

District 11 minutes February 9th, 2023

Bob D. opened the meeting with the serenity prayer at 6:15 PM

The secretary made an announcement that she was recording this meeting.

Secretaries report: Dana K.

Dana sent out the minutes from the January district meeting.

Stew motioned to approve the minutes; Marlene seconded the motion all in favor no one opposed.

Treasurers report: Shannon L.

Treasurers report is attached. Note the Berkeley Springs group was on the treasurer's list but did not give a donation. Shannon did get the bank account changed over the old treasures off and Shannon is on the account. Shannon has a new debit card. Bob had a question about how groups donate to the district. We discussed a bit about how groups can donate money to the district. This will be addressed in the GSR workshop that we are going to put on in April. There was another question about what the seed money was for in the treasurers report. Shannon explained that seed money was for any extra expenses that the district would have. Dana made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Carrie seconded all in favor, no one opposed.

Old business:

Budget committee. Stew suggested that we use the budget from last year. He suggested that we take the budget back to our groups and let them look at it to get their thoughts. Pam made a motion to take last years budget and consider and bring it back for discussion to the next district meeting. Stew seconded the motion. All in favor the motion passed.

Stephani S. expressed interest in being the Alt. Corrections chair. She has since declined so that position is still open.

The amount of money that the district has needs to be used to carry the message. Pam W. asked are we sending money to world services and area in the past we have not. Gsr's need to go back to their groups and ask the groups what they think the district should do with the funds. We need to hear from the

members of Alcoholics Anonymous what suggestions they have to do with the funds. There was much discussion on how much to send to Area 73 and the General Service Office as well as helping our local recovery community. It was discussed that after we look at the budgeted funds for all of the positions that we would have an ending amount and would need to make a decision where that ending amount would be distributed. We did ask the GSR to go back to their groups in January and come back to the February meeting with their thoughts. The breakdown of the 2022 budget is attached. Budgeted expenses at this point are \$4850.00. If we take these budgeted expenses off of our balance we would have available funds of \$3748.00.

Shannon will send a report out of what the district actually spent in 2022.

Some suggestions:

Donating books to groups to give out to newcomers.

Buying books for the new detox center on Wilson St.

Buying back ordered grapevines for the detox, MRC, Oxford houses, VA and the hospital.

Purchasing literature to keep at Snyder's Bible church for our district meeting so GSR can purchase literature. The district did purchase a storage unit to leave at Snyder's Bible church, pre COVID.

There is a year-end report of expenses attached to this email for reference.

A question was brought up about how much money a district should have. A district is autonomous just like a group. But we all agree that holding money in a bank account does not carry the message to the newcomer.

Bob is updating the GSR list if you are a GSR please get your information to Bob you will need your name address telephone number and e-mail address along with your group name.

800 number:

Pam W. had worked on the one 800 number previously. She answered the phones at her intergroup office in Las Vegas. The 800 number in West Virginia works like this. AA members put their telephone numbers, first names, phone number, sex,

county and times available on a list. This list is then passed on to our DCM Bob D.. Bob then gives the list to our alternate delegate Bill A., Bill A. will then give the list to our answering service. Dana will send out a copy to Pam W. to be distributed to the groups. There is a copy attached to this report. The AA members' telephone number is not given to the person calling the one 800 number. The one 800 number operator will call the AA member and give the AA member the person's information to call them.

The address to send contributions to the area has changed see notes at end of these minutes.

Committee reports:

Accessibilities and Treatment (A&T)

Carrie said everything is good with Mountaineer Recovery Center. Has the month of March booked. The WVU detox on Wilson St. is going well. AA members go in share their experience strength and hope. The detox did ask that we bring no more than two people in at a time to put on the meeting. At the moment there are between three to eight people in the detox as patients. As the detox has more clients we can bring more AA members in to carry the message. Working on the VA about getting meetings brought back in.

Budget Committee:

Already discussed.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Linda W.

No report.

Corrections: Doug A.

No report.

Grapevine: Joi T.

Joi reported thanks to Deb she has a good stack of old grapevines that she can carry to meetings and introduce newcomers to the magazine. Aagrapevine.org has many useful tools along with options to subscribe to the magazine. Pat did an awesome job on the newsletter, especially with the Grapevine corner, thanks Pat.

Literature: Stew B.

What was left of our library Stew brought today. This was from a past book order years ago. We do have a cabinet in the back at Snyder's Bible church. Historically district 11 has ordered books every other year. Stew has order slips for groups. The reason we do a big book order including all the groups orders is to save money on shipping and postage. If we order over \$500 worth of literature there is no cost of shipping. Over the years we as a district have ordered books and given them to groups for the groups to do what they want. On our last order Stew said that we saved over \$400 for the district and the groups in shipping fees because we combined the orders together. Stew brought order sheets and a memo explaining what to do to get the order back to Stew. The plan is to order the books after March. Stew suggested that we have the payment from each group before we order the books. The more we order the cost of the books will go down and some groups will get money back.

The district will also contribute to the book order.

Order forms and directions on what to do are attached.

Newsletter: Pat M.

No report. Pat did get out the newsletter. Great job Pat. If you didn't get the newsletter email Pat to get on the mailing list.

Public Information (PI): Vance H.

Dana, the past PI has been in touch with Vance. Dana introduced Vance to the journal paper they put the meeting schedule in the paper every Monday. We've encouraged Tiffany the contact at the journal to definitely put the new district website on the top of that list in the paper, www.aawv11.org. The question was brought up about the Morgan messenger, it was reported that from time to time they do put our meetings or at least the Morgan County meetings in the Morgan messenger. Pat W. will get with Vance to get some meetings into the Morgan messenger paper. Vance has been introduced to Rusty who is our Webmaster for our website and he will get Rusty any updates changes AA events that are happening in the district as they come in. Also any AA events that are happening around our area. There is a Maryland convention in August.

The Spring Assembly is coming up in Morgantown March 24, 25 and 26th. A flyer is attached. There is no need to register for this event. There is a GSR orientation on Friday night.

The district will pay the expenses of the DCM to attend. The Groups will pay for their GSR's to attend.

Workshop: Marliene M., Dana K., Linda W. and Cheryl

Marliene reported we had our first workshop meeting about creating a workshop for GSR training to be held April 1st, 2023 at the Eastern Panhandle Recovery Foundation, 118 E Martin St. Martinsburg WV so we can also have it virtual. We are trying to think of a catchy name like "What the heck is a GSR and how will it keep me sober". We would like to have potluck chili soup chips coffee water. Dana will contact district 15 to see if they want to participate. Having a panel discussion, two members from district 15 and two members from district 11. We want to have 1 person from Morgan and 1 from Berkeley County. The panel would be made up of seasoned members who can discuss their experience strength and hope and what it's means to be GSR and how service to help them with sobriety. Time from 11:30 to 1:30 or 2:00. We will need money to buy supplies.

Since our first workshop meeting Dana spoke to Mo the workshop chair for District 15 and because they already have a workshop planned for May, they declined this time, but would love to revisit the idea later on maybe for a fall workshop.

Dana also said having the GRS workshop at the Recovery Foundation would be a great place because of the virtual ability to anybody from anywhere that wants to learn about being a GSR attend virtually.

The workshop budget is \$200.00.

Pam W. made a motion for District 11 to support the workshop. Carrie H. 2nd everyone in favor.

Group Reports:

H.O.W group

The H.O.W. group meets in Hedgesville at 7:30 on Wednesday night. The alternate GSR is Dave S.. Group is doing great. Our group conscious is definitely ready to do a book order. We are waiting to know if districts will do an order so we may save on shipping costs.

Berkeley Springs group.

Frank G. Everything's going like it was last month. Bob D. said he plans on coming to the Berkeley Springs Group One of these days.

Good Orderly Directions:

Laura G. Deb L. is now the alternate GSR. Laura is removing herself as the alternate secretary for the district. Still going strong. At 7:00 PM on Monday nights at Lutheran Church on Pitzers Chapel Rd. The number continues to rise steadily and we may have even gotten up to about 60 people last week as MRC continues to bring men from their synergy program on a weekly basis. These guys are usually the same each week give or take a few they pick up monthly chips and some are getting comfortable enough to share we are also now. Seeing some of these same men coming back to the meeting now that they are out of treatment is amazing.

Early after work friends of Bill W.

Carrie H. all is good.

11th Step group

Vance H. The group needs to change the alternate GSR.

Eye Opener Group

Marliene M. reports they are in need of chairpeople. They don't have a lot of qualified candidates to chair the meetings they did bring in someone that has a little over six months sober and he's doing great, but they have also lost a few so they're in need of chair people. There was an issue about smoking in front of the building. They are saying at every meeting that you must smoke in the back of the building. Christy is redoing the anniversary and member list to get it updated and present. They are starting their membership lifts from scratch and they've assigned up sheet at the meeting.

Behind the Star Group:

Pam W is the new GSR she was just selected to the position a few weeks ago. They just had a group conscience apparently there has not been a group conscious meeting in a long time. The treasurer was not at the last meeting they've scheduled another meeting for February to see if the treasurer will be there. Things have been very casual at the meeting they meet three times a week. They do have a chairperson for each meeting. The meeting doesn't appear to have any notes for any length of sobriety or any structure. At the next business meeting they are going to get some kind of order. They did elect an alternate GSR.

New Business:

Bob D. mentioned an email from GSO if you want to know what that was about ask Bob. It was about a trustee at GSO that was asked to resign from the board at GSO.

Book order: Stew B. reported every other year we do a book order, one of those years we ordered 100 abridged big books and gave four to each group to distribute as they wanted to. We haven't done it for a few years, we ordered books so that we would we would have a little bit of a library here at Snyder's Bible church. Groups could come and get books from the district. Stew would like to see us order a regular big book as one way to use up some of the funds in the district. If we ordered 100 4th edition big books it would be \$893.00. Each group would get 4 books to be distributed as they wish. The remaining books would be kept at Snyder's Bible church when needed.

It was brought up to order back issue grapevines because they're simple and small and easy to read. The AA Grapevine is a different division of GSO so that would have to be a different order.

Shannon mentioned we pay \$300 a year to Snyder's Bible church for rent to have the district meeting monthly. Last month we voted to keep the meetings at Snyder's Bible church. We've always paid the rent quarterly Shannon wanted to know if we could pay the rent yearly. Dana made a motion that we pay \$300 for the year 2023, Vance seconded the motion. We took a vote all were in favor except for Pam W. Pam W. expresses for simplicity and tracking purposes to pay it

quarterly. We took another vote, all were in favor except for Pam W. and the motion passed.

A question was asked about the representation of the Saturday Night Group (Inwood, St Leos). No one really knows what is going on. But it is still active.

Carrie mentioned there is a big book study at noon on Fridays at the Eastern Panhandle Recovery Foundation 118 E. Martin St. in Martinsburg. Nooners Group.

Dana handed out motion slips to take back to the groups. If someone wants to make a motion to take to the spring Assembly in march please get it to Bob D. asap. Motion slips are attached.

Dana made a motion to close the meeting, Stew second.

Meeting ended at 7:17 pm

