

# MEETING MINUTES FOR DISTRICT 66 SERVICE MEETING (AREA 83) (October 28<sup>th</sup> 2009)

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1. Moment of Silence / Serenity Prayer (7:30 pm)
2. 29 people present 18 votes
3. Reading of Twelve Traditions (read by Paul F)
4. Review and Adoption of Agenda (M) Paul F (S) Colleen L.= Carried
5. Review and Adoption of Previous Minutes (Sept 2009) (M) John M (S) Tom M. = Carried

**1. TREASURER REPORT** (M) Mike D (S) Stan C = Carried

District 66 Report		Sep-09		
Date	Item	Credit	Debit	Balance
	Opening Balance			\$ 1,527.66
28-Sep	Area 83 (Pocket Planner/Calendar Order)		353.00	1,174.66
30-Sep	Elgin	150.00		1,324.66
30-Sep	Westport	150.00		1,474.66
30-Sep	Almonte	300.00		1,774.66
30-Sep	Smiths Falls Saturday Night Group	400.00		2,174.66
30-Sep	Friday Night Friendship Group	400.00		2,574.66
30-Sep	7th Tradition	29.53		2,604.19
28-Sep	Rent for Service Info Day		125.00	2,479.19
30-Sep	Service Information Day Income	375.00		2,854.19
9-Oct	Bell Canada		52.79	2,801.40
9-Oct	Monthly Fee		4.00	2,797.40
	<b>Totals</b>	\$ 1,804.53	\$ 534.79	\$ 2,797.40

**Closing Balance Oct-09** \$ 2,797.40

Outstanding Cheques

DCM Expenses Assembly		325.00	2,529.19
DCM Expense Area Committee Meeting		25.00	2,504.19
GSO		750.00	1,754.19
Area 83		750.00	1,004.19

**Adjusted Balance** \$ 1,004.19

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## 2. SECRETARY REPORT

NOT PRESENT

## 3. REGISTRAR

NO REPORT

## 4. ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

NOT PRESENT

## 5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

NO REPORT

## GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS

### Almonte Group – Almonte

NO REPORT

### Athens 3RD Tradition Group

NO REPORT

### Autonomy Group – Brockville

We have no birthdays to report for the month of November **BUT** on December 6, 2009, Conrad M. will be celebrating 6 years. As a follow-up to last month's report, we are pleased to note that at our last meeting, our attendance was up a bit, so that is promising. And lastly, after serving our group since last November as the Alternate GSR, I have been elected as GSR and accordingly, was sent to attend the Area Assembly in Kingston that took place last weekend. I was pleased to be given this opportunity, taking in as much information as I could. I look forward to continuing my journey in service as I join you at this table as GSR for the Autonomy Group. Yours in Service, Wendy M.

### Brockville Lunch Bunch Meetings – Brockville

The Xmas party is on. It will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> OF December in the main hall of St Lawrence Church on the corner of Park & Pine Streets at 12.00. There will be an open meeting first, so ALL are welcome. The Sat. 12 & 12 will be joining us in this celebration. It will be cold pot luck. Hope to see you all there. Yours in Service, Denise M.

### Grapevine 12&12 Group – Smiths Falls

NOT PRESENT

### Heritage Valley Group– Carleton Place

October has been a very good month at the Heritage Valley Group. We have some new members helping out at group commitments as well as taking turns chairing meetings. As well I had the privilege of reading the Traditions at the Saturday night meeting at the Area Assembly in Kingston. On Nov 9, Ed and Trevor will celebrate 1 yr of sobriety. A safe and sober month to all. Yours in service, Paul F

### Land of Lakes – Sharbot Lake

NO REPORT

### Living Sober Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

### Merrickville Sunday Night

NOT PRESENT

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## GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS (con't)

### Mississippi Group – Carleton Place

NOT PRESENT BUT REPORT SUBMITTED

The Tuesday Night Mississippi group in Carleton Place is being well attended as of late. 15 - 20 members every week. There are no issues at present with our group. We have no birthdays in the month of November. Yours in service, Dwayne K.

### New Beginnings – Smiths Falls

NO REPORT

### New Hope Group – Smiths Falls

NO REPORT

### Perth Sunday Morning

The Perth Sunday Morning Meeting is going strong. We average about 20 people each meeting. Attendance is down slightly but that just allows less rushed sharing. We are manning the 12 step phones this coming month (November) and are looking forward to the experience this involves. Yours in service, Paul B

### Perth Tay Group

NO REPORT

### Phoenix Group – Brockville

The group is still averaging about 15 people at the meeting. The group is financially poor; the St Lawrence Parish at Park & Pine will work with groups and will not close due to rent issues. Yours in Service, Brian M

### Saturday Night - Smiths Falls

NO REPORT

### Seaway Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT BUT REPORT SUBMITTED

We have a lot of celebrations at our group this month. On Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, Gerald B will celebrate 3 years, Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Tegan H, 2 years, Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, Donna A, 5 years and Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, Gail W, 40 years. I am still looking for volunteers to come to Brockville on a Wednesday night to share your experience, strength and hope at our open speaker meeting. If you are interested, please contact me. Yours in service, Twyla S.

### Steps to Freedom – Carleton Place

NOT PRESENT

### Sunshine Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

### 12&12 Serenity Group – Perth

NO REPORT

### Westport Group

NO REPORT

### Young Peoples Group – Brockville

NO REPORT

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## SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

### Archives

I apologize for not attending last month; however I did attend the Service Information Day in September with a collection of documents and books from the District Archives. I will not be reading any of the group histories tonight, but I will bring my binder next month. Please don't forget to ask your groups if they have anything they might like to donate to our archives! Yours in Service, Colleen L.

### Correction and Treatment Facilities

Carolyn is stepping down as your Chair as she found it more of a job than expected / portrayed. Concerned with cancellations of jail commitments. **I will take on the position temporarily and will need a replacement.** I believe our District has taken on the coordination of the jails, treatment centers, and detox. I believe other Districts must share in the responsibility. We need to honor our commitments to CFTF facilities. Many are not being honored. Yours in Service, Joe W.

### Grapevine/Literature

NO REPORT

### Public information & Cooperation with the Professional Community

NO REPORT

### Self- Support

NO REPORT

### Spring Round-up

Tegan is not able to meet the chair commitment so we need a chair and alternate chair. Looking for volunteers and a theme. GSR's please take back to your groups. First meeting will be 7:00pm, November 25 before the District meeting. Thank you, Joe W.

### 12 Step Phone Coordinator

I apologize for the phone switch last month. There was no disruption of service. Phone commitments for 2010 are now required. Yours in Service, Brian M.

### Website Chair ([www.lanarkleedsaa.org](http://www.lanarkleedsaa.org))

NOT PRESENT

## NEW BUSINESS

- **Alkathon 2009**

Jim O. – There will be an Alkathon this year. Same meeting format as previous years. Need \$100 for supplies, New Beginnings group will not accept money for rent.

Pat C – Brought up the Adhoc committee report from last November 2008. Colleen reviewed recommendations from committee.

The following are the details of the ADHOC committee report as presented at the District table November 2008.

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“To that end this committee submits the following recommendations. It is our hope these recommendations can be accepted and implemented as soon as possible. It will be a District Table decision as to whether this can be accomplished in time to proceed with a District 66 Alkathon in 2008. It is the recommendation of this committee that the following points can be voted on by the 2008 District Table and implemented by the 2009/10 District Table.”

- The attached Alkathon Specific suggested guidelines as prepared by Colleen L be adopted or modified and added to the existing District 66 Guidelines. These guidelines will provide a flow of information from the committee to the District and ensure open and frank communications.
- District 66 will provide the funds required to host the event. There are to be no group contributions to the Alkathon committee. This event will be funded by regular group contributions to the District. The District will provide for rental expenses as well as all coffee and coffee related expenses only. Plates/cutlery/napkins, etc
- The event hours are modified to provide meetings on a 12 hour basis for each of the days in question.
- Provided the chosen venue is available on a 24 hour basis, we recommend the doors be left open and personnel are available to provide a 24 hour presence on the specified days. Provided the chosen venue is available on a 24 hour basis, we recommend the doors be left open so long as a sober member is present.
- Venue is to be discussed. It is the feeling of this committee that the Alkathon would be better placed in Brockville in order to provide on going access to treatment facilities as well as general membership.
- The tradition of self support is paramount to our organization and as such we are recommending a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition can be available at the door and each meeting is to announce the requirement for self support.
- The committee treasurer will be responsible for the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition can.
- The organizing committee will provide for coffee and sundries only. Finger type, non perishable foods and snacks are to be provided by individual members as well as the group hosting the meeting at their discretion.
- Meeting formats will be at the discretion of the group hosting the meeting.
- Each Group Service Representative is to commit to a meeting at the District Table on the night the Committee Chairperson is elected.
- Keep it Simple

It is our hope that these recommendations be discussed and implemented as soon as possible. Thank you for allowing us to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous and District 66. Yours in Love and Service, Joe W, Colleen L, Greg L.

Joe W. asked that the Adhoc Committee report as presented be adopted by the District Table and implemented for the 2009 event. Andrew made a motion to accept the report. Neil seconded the motion. After some discussion the vote was 13 for 2 against 2 abstained. Speaking to the minority vote did not sway opinion, motion CARRIED.

Joe W. made a motion that Donny S. be the Chair person of a 2008 Alkathon and that District 66 pay expenses as related to rent, coffee and coffee supplies. Roger C. seconded the motion, 15 votes for, 2 against after speaking to the minority the motion was CARRIED.

## **District 66 Golden Triangle Alkathon Guidelines**

### **August**

District Committee Member asks for volunteers for Alkathon Chair

Election held for Alkathon Chair and Co Chair (to stand for Chair the following year) as per District Guidelines at District Table

### **September –NONE – District Elections**

### **October**

Chair asks groups for Alkathon (themes) at District Table

Location and date confirmed: deposit required?

Committee meets – date announced by Chair at District table so anyone interested can attend

Ask for volunteers for Committee Officers – Treasurer, Secretary, Meeting Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, and Set up Coordinator

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## **District 66 Golden Triangle Alkathon Guidelines (con't)**

### **November**

Secretary to create flyer with date, time, location (map?).

Present flyer to District for approval

Begin Setting Up Meeting Schedule – contact Group Service Representatives in District to schedule onto the meeting list

Contact Recovery Homes/Flyers sent re: Alkathon

### **December**

Continue to Contact Group Service Representatives re: meetings

Determine scheduling of meetings

Ask for volunteers to help with registration, coffee set up, Confirm volunteers time slots for greeting/set up etc.

Obtain money from District to buy supplies: Coffee/cups etc

Pay for location

Treasurer keeps total of money in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition box down to a reasonable amount during Alkathon

Treasurer counts money from 7<sup>th</sup> at end of Alkathon to be given back to District

Treasurer makes report of amount and cost of supplies and amount used/left over, to be given to District with money at January District meeting

Location is secured with deposit for next years Alkathon

All records are to be given to the District Secretary to be held until next year's Alkathon committee is formed.

Much discussion ensued.

Pat C: We need a chair for district Alkathon in Brockville.

Colleen L: We will support the committee

Roger C: We are not getting much response for chair in Brockville.

Joe W: We can overturn the motion from 2008 if needed. The reason for the change in venue was to remove the controversy that usually follows every Smiths Falls Alkathon.

Gerry M: He will offer to chair the Brockville Alkathon. Gerry M. asks that people interested in helping with the Brockville Alkathon contact him via email or phone.

Much more discussion to the tune that we passed in November 2008 13-2 for the district to support an Alkathon in Brockville.

Smiths Falls will continue to support an Alkathon in Smiths Falls.

- Colleen L. motioned that we read a Tradition at every District meeting and discuss. Second: Neil P. Carried Amended: Colleen L. time limit 10 minutes Alt DCM will read.

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## NEW BUSINESS

- **Tradition Ten** from page 12 of the 12/12 “-Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues: hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy” “AA does not take sides in any public controversy. Reluctance to fight is not a special virtue. Survival and spread of A.A. are our primary aims. Lessons learned from Washingtonian movement.”

The reason I brought this up was it's good for us all to be reminded we do have Traditions and perhaps to discuss, in brief, our experiences with them. Originally, when I saw that there was to be a roundup committee meeting, I wanted to address the topic of outside Districts arriving with non GSO approved material for sale. This would more likely fall under the topic of Tradition Six, but it can also fall under this one. While the goods for sale and are recovery based, they are not AA based, and I feel that this then becomes an outside issue. If I remember correctly, some of the items for sale were more NA junk, than Drunk Junk, which our district has never sold at our events, to my knowledge. Even recovery based books, if not GSO approved could fall under drug/gambling/sex addiction, thereby becoming an 'outside issue'. My own experiences with outside issues and AA members have been varied, but include such things as solicitation from other members for either cash or signing petitions. When a close friend (either in AA or out) requests these things, it is one thing, when members at large send me requests of this nature; it becomes an 'outside issue' for me. In one instance, the request was to sign a petition, which I personally found offensive, given my own personal background. While I do know the difference between AA and non AA issues, I think it is very important, to remember that the newcomer and visitors often do not, and we should stick to our AA message when dealing with each other in our AA capacity. This would include such things as the District roundup, Alkathon, etc. If we start to allow non AA approved recovery messages on our tables, or even as our topics, what then is the next level? Spirituality is also part of our program ....will we include leaflets from churches? And whose church? Yours? Mine? Thanks for listening, Colleen L.

- **Anonymity and the Internet – Neil P**

I was able to remove Tom's address from one of the postings of our 12 step phone number. I will continue to work towards removing all address associations with our number. Also, I feel it is important to change the name associated with our bank account and telephone bill to Golden Triangle District 66. Any reference to AA or Alcoholics Anonymous on these accounts is in clear.

- **CFTF – Chair - Colleen L** suggested Joe W. Joe declined. Our normal procedure is ALT DCM takes over until someone fills the position. Requirements are 2 years of sobriety and there is a CFTF meeting the last Tuesday of the month.  
Pat C – Please take it back to your group to find a chair. Roger C stated that it was a big commitment. Travel to Ottawa, too much. Why don't we look after our facilities only? Colleen L – Too many meetings, 16 a month. District 66 might not be able to support this many meetings.  
Joe W will go to CFTF committee, suggest that if we are given one of the facilities we will meet the commitment. Other Districts should step up for the other facilities. We have done the lion share of the coordination.

### **\*\*REMINDER - CHEQUES FOR DONATIONS are to be made out to:**

For AREA 83: “Eastern Ontario Area 83 International”

For District 66: “Golden Triangle District 66”

7<sup>TH</sup> TRADITION collected = \$47.11

**NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 @ 7:30 PM AT THE COFFEE HOUSE**  
CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE AND LORD'S PRAYER