District 11 minutes September 12, 2024, Snyders Bible Church

6:00 PM opened with the Serenity Prayer

Present: Bob D., Eddie, Marliene, Frank, Dana

DCM report: Bob D. Eddie from the Marlowe group is the new GSR. Bob passed around a copy of the South East Regional Forum will be taking place in Biloxi Mississippi, December 6-8 2024. Bob has information for anyone interested.

Vancouver is the international convention. There is a message from General Service Board about getting into Canada with a felony charge. You will need a passport. Bob has more information if you need it. The Area Fall Assembly of Area 73 is this upcoming weekend. This is a voting Assembly. Every 2 years at the Fall Assembly is a voting assembly. All positions will be rotated out and new people will be voted in. Bob will not be attending. Marliene, Frank and Dana will be attending.

Secretaries report: Marleine sent out minutes from August meeting. Thanks Marliene. She did put an agenda at the end of the minutes for the next meeting. Minutes from every meeting should be on [www.aawv11.org](http://www.aawv11.org) website.

Motion to accept as written all approved.

Treasurers Report: Marliene has sent out treasurers report via email to all GSR’s.

We have a beginning balance of $4966.00, prudent reserve $800.00. Available funds $4100.66. Contributions from groups: Good Orderly Direction $39.00.

Zero expenses. Ending balance is $4939.66, prudent reserve of $800.00. Available funds of 4139.66, $500.00 seed money.

Keeping a year-to-date contributions and expenses for anyone to see.

There is a rough draft of a budget. Bob suggested having a budget committee.

The last years budget was used for this year. Bob suggested to hold off on budget for now.

Dana made a motion to except the treasurers report as written.

Frank seconded, all in favor

Committee report:

A&T: Accessibilities and Treatment: Carrie stepped down and Bob D. has taken over. Marlowe, H.O.W. and Eye Opener has signed up for these meetings.

He has a chart for groups or individuals to sign up with days and time slots. Keep in mind an individual in recovery can sign up.

WVU Detox/Wilson Street Martinsburg/ Mondays at 7 pm

Pyramid/Kearneysville/Thursday at 7/one man one woman

WVU Behavioral Unit/Martinsburg/not sure what day

Contact Bob D at 508-254-9668 to sign up for these.

Must have at least one year of continuous certain sobriety time

PI: Public Information

No report

Corrections: Bob D. talked to Donavan, who is the Area 73 chair about us not getting in to the Eastern Regional Jail. Will continue to see what we can do to move this forward.

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](mailto: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.

Literature:

Panhandle printing broke down prices for printing.

50 meeting schedules are .31 a piece

100-250 meeting schedules are .19 a piece

500 meeting schedules are .17 a piece

Concern, not many GSR’s come to the district meeting. So if we print too many they will just sit in our locker at Snyders Bible Church.

It was decided to get 250 meeting schedules for a total of $49.47 total.

All agreed.

Dana will send updated meeting schedule pdf to Panhandle Printing and Marliene will pay at pick up.

Berkeley Springs group took a few more Big Books for his group. We still have some Grapevines left and some books left.

We need to revisit the book order.

We were wondering if Stew has any books left. Bob D. is to ask him.

The books we order are for groups to give to newcomers, not for resale.

Activities: Marlow has agreed to host a workshop any Saturday in October. We just need to tell the church what day. They have the capacity for 50 to 60 people. Need to make a flyer. October 12 at 12:00 until 4:00 on the 12 Concepts. Marlow would need to pick the date and we need to make sure Delegate Paul Hodder and Brian Tucker is available. We could go into November if necessary.

Grapevine: Grapevine is still an awesome meeting in print written, edited & illustrated by alcoholics.

Check out the website [wwwgrapevine.org](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwwwgrapevine.org%2F&data=05%7C02%7C%7C46b4eced233e41abe92908dcd37ba1fc%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C638617775149178685%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=XaGRqPmlsxV444DUltbYsI%2BDmX6hh8rMo3tGkIVMYWA%3D&reserved=0)

We will need a new Grapevine rep next year at rotation vote, heads-up anyone who loves Grapevine please consider that position for district.

Group reports:

Eye opener group: all chair positions for daily meetings are filed. Picnic is Sept 21, 11:00 to 4:00 War Memorial Park. Speakers, raffles, prizes and food. Received 15 yes votes for a weekend retreat. They are ordering Daily Reflections.

Women on a Journey: Olivia G. sent minutes to Marliene. We are doing well we average 10 to 12 women per meeting, with several newcomers and return visitors throughout the month. We are seeking a new GSR to better participate in the physical at district meeting events. We will be celebrating our 8th year at our meeting on October 13th. We welcome women from many different places as well as our local district.

Berkeley Springs Group: Attendance is still down. The other day they had 3. Still looking for speakers for Saturday night. Having a hard time getting home group members to the group business meetings. Group said they would not participate in a retreat.

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

Marlowe Group: Eddie is the new GSR. His reported there where about 40 people at the last meeting. Averages around 20. A rehab is bringing people to the meeting.

H.O.W Group: Myself and our alternate GSR are out of town.

HOW group is doing very well.

I believe we took on a commitment for 1st and 3rd week of months for rehab speakers. But our homegroup member Jaime is in charge of that and he has the list.

We voted no on combining our yearly chili meeting with a district Halloween event.

Behind the Star: New GSR Marc D.

Old Business: Retreat update. Linda said we could rent the old lodge if we have one catered meal on Saturday night and provide the rest of the food ourselves. Catered buffet is between $25.00 to $28.00 per person They could house either men or women about 20 to 25, hold meetings and have a block of rooms at the other lodge and rent an extra meeting room. Estimate of 250.00 per person for the weekend. Fall of 2026.

Pros and Cons:

-We need to act fast

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Discussion and comments from GSR’s present:

-How would the district host it?

-How would we get a dedicated team of people to pull this off? You may need at least 12 people + to pull it off.

-Can we support this as a district?

-Suggested if someone wants to do it, go for it, the district will not have a part of it.

-Should the district financially support this event?

-Should we be affiliated with it in any way?

Final decision we agreed that if someone wants to do a retreat individually they are welcome to it.

But the district can’t be a part of it.

We can support it individually but not as a district as a hole.

It was also talked about asking Brian Tucker about this at this weekend Fall Assembly.

-Order Meeting Schedules from Panhandle Printing

-Go Daddy [www.aawv11.org](http://www.aawv11.org), website is paid for 2 years. A check for $409.14 was given to Dana K. from Marliene, for the host of the website and the domain name. The website was paid for by Dana K. on her credit card 2 years ago when we built the website. The old treasurer would not let us use the district credit card when we built the website. Going forward the district will have to pay on the District debit card for the website hosting and domain name. This will not be due until the fall of 2026.

New Business:

-Send out information about the importance of attending the District meeting to all GSR’s.

-Voting on new positions soon

-Concerns about if we don’t get more support at the District level we could go dark. That means the District 11 will not have any representation at the Area level.

There are 20 groups in the district and only a fraction of GSR’s attend the District meetings. How do we help them?

-Upcoming elections. All positions and their responsibilities are listed on [www.aawv11.org](http://www.aawv11.org)

-Book/Literature order (Living Sober, Grapevine, Small Big Books etc.)

-Workshop at Marlowe for October/November?

-Retreat information from Brian Tucker.

Closed meeting at 7:18 with the “I am responsible” statement.

Next meeting Snyders Bible Church, 6:00 pm Thursday October 10, 2024

Contributions should 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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PO Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY, 10163