District 11 monthly meeting minutes from November 9th 2023

Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 6 Pm

Secretaries report: Amanda motioned to accept the minutes as written, Frank 2nd all in favor

Treasurer's report: Shannon sent the treasurer's report. Shannon wrote in her last report:

I will not be able to attend the meeting this month. I have had to pick up a second job and have very little control over my evening schedule anymore. With that being said and with the new year coming up, I wanted to throw out that if anyone is interested in the Treasurer position, I would be happy to train/help anyone who is interested in taking the position. I am still more than willing to continue being the Treasurer, but I can't always make meetings, and I really do not like being an absent group member. Just throwing it out there as the new year approaches.

Have a great day, everyone, and as always, feel free to call or email with any questions.

Gratefully in Service,

Shannon

Motion to accept Frank, Ben 2nd , all in favor

No DCM report

Accessibilities and Treatment: Carrie was not present, but she did mention she was not stepping down as A & T chair.

CPC: not present

Newsletter: Pam **NEWSLETTER** - I'd like to **strongly encourage all**to submit articles, personal stories, meeting histories, etc. Also requesting GSRs to begin tallying or updating their anniversary list as I will be requesting that on Jan 1st 2024. The newsletter will no longer have anniversaries.

Literature: no report

Public information: The website is updated when it needs to be. We are asking groups or AA members to send their name, how many years they are celebrating, celebration date, and group name to rusty.danastuxedo@hotmail.com. We can get anniversaries on the calendar at [www.aawv11.org](http://www.aawv11.org). if you email this just put AA anniversary in the subject.

Workshops: no report

Activities: AA Jeopardy in Berkeley Springs was good. We had a lot of fun. Great questions. We are looking at doing it again. The turnout was light, but it was a great time regardless.

The next activity may be a bowling night at Pike Side Bowl. Looking for the district to pay for the lanes. Shoes and snacks would be the responsibility of each individual member. Possibly Friday or Saturday night.

Grapevine: Joi reported everything is going great people love the magazines. The last order of back-issued grapevines was $600.00 and they were gone in a month. If the district is saying they want to spend some more money, spend it on Grapevine meetings.

Group reports:

Behind the Start group:  is really struggling with attendance. All (especially women) highly encouraged to attend (MWF noon)

Eye Opener Group: Marlene reported they had their picnic Oct 21st. It was a great turnout. Good food, 2 speakers. One was from out of town, and one is a local speaker. Raffle was good and covered the cost. The meeting is going well. Get a lot of mission people. Lots of young sobriety.

Paw Paw Group: Ben reported sometimes they have as many as 10 people. A couple that has begun to attend and some others from out of town. Hugh had 39 years and had an anniversary party.

H.O.W group: Joi reported meeting is going great they had their first eating meeting Nov 1st, 2023. Great turnout with 2 speakers. One 18 months and 36 years. They both shared for 25 minutes. 45 people in attendance. They usually have 15 to 25 people a meeting.

11 Step Group: Vance reported Tuesday and Thursday have picked up because the VA is bringing people from the VA. There is also a meeting on Monday night Step Study Group, that is going strong for a while.

Berkeley Springs Group: Frank reported the group is going well. He is still looking for speakers on Saturday night. 38th annual Anniversary meeting Dec 9th 6:00 eating meeting. Pot luck with an out-of-town speaker.

Outright Mental Defectives: Jimmy, meets 9:30 Snyders Bible church. Jimmy celebrated 8 years and had 28 people in attendance. On average between 7 and 10 people show. It's all good

EAWFOBW: Amanda reported mentioning to the group about having an EIN number to get a bank account. Erika the Area Treasurer showed Amanda how to get an EIN number. The group is doing good. Its not a hard task but the group is hesitant, why fix it if it isn’t broke.

Marlowe Group: Toni sent this notes: Anniversary Eat & Group Meeting- January 16th @ 5:30pm with speaker at 7pm. Carrying the message to detox, MRC and the 3rd Floor hospital Sign-up sheet- Our group has created a sign-up sheet with those interested in carrying the message. (see attachment) We have no one interested in becoming the new A&T committee chair at this. Grapevine- When the direct gets magazines order, our group would like to get some. Big Books- Our Group does NOT need any more big books at this time. Website cards- Our group thinks this a great idea and would like some for our group. Alcathon- Our group has voted not to host this years alcathons.

We Agnositics: Christy reported We Agnositics is meeting from 7 to 8 pm on Friday and Saturday nights, at 118 East Martin St. Martinsburg. Have been going for about 5 months. Kenny is the contact person.

Women on a Journey: Olivia reported via email:

This report is for Women on A Journey.  We are going strong every Sunday at 2:00-3:00pm on-line.  We have a strong participation and are blessed with new comers on a regular basis.  We celebrated our 7th year anniversary at the October 15th meeting.

There are two issues we would like to address in the meeting:

1.  We have been a district meeting every Sunday at 2:00pm for 7 years.  We would appreciate consideration when the district is planning events so that our members will have the opportunity to participate if possible.

2. We support making a larger donation to GSO.  It is better than having the large surplus in our account.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

Old Business: We made a decision to get business cards made. They will be ready next week for pick up.

How to spend the money to carry the message. Area Treasurers report was shown and we could see what other districts give to the Area.

A list of meetings was read off to the group about how many meetings in District 11 has given something to the Area.

Berkeley Springs Group, Cole River Group (not sure if that group is in our district), Good Orderly Direction, Inwood, Marlow, H.O.W. Group and one more miscellaneous. By the district giving to Area covers groups in our district for groups that can’t give to Area.

What does your group think about District 11 donating to Area 73 in West Virginia.

Dana is emailing everyone the Area Treasurers report to see where the Area 73 spends their money. The District has never giving money to the Area as far as Dana knows.

Money in the bank: Frank made a motion to buy $1000.00 worth of back issued grapevines. We all agreed. These grapevines would be distributed to groups to distribute to newcomers, take grapevines to detox, doctors offices and treatment facilities.

Toni made a motion to purchase $1000.00 work of big book to be distributed to groups to give to newcomers, not to be resold. We all agreed to this.

Dana is to get with Shannon to place these orders. Dana will have grapevines and books to Dana’s Tuxedo.

Mentioned about a Christmas party no other discussion.

Frank mentioned about adding $500.00 to the literature budget. We did an inventory of what we have in our locker. Taking AA meetings back into the mental health ward at WVU in Martinsburg. Dana reached out to Ashley who contacted her about bringing meetings back in to the hospital. She has not heard back at this point.

New Business:

Christy reported there will be a Thanksgiving Alcathon. 118 East Martin St. 7:30 am to 4:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving day. 50/50 raffle, lots of food. Last year they had 178 people who came. The 5:30 and 7:30 will have their meeting the same night.

No group has stepped up to do the Christmas Alcathon. An Alcathon doesn’t have to be 24 hours. It can be anywhere, not at the clubhouse.

New Year's Alcathon will be held at 118 East Martin Street. 4:30 pm New Years Eve to 4:30 P.M. New Year's day.

Literature: Marliene and I came in early and pulled all the literature out of the cabinet. Lots of the literature was for more seasoned AA members.

Inventory of books

2 large print 12&12

6 hardcover 12&12

3 small and 1 large Daily Reflections

3 As Bill Sees It

6 Came to Believe

2 AA Comes of Age

3 Dr. Bob

4 Cooperation with the Professional Community Workbooks

A motion was made to those books to the We Agnostics: Frank made a motion, Van 2nd. One opposed.

New motion to distribute books between We Agnostics and Behind the Start. All agreed.

Frank will take the books to Behind the Star.

We decided last month to purchase Big Books in a variety of sizes all were in favor of that. Dana will figure out the order. Dana will get that order to Shannon to purchase.

Pam made a motion that we spend $500.00 on newcomer pamphlets to be given out to groups who need or want them. Amanda 2nd. All in favor.

Dana and Marliene will create a literature order and get it to Shannon to purchase.

Joi made a motion to buy $1000.00 on 12 & 12’s, to be distributed to groups who need and want them to be given out to newcomers, not to be resold. Frank 2nd, all in favor.

Dana will make the order to give to Shannon to place the order.

More discussion about giving to Area. A show of hands at the meeting about how many groups give to Area. Out of the 9 groups present at the district meeting, only 1 group has donated to the Area.

Pam asked if the Activities Committee could host the Christmas party. No one on the Activities Committee is available for that commitment.

Amanda motioned to adjourn Joi second, all in favor.

The meeting ended at 7:05 PM with the Responsibility statement. .