

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

3. REGISTRAR

NOT PRESENT

4. ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

It's a bit early but I am looking forward to the Area District Meeting in early September as I learn something new there every time I attend. I am also getting excited about our District 66 Service Information Day on Saturday, September 19th and look forward to serving as you Chairperson that day. Enjoy the rest of the Summer. Yours in service, Gary C.

5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

NOT PRESENT

GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS

Athens 3RD Tradition Group

NOT PRESENT but report submitted.

Hello Friends, everything is well with the Athen's Group. Attendance is good. On the last Tuesday in August the 25th at 8:00 we will be celebrating two birthdays. Karen celebrates 12 years and Brian celebrates 15 years. Yours in Service, David F.

Autonomy Group – Brockville

REPORT NOT SUBMITTED

Brockville Lunch Bunch Meetings – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

Grapevine 12&12 Group – Smiths Falls

NOT PRESENT

Heritage Valley Group– Carleton Place

All is well at the Heritage Valley Group. We will have Pam C with 1 yr and Marlene R with 14yrs Aug 3, Harry L 14 yrs Aug 10 and Bernadette I with 26 yrs on Aug 24. Yours in service, Paul F

Land of Lakes – Sharbot Lake

Meetings have been enjoying large numbers this Spring and Summer averaging 20-25 with is about double. Finances are very high. Our group's 28th Anniversary pot luck in June was VERY well attended with over 90 people. Donation to District for \$50 and \$500 to GSO. Celebrating in August will be Don F 18 years, Bob M 15 years, and Jim 1 year. Yours in service, Craig G.

Living Sober Group – Brockville

REPORT NOT SUBMITTED

Merrickville Sunday Night

NOT PRESENT

Mississippi Group – Carleton Place

NOT PRESENT

New Beginnings – Smiths Falls

The group is doing quite well carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. No birthdays to report for this month. Yours in love and service, Tom R.

New Hope Group – Smiths Falls

REPORT NOT SUBMITTED

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Perth Sunday Morning

The Perth Sunday Morning Meeting is going strong. We average about 20 people each meeting. We are celebrating one birthday this month Paul B with 3 years on Aug 27th. Brenda E will celebrate 30 years in September (Sept 9). Yours in service, Paul B

Perth Tay Group

We have been enjoying lots of travelers and new faces at our meetings. Celebrations are August 13th Gerry M 26 years, Crystal B 4 years, and on August 20th Brent R 14 years and Kevin Mc 4 years. All is well at Perth Tay! Thanks for the support! Yours in service, Stan C.

Phoenix Group – Brockville

I am the treasurer for the Phoenix group and currently the only active member. Attendance and 7th are down. Yours in service, Brian

Saturday Night - Smiths Falls

Greetings. Nothing new to report. We will be celebrating a number of birthdays in Aug but details are not available. Sorry, my apologies. Yours in service, Richard S.

Seaway Group – Brockville

We have a couple of celebration in August. On the 5th Chris S will celebrate his 1st year, and on the 26th Danny M will celebrate 6 years. We are reverting back to out of town speakers when possible so if you would like to come to Brockville and speak at the Seaway Group (Best group in the District, if not in the whole Area) please come and see me after the meeting and I would be glad to add your name to our list. Yours in service, Gerald B.

Steps to Freedom – Carleton Place

The Steps to Freedom group is going strong. We have regular attendance at our business meetings and fairly strong attendance at our discussion meeting. We have no birthdays to celebrate this month. Yours in service, Andrew

Sunshine Group – Brockville

We are enjoying the participation of visitors to Brockville who attend our NOON discussion meeting. Dodie A will be celebrating 16 years on August 27th. Yours in service, Barbara P.

12&12 Serenity Group – Perth

Attendance at both meetings is extremely good with Monday night attracting 12-15 people and Friday at NOON is getting 30-35 members. There are a few newcomers attending these meetings. Financially we are fine. Rent is paid in advance and we are set to make contributions again next month. July's business meeting had 8 members in attendance. There is one celebration in August on the 24th, Pete M with 6 years. Yours in service, Pete M.

Westport Group

Greetings, the Westport By the Book group meets on Wednesday nights 8:00 pm at the Westport United Church. Our group is a BIG BOOK and 12 and 12 book study. We read 2 weeks from the BIG BOOK and two weeks from the 12 and 12. Our usual attendance is 10 to 12 AA members. We are pleased to welcome back our summer residents and visitors, which increases our numbers to 15 to 20 AA's per week. We have one celebration in August. Jen B. will be celebrating two years of continuous sobriety on Wednesday, August 19th. This is an open speaker meeting. We have two members of our group who are working diligently to complete our group's history for the Archive Committee. A big thanks goes to them for their dedicated service to the group and AA as a whole. Yours in Loving Service, Jen B.

Young Peoples Group – Brockville

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Archives

NOT PRESENT

Correction and Treatment Facilities

I would like to thank the AA members in this district who are so quick to fill in when a commitment is not going to be met. The only commitment that we have ever left not met were those at Newgate 180 for Women and that is only because I have been using the volunteers from this district to fill in for the other districts. I am disappointed to say though that even with our best efforts there are only about 50% of the commitments being met there. I find this hard to understand as we are all sober only by the grace of our Higher Power and the fellowship of AA. I know I could not do this journey through recovery on my own and I have an extremely tender spot for those who are in treatment or just coming to the doors of AA. I need the love and support of my fellow members because it was just so difficult for me to reach out and ask for help. I was just so afraid and people helped me to do the work I needed to do, they gave so they could keep it for themselves and I am so grateful.

Alwood and Newgate 180 for Men are running along pretty smoothly. Here again, we've had volunteers from here go to fill a commitment after I have been informed a district can't do it. The last time the other group did find some volunteers, but only after it was filled here. The group contact said they weren't going to come then, then phoned back and said they were, and then no again.... but it did turn out they went, our volunteers go to meet them and they worked together to put on the meeting. We are certainly not organized and I always like to meet new people so it turned out well.

The Brockville jail is running quite smoothly. I've given out a few applications to volunteers, probably about five or six, and I know two have been returned to the jail and I am happy with that. **I would like to ask the GSR's though to return to their groups and request more volunteers. The requirements are 2 years sober with no criminal charges in the last 5 years. There is a police background check that needs to be done.** The jail is easier to get volunteers for than the Secure Treatment Unit at the Brockville Psych. I have done a lot of service at the STU site recently and though I was very unsure of volunteering there in the beginning it has been very rewarding and has become my preference out of the two sites. Some local groups were kind enough to donate some meditations books, grapevines, etc., The Merrickville group also donated a case of Big books and that is very much appreciated. It is hard to carry the message with no AA approved literature to keep them going in the meantime. We only do one service meeting there a week. Stan C has very generously purchased a literature order for me and I am so pleased. I don't think this district has spent their part of the CFTF budget in the last 3 years. This budget money is always spent and if it not used in this district another district gets to spend it in theirs. I will be busy next week getting as much out to the sites as is necessary at the time. I plan to stay on top of this as well as I can. **I would also like to request any old grapevines any members may have laying around.** They are well appreciated and we were sent a thank-you from a staff member saying the inmates are really enjoying them.

The area CFTF meeting has been cancelled for July. We will meet again in August and I will pass on to the chair that this district has decided not to support the meeting in the Gatineau jail or in Ogdensburg.

I will keep the district table up to date with how it is progressing. There is such a need for service in these institutions. I received a copy of Inside the Walls from GSO and will send it along to staff at the STU to put out for the inmates. That is my report for July and though I have felt overwhelmed a few times I do love doing this kind of service. I could never use my voice before and I am so happy to try to help out. I thank you for this opportunity.

Yours in love and service, Carolyn M. 613-267-6988

Grapevine/Literature

Literature is moving well. Sold approximately \$400 so far in July which included Carolyn's order for CFTF. My reserve for ordering is around \$870.00. Yours in service, Stan.

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Public information & Cooperation with the Professional Community

Anyone wanting information on Public Information please call me at 613-283-6140 rather than email me please (if possible) Yours in Service, Rodger C.

Self- Support

Hi friends not much to-report on the Self Support still waiting on some invites to come to some business meetings. Yours in Service John

12 Step Phone Coordinator

The 12 step phone will be changed on time this month and Westport is up for August. Yours in service, Brian M.

Website Chair (www.lanarkleedsaa.org)

I have been going through the entire site this month page by page to ensure all the information posted is current and accurate. This is a long process and will take some time so please be patient. I would like to ask GSR's or Alternate GSR's to visit our district website and verify their group or meeting's information. If there are any issues, please notify myself or bring the information to the next district meeting so that we can update this. Thank you to Twyla for sending me some updated info regarding Brockville meetings. I am also working on the guidelines for the website management and will hopefully have these available for review and possibly adoption at the next district meeting in August. Yours in Service, Greg L

OLD BUSINESS

1. Service Information Day – CONFIRMED Saturday, September 19th at Wall Street United Church in Brockville. 10:00am – 5:00pm with a COLD potluck lunch. Area Delegate Sandy S will give her report after lunch. Gary C is your chairperson for this event. The first meeting for this will be at 7:00pm Wed, Aug 5th at Wall Street United Church, followed by another meeting at 7:00pm on Wed, Aug 26th prior to our next District Meeting here at the Coffee House.
2. Reminder that your group's order for 2010 Pocket Planners and Calendars is due at the next District Meeting in August.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Cheque for \$125.00 needed to pay for rental of Wall Street United Church Gymnasium for Service Information Day on September 19th, 2009. This was motioned by Paul and seconded by John. *carried. However, the cheque could not be issued at Neil was not present tonight. Twyla will request the cheque be mailed to her and she will forward it to Wall Street.
2. Can we get a start up float from District for the Service Information Day? Carried until next meeting as Neil was not present.

SHARING PORTION

The rental fee for the Coffee House for our District Meetings (3 months) is a donation from the New Beginnings Meeting.

Thank you New Beginnings!!

7TH TRADITION collected = \$37.00

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS AUGUST 26TH, 2009 @ 7:30 PM AT THE COFFEE HOUSE
CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE AND LORD'S PRAYER AT 8:25PM
