

MEETING MINUTES FOR DISTRICT 66 SERVICE MEETING (AREA 83) (September 30th, 2009)

2. SECRETARY REPORT

Regarding the Service Assembly in October in Kingston, today I sent everyone an email with a copy of the Workshops for Saturday and the Agenda for the meeting on Sunday. If you are able to print a copy and post it at your group that would be a great way to support this wonderful event. Please remember to announce this during your meeting to encourage members to attend this great event. It is a 7th tradition workshop and the only cost is the banquet dinner, which is unbelievable, followed by the banquet speaker (FREE). It really is a wonderful time for unity, recovery, and service and I encourage you all to attend if you have never done so before.

I have been asked by our Area 83 Secretary, Joyce, to sit on her Secretary panel at the Assembly. The topic will be "ANONIMITY ON THE WEB".

Regarding the Treasurer's report, Neil brings printed copies of the monthly report and it was noted that sometimes he is paying for copies. I have been including his report in the AGENDA and asked if this was useful and it was replied that it was. Neil sends me his report BEFORE THE DISTRICT MEETING. Therefore, discussion took place that I will continue to include the Treasurer's report in the AGENDA FOR THE CURRENT MONTH and Neil will no longer need to provide copies.

Lastly, I would like to put forth that we try to "SPICE" up our monthly reports given at the District meeting by sharing anything of special interest, etc. that may be happening at your group or in your town that is recovery based. Yours in service, Twyla S

3. REGISTRAR

NOT PRESENT

4. ALTERNATE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

Good evening everyone, my name is Gary and I am an alcoholic. I attended the area meeting in Belleville and as always I was very interested in some of the problems that were ironed out. I would like to take this moment to thank everyone who came and helped at our District 66 Information Day. I thought it was a very interesting and fun day. See you all in Kingston at the Area Assembly at the end of October. Yours in service, Gary C.

5. DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

Good evening everyone. My name is Pat and I am an alcoholic. Summer is now gone and I hope you all enjoyed it. A good lesson in acceptance. Myself and Gary C. attended the Area meeting in Tuckers Corners on Sept. 12th and as usual it was a great meeting. The area committee chairpersons are doing a super job in controlling their travelling expenses. Contributions to area are up by \$7069.41 over the same period last year. Joe W. from Perth Tay Group has accepted the position of alternate area webmaster. Congratulations Joe. Our Service Information Day has come and gone. It was a great day. However attendance was not up to expectations but like a lot of things in AA it takes time to grow. For Instance our annual round-up according to the archives a few years ago attendance was less than 75 people. Last year 264 people attended. The Area Assembly is taking place in Kingston on October 24 and 25th. Saturday is the service information workshops and Sunday is the business part of the meeting. Remember this is open to all members of AA so I suggest that you invite a member to attend with you. Hope to see all of you in Kingston at the Fall Assembly. Yours in Love and Service, Pat C. DCM Golden Triangle District 66.

GROUPS & MEETINGS REPORTS

Almonte Group – Almonte

Our meetings are still rather small, ranging from 8 to 14 members. We have had several newcomers in the last little while, that are still coming by to share each week. Yours in service, Mike D, Almonte AA group.

Athens 3RD Tradition Group

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Autonomy Group – Brockville

We have no birthdays to report for the month of October, but a member of our group, Morley, celebrated 31 years on September 17, 2009. Attendance at our group since the 7pm time change has dropped from approx. 40 attendees to 25. We will re-access the situation in 6 months time if our numbers do not recover. Despite the drop in attendance and the subsequent drop in our 7th Tradition collection, our group was able to make a donation towards the Service Information Day, half of which was used to purchase food and the remainder was put into the basket at registration. Yours in Service, Wendy M.

Brockville Lunch Bunch Meetings – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

Grapevine 12&12 Group – Smiths Falls

Both meetings are doing fine. We have one member celebrating in October, Paulette C. with 18 years on Oct. 27th. Yours in Service, Debbie M.

Heritage Valley Group– Carleton Place

September was a good month at the Heritage Valley Group. I was able to help out with a meeting at Alwood treatment centre which was fun. On Oct 5th, Shirley B will celebrate 12 yrs with us. See you all in Kingston. Yours in service, Paul F

Land of Lakes – Sharbot Lake

NOT PRESENT

Living Sober Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

Merrickville Sunday Night

NOT PRESENT

Mississippi Group – Carleton Place

NOT PRESENT

New Beginnings – Smiths Falls

The four meetings that New Beginnings looks after are doing well carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. No birthdays to report for next month. I will be attending the Fall Assembly in Kingston and I am looking forward to the chance to see service at work. Yours in love and service, Tom R.

New Hope Group – Smiths Falls

No new news for New Hope Group, there are no celebrants for the month of October. Yours in service, Doug E.

Perth Sunday Morning

NOT PRESENT

Perth Tay Group

NOT PRESENT

Phoenix Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

Saturday Night - Smiths Falls

PRESENT BUT NO REPORT

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Seaway Group – Brockville

We have a few celebrations in the month of October. Both Joe M. and Richard H. will celebrate their FIRST year of continuous sobriety on Wed, October 14th. Also, Jack B. will celebrate 2 years on Wed, October 28th. We are noticing a few empty chairs at our meeting and are hoping that will change with the colder weather among us and people will join us for a hot cup of coffee. Yours in service, Gerald B.

Steps to Freedom – Carleton Place

NOT PRESENT

Sunshine Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

12&12 Serenity Group – Perth

Both our meetings are well attended and we have had several new members join in the past month. We are seeing a lot of newcomers as well. I will be going to Kingston to the Area Conference next month. Hope to see you there. Yours in service, Ann T.

Westport Group

Westport has returned to its normal attendance of 8-12 people. We have 2 new members and there are no birthdays this month. Yours in Love and Service, Jim.

Young Peoples Group – Brockville

NOT PRESENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives

NOT PRESENT

Correction and Treatment Facilities

NOT PRESENT but report submitted.

Hi, my name is Carolyn and I am an alcoholic. I do not have a lot to report this month. Things are going smoothly at Newgate 180 for Men and also at Alwood. Newgate for women has been better. The volunteers are showing up and I have some members from other districts trying to help out. The Brockville Mental Health Centre clients are using the material that was sent in for them. Thank you everyone for the donations of Grapevines and I am always on the lookout for more. They also received the literature I left at the Brockville jail. I am so pleased to finally get some literature in there. We need more volunteers for the BMHC and the jail, though the jail is usually easier to schedule. A number of the volunteers are taking breaks and I appreciate they certainly need them and deserve them but it is getting to be more of a struggle every month to fill in our commitment schedule. I have passed out about 15 application forms and Crystal has not received any of them. I apologize for not being at the district meeting last week and look forward to next month. Yours in service, Carolyn M

Grapevine/Literature

NO REPORT GIVEN

Public information & Cooperation with the Professional Community

NOT PRESENT

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (con't)

Self- Support

NOT PRESENT but report submitted.

Hi Friends, sorry for not reporting last month. I went to the Heritage Valley Group for a Self Support presentation and it was received with lots of questions. I hope I answered them well. Any other Groups that would like for me to come please call me. Thank You, John M., Self Support Chair

12 Step Phone Coordinator

NOT PRESENT

Website Chair (www.lanarkleedsaa.org)

NOT PRESENT

OLD BUSINESS

Service Information Day report: We sent leftover food to a local agency after calling ahead to make arrangements to do so. We sold leftover pop/water by the case to various people in attendance. **Head Count:** 64 people signed in, 47 people were present prior to lunch, Full house (100 chairs set up) at lunch time, By 3:30pm, 29 people *including the panel*, remained. Overall, the food/beverage portion of the day went well. Thank you for the opportunity to be involved, it was a great day of information, fun and fellowship. Wendy M

We took in \$281 at the door (7th Tradition) which was awesome, thank you all. Also, \$94.00 was taken in at the drink station, for a TOTAL OF \$375.00. I am returning the \$300 FLOAT to Neil tonight, along with the extra \$75. Yours in service, Twyla S.

There were EXTENSIVE notes taken on this event regarding supplies bought, etc. so that next year's event will run much smoother as there was too much inventory bought, etc. Please see Twyla or Wendy for a copy.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Round-up. When should we have our first meeting to discuss committee officers etc? It was brought to everyone attention that we do NOT have a co-chair and Tegan our Chair has a very full plate right now as she is back in school as well as working. We decided to have a meeting at 7:00PM on Wed, October 28th, PRIOR to our District Meeting. PLEASE ATTEND if you are interested in helping with next spring's Round-up in Perth. *Also, ask your group at your next business meeting what they think would be a good THEME for the round-up and bring that back to the next District meeting.*

Expenses for DCM: Pat brought to our attention that the upcoming Assembly will cost \$325 for him to attend. Also, he is requesting a ONE TIME expense for gas to attend the AREA meetings all year. TOTAL amount requested was \$350 which was voted on and passed by all.

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SHARING PORTION

Alkathon in Smiths Falls this year. When will the funds be received to proceed with this? Pat addressed the question by bringing forth the subject of whether or not to have the Alkathon and to add it as NEW BUSINESS for the meeting October 28th.

Neil mentioned that will the donations collected at the meeting tonight that our NEW ADJUSTED BALANCE (even after Pat's \$350 taken out for the Assembly) was approximately \$2,100.00. It was mentioned that our PRUDENT RESERVE is \$600.00. **Motion to send \$750 to AREA and \$750 to GSO was passed by all.**

CHEQUES FOR DONATIONS are to be made out to:

For AREA 83: "Eastern Ontario Area 83 International"

For District 66: "Golden Triangle District 66"

NEW MEETING: Thursdays from 12:30 – 1:30 Woman's Step meeting

7TH TRADITION collected = \$29.53

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING IS OCTOBER 28TH, 2009 @ 7:30 PM AT THE COFFEE HOUSE

CLOSED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE AND LORD'S PRAYER AT 8:25pm.