

## District 21 Business Meeting

November 20, 2022

4:30 PM

Acting Alt DCM: Brian Wachter

Present: Sarah R., Rebecca, Greg, Lisa V. and Tatiana K.

4:33 Traditions read by Sarah R.

Brian read the minutes from the last meeting-minutes were accepted by majority vote

Discussion of old business-Dawn's proposal for a Grapevine submission writing workshop was tabled until Dawn is present at a future meeting

4:40 Treasurer's report was read by Brian

Dawn has asked how to pay rent to the church-

Sarah R. said it could be left in the church office, or slid under the office door-pay to "New Visions UMC"

Treasurer's report voted on and accepted by a majority vote

4:45 Inter Group report-Brian (acting DCM) did not have the most current minutes

4:50 DCM report-given by acting alternate DCM Brian W.

Mike Ball was contacted and formally confirmed his resignation as Alternate DCM

Brian Wachter was voted in as serving Alternate DCM, giving him voting rights at Area meetings

Discussion of upcoming agenda items for Area 41 meeting in January.

Item 1-Should the State Fair booth operated by PCP/PI committee be discontinued

Lisa V. relayed some information from the PCP/PI committee, of which she is a member, that staffing the booth is difficult and falls on the Grand Island groups more than any others.

There is strong support for discontinuing the booth, but there will also be a strong minority voice to keep it

Brian mentioned staffing the booth in the past, and that people were reluctant to approach

Sarah C. Suggested using the funds to perhaps put up informational AA posters around the grounds

Item 2-Should we purchase a laptop for the archivist with Area funds

All present agreed that they would take these items to their groups for discussion and group conscience-we will vote on these at next meeting

DCM's report accepted into minutes

5:10 Group reports:

Honest Desires-present from the group: Lisa Voss (GSR) and Tatiana Killian (Alt GSR)

Meetings are averaging 20-30 each week

HD has added filled two open service positions-Tatiana K as Alternate GSR and Abbey K as Inter Group representative

The group was asked to possibly take over taking meetings to women at the Bridge and the Crisis Center, but we decided that this was not a good service fit for us. We will try and fill in when possible.

Seeking Solutions: present from this group: Sarah C

Seeking Solutions has voted to cease being a hybrid meeting and continue on as an in-person

meeting instead.

They are currently beginning planning for the Anniversary Party in February

Sarah mentioned the Holiday Party coming up at the Meeting Place

Sarah also spoke about what should be included on event fliers, particularly the actual town and address where it is being held.

Women's Circle of Friends: present from this group: Rebecca

WCF has been growing and has about 50 women each week. They are really packing them in at the Watkins Building

Rebecca mentioned that she found the information at last week's meeting about the financial controversy at Area helpful. She was able to better explain it to her group.

The group will be electing a new GSR

Spiritual Actions: present from this group: Brian W.

Meeting has had 13-14 people on average

Have had some people coming in from Ashland

Saturday Morning Men's -present from this meeting-Greg

Greg shared that his group took a group conscience and did not wish to support the Area 41 organization with any financial contributions due to their decision not to turn the recent case of check fraud over to the police.

It was determined that AA group funds do not support Area.

He also brought up that the meeting's attendees consider the meeting a hybrid meeting between alcoholics and addicts. There was some concern that if they identify this way, they cannot be listed as an official AA meeting at the District or Area level

Sarah, Brian and Rebecca all brought up guidelines from the Traditions and Warranties of the Conference that supported autonomy for individual meetings, unless they affect AA as a whole.

It was also mentioned that as long as they do identify as an AA meeting and not both an AA and an NA meeting, they can welcome NA members. It was pointed out that the Traditions state that AA does not partner with outside agencies.

Brian mentioned that at the District level, we would follow the traditions on this issue

Rebecca added that promoting a meeting as both an AA and a NA meeting does not follow traditions

Sarah pointed to that an open meeting can accept anyone, but a closed meeting is for people

Final thoughts on this seemed to trend toward the fact that Sunday Morning Men's meeting can run itself as it sees fit when acting autonomously, but they will not continue to be listed as an AA meeting at the local, district or Area level if they decide to partner with NA and call themselves a hybrid meeting

Sarah said that anyone can come to an OPEN meeting but to attend a closed meeting, people need to want help to quit drinking. She also pointed to Tradition 3, which says that AA does not partner with outside entities.

Greg also mentioned that the group was discussing whether it was a breach of anonymity for members to give interviews to the media using their name and affiliation with AA. The group discussed the traditions concerning anonymity. It was mentioned that this very issue was one reason why Area representatives decided not to press charges in the fraud case. They were concerned about the anonymity of all people who might be contacted if it went to court.

The floor was opened up one last time for any new business. Seeing that there was none, a motion was made to accept the minutes, was seconded and was passed.

A motion was then made to adjourn, was seconded and was passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm