District 11 minutes October 10, 2024, Snyders Bible Church

6:00 PM opened with the Serenity Prayer

Present: Bob D., Eddie, Marliene, Frank, Dana, Christy, Mark, Linda, Toni

DCM report: Bob passed around the flyer for the chili cookoff at the H.O.W. Group Wednesday Nov 6th, 2024. United Methodist Church, Hedgesville. Brought hard copies of the newsletter. It is the end of our 2 years commitment for all service positions. We are looking for people who would like to stand for all the committee openings.

Available positions: For a description of what all positions are about visit www.aawv11.org

District Committee Member: Dana will stand for DCM and maybe Frank

Secretary:

Treasurer: Marliene will stand for treasurer as she has been alternate for some time.

Public Information:

Accessibilities and Treatment: Bob D. will stand

Corrections: Carrie said she will stand

Grapevine:

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Secretaries report: Secretaries report has been emailed and should be on [www.aawv11.org](http://www.aawv11.org). Adjustment and clarification made to the minutes on treasurers report. Marlene motioned to accept, Toni seconded all in favor.

Treasurers Report: Report was given emailed out. Beginning balance $4939.66. Expenses of $409.14 for 2 years website hosting and domain renewal. No deposits. Ending balance $3730.52. Prudent reserve $800.00. Dana made a motion to accept, Frank seconded all in favor.

Newsletter: Pam sends out the newsletter. Pam voiced her thoughts about continuing on with the newsletter. She will gladly pass it off to someone in the spirit of rotation.

Committee report:

A&T: Bob had a sign-up sheet to take meetings into the

WVU Detox/415 Wilson Street Martinsburg/ Mondays at 7 pm

Pyramid Healthcare Mountaineer, 3094 Charles Town Rd, Kearneysville/Thursday at 7/one man one woman

WVU Medicine Berkeley Medical Center - Behavioral Unit Martinsburg, 2500 Hospital Drive Martinsburg,

I think it is on Wednesday’s, Contact Bob D at 508-254-9668 for times at WVU and to sign up for a day.

Must have at least one year of continuous certain sobriety time.

Frank said he went on the 26th he was told by someone at Pyramid told it was the women’s week. We have questions about that.

PI: Public Information: Vance is moving out of the area and will be stepping down from PI. It was mentioned to ask Vance if he has any literature from his position.

Corrections: No Report Spoke to Donavan at the Fall Assembly. Donavan is the Corrections Chair for Area 73. One of the problems is ERJ just isn’t AA friendly. Bob reached out to WV corrections and it was confirmed that each facility has the right to have meetings or not. Carrie said that she wanted to do corrections.

Newsletter: Pam is continuing to send out newsletter to everyone on the list.

Website: If you have any changes to meeting please let Dana know at danastuxedo@hotmail.com. If you have any anniversaries let Dana know.

For anniversaries we need First Name, number of years celebrating, where and when they are celebrating. There is a printable version of the meeting schedule on our website if your meeting needs to print out a few.

Meetings are updated live on the website. There is a PDF meeting schedule that can be printed off if anyone needs them. Send to Rusty.danastuxedo@hotmail.com.

We have to remember 2 years from now to make sure Area Debit card is charged and not a members card.

Literature: Meeting schedules are in and delivered to the meeting. We ordered 250. Some discussion about did we make a decision at an earlier meeting to order 1000. We were not sure and couldn’t find it in the minutes past that we voted on 1000. In the August minutes it was reported that Marliene will get a price for qty of schedules to be printed and bring it to the next meeting. We voted at September meeting that we would only order 250 because the low amount of GSR’s that attend the District meeting. There was no motion made on the amount we would order at the August meeting.

Eyeopener requested for the district to get 12 & 12’s.

Activities: We planned on having a workshop in October and it is not going to happen. Marlowe did ask the church and they said any day in October, there was a communication breakdown. We decided that we need to plan a workshop about 4 to 5 months prior to the workshop. Will possibly plan a workshop in Jan or Feb 2025. The Spring Assembly is in Martinsburg in March 2025, we are planning on having movie night with the movie being, My Name is Bill W. That is the goal.

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[AAGRAPEVINE.ORG](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Faagrapevine.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7C%7C234bdb7583154514c89608dce9625fc9%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638641855925565543%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=eGkMLPsNuG8YEocoFzAg32RxCcKUKpQ1H2SD1R%2FagXA%3D&reserved=0) WEBSITE, check it out, new stuff monthly, many options to help us stay active in our sobriety.

Group reports:

Eye opener group: They had a great picnic and are going to do a group inventory on Oct 26th from 8:45 to 11:45. According to the traditions. The group is having difficulties and fells they need to do an inventory to get clarification on what they can do. They are not holding hands anymore and discussed alcothon.

Berkeley Springs Group: Still the same very low amount of group members. He is looking for speakers on Saturday night.

A Design for Living: Meets every Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. Berkeley County Recovery Resource Center in the trailer on the left of the main building. We average between 2 to 5 in attendance. Reading out of the Living Sober book. We are staying sober.

Marlowe Group: Eddie is new GSR she wanted to come to the District meeting an officially let the District know. They have an average of 40 to 45 people attend the meeting. Will talk to church about possible dates in Jan or Feb for the workshop.

H.O.W. Group: How group, Wednesday night, seven thirty is doing very well.

We our submitting our Chili meeting flyer to add to website. Nov 6, eat at 6, meeting with speaker 7:30.

Our group is in need of big books for newcomers. Just wanted to mention before we need to do an order on our own.

We are also in need of more where and when's.  I know we can print or copy ourselves but just wanted to check before we do so.

We have switched to an Open meeting per group conscious and will need to update where and when's.

Behind the Star: Mark the new GSR, They added a few homegroup members attendance is steady at 6 to 8, sometimes as little as 3. But have a good core group that attends.

11th Step Group: Pyramid is bringing people women one week and men the next. Everything is going smooth. They haven’t had a group conscience for a while. But everything is running smooth.

Sober Sister: They are growing slowly, and they are now on the meeting schedule. Initially there were only a few that had long term recovery. Now there are more and more with over a year. Dana said she submitted the meeting to the meeting app. But it is not on there still. Dana will check on that. The District has no control over the meeting guide app. They are in need of 12 & 12’s.

Old Business:

We decided an AA retreat would not be something that the district can support financially.

New Business:

Dana will send out information about elections coming next month. The concern is if we don’t get enough members to step up the district can go dark. This means we still have a district but District 11 will have no representation, then we have no voice. There are 20 groups in District 11 and only a fraction of GSR’s attend the District meetings. We will encourage all GSR’s to attend the Spring Assembly. Then we talked about Marliene and Dana looking at what we should buy. The question of how much money the district wants to spend on literature.

Linda made a motion that we spend $1000.00 on 12&12’s, Daily Reflections, Living Sober, Big Books for the purpose of reselling this literature at cost to the groups. Frank seconded, Then there was much discussion. All in favor. Secretary will send out announcement to get their orders to us by a date to be determined.

Alcothon: Due to the lack of help last year. Christy said they (didn’t know who she was referring to?) are willing to do just a New Year’s Alcothon. 4:30 PM on Dec 31st to 4:30 PM Jan 1st 2025. If a meeting would like to host an Alcothon on Thanksgiving or Christmas step on up. Christy would like to put a signup sheet online for people to sign up for chairing a meeting. All in favor. The District is budgeted for $300.00. All in favor of supporting the Alcothon. All in favor.

Book order: The district could purchase books but we are limited in space to store them. Some groups are suggesting the district put a combined order together to save money on shipping. Groups are to get a wish list from their groups about what literature they want. We could do a combined book order to save on shipping. A $500.00 minimum order for free shipping.

Talked about doing the District meeting virtual. We tried to do it on a phone at Snyder’s Bible on the phone and it just didn’t work. People on Zoom couldn’t hear. Either no one showed up or maybe one person. Possibly changing the place so we can have the District meeting on a virtual platform.

Solution to deal with elections:

Linda made a motion to have the November District meeting at the 118 East Martin Street Martinsburg the 11:00 am Saturday November 9th, at 11:00 am for the District Elections, meeting live and virtual. It will be on the GO TO MEETING app

Virtual Link – <https://gotomeet.me/eyeopenergroup>

Closed meeting at 7:36 with the “I am responsible” statement.

Next meeting will be held at 118 East Martin Street Martinsburg on Nov 9th at 11:00 am,

Contributions can be sent to:

District 11

Make check payable to District 11
District 11

PO Box 1831, Martinsburg West Virginia 25402

Area contributions:

Make check payable to Area 73 Area 73
PO Box 461, Morgantown West Virginia 26507-0461

G.S.O: Make checks payable to GSO

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