteers for Treatment Centres

Pat reminded all groups that our treatment centres and Brockville Jail need volunteers. Until Carolyn says she has plenty of volunteers, Pat will continue to bring this up as Old Business. Carolyn will look into the clearance application being posted on our website.

2. Volunteers for Public Information

Rodger motioned a request for \$100 to purchase more literature and pamphlets. Colleen and Paul seconded it and it was carried. Also, a meeting is set for Wednesday, March 25th at 6:45 prior to our District meeting at 7:30. All are welcome to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Money paid to Perth Round up committee in the amount of \$800

2. Food donations from groups to Round-up

A list was circulated around the table and Tegan H to coordinate

7TH TRADITION collected

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS MARCH 25TH, 2009 @ 7:30 PM

CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE AND LORD'S PRAYER AT 8:45PM