

District 21 – Minutes – 1-21-24

- Meeting opened 4:36 pm
- Present: Dawn S, Justin P, Matt H, Rebecca T, Lisa V, Brian W
- Traditions read by Dawn S
- Members introduced themselves
- Treasurer's Report (Justin P)
 - Beginning balance - \$1,076.10
 - District 21 to pay F Street Neighborhood church \$100 for use of facility for the GSR Workshop.
 - Lisa V needs to be reimbursed for January Area 41 expenses.
 - Rent for district meetings need to be paid (\$10 per month)
 - We are due to receive \$169.83 back from District 22 for the GSR workshop.
- Intergroup report (Brian W) – *see attached minutes from December Intergroup which became available after the District meeting.* Also, Dawn S (Intergroup rep) will bring Justin's contact info to Intergroup on the 25th. Rebecca can also post Justin's info at the Watkins building.
- DCM report (Lisa V): Note: **I am including the Area 41 summary** below from Jan 6/7, which encompasses info on voting items and also questions that GSR's should be bringing to their groups for feedback back to Area 41 – for the April assembly. There are also website workshop questions.

OLD BUSINESS VOTING RESULTS:

2022-04-02 006 Agenda Item Report & Charter: Update the scope of the Area Secretary (Area 41 Service Handbook page 11) to add item iv, "Send out an electronic Area 41 highlights communication to the Fellowship, suggested within two weeks of each Assembly, to include the results of the voting items and the voting items for the upcoming Assembly."

60-26 motion passed to recommit to report and charter

**There was still requests to send out the highlights while committee reworks wording.*

Agenda Item 2022-04-02 008 Report & Charter: Update the Area 41 Service Handbook Suggested Committee Procedures (Area 41 Service Handbook pages 16-17) to add item L, "Review Area 41 Action Items Listing for past actions related to the committee. If a past action needs updated, consider submitting an agenda item for consideration."

57-24 motion passed to amend as follows

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57-29 motion passes

NEW BUSINESS-VOTING ITEMS IN APRIL:

Agenda Item 2024-04-06 003 Agenda: Select Host District for the 2025 Area 41 Reunion

Background:

Page 23 Section IX- Area 41 Activities A 1 b. Bids should be presented to the Area Committee for

selection at an Area 41 Business Meeting more than twelve months prior to the Reunion in question.

(See Area 41 Service Handbook for the suggested Guidelines for the Area 41 Reunion.

QUESTIONS FOR SHARING SESSIONS AT APRIL ASSEMBLY

Founders Writings Questions:

1. Do you think that A.A. Founders would object to or embrace revisions to their writings? If yes, why? If not, why?
2. Do you think the Founders' writings are effective in reaching new members? If not, what measures do you think can be taken to resolve this issue?
3. What reasons would you consider for changing our Founders' writings?
4. How do you feel about changing A.A. Founders' writings to replace outdated references?
5. What suggestions do you have for preserving the Founders' writings, along with keeping pace with our current A.A. Society and its future?
6. Should there be a special Conference process for approval of changes to our Founders' writings? (e.g., super, or qualified majority – 75%, and/or 2-year consideration process.)
7. What additional ideas, thoughts or suggestions can you share about changing or not changing the Founders' writings?

Area 41 Website Workshop Questions:

- Look at Area41.org, both by computer and a mobile device if possible.
 - What would you like to keep?
 - What would you add?
 - What do you want to see that you don't see (regardless of whether the content is "there" or not)?
 - For "hard to find" information, what was hard about it? How would you change it?
- Please provide your feedback by email to sarahr.in.recovery@gmail.com or by text to 402.601.1327. Please ask your Districts and Groups to join in providing this feedback.

NEW BUSINESS ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:

Agenda 2024-04-06 002 Technology & Communications (with consultation of Report & Charter: Dissolve the taper position and create a "tech gopher" position.

Background:

As the area becomes more and more modernized, the need for a person to manage several different pieces of technology instead of just recording assemblies has become apparent. This

position could take on tasks such as but not limited to make sure the projectors are working, manage the microphone/sound systems, record the meetings, etc.

This position would be able to be expanded with the needs of the assembly.

This could remain an appointed position as familiarity with technology would be important and continuity would be crucial. The role could be overseen by the technology & communications committee or report and charter.

- New business
 - Dawn suggested we create a contact card with Justin's contact info as treasurer and also Lisa as DCM. This will make it easier for groups to send in contributions and also know who to contact with general questions.
 - Lisa V is planning to visit groups over the next quarter to encourage more attendance at districts.
 - Need to discuss what workshops we want to do this area, in addition to Unity picnic. There was agreement on a grapevine article writing workshop.
- Group reports
 - Seeking solutions (Matt). Anniversary meeting 2/24 – 9 am breakfast, 10 am meeting. Matt attended first area.
 - Women Circle of Friends (Rebecca) – 40-45 attend; all positions filled.
 - Spiritual Actions (Brian) – 12-20 attend; held anniversary meeting last week; Lisa was speaker!
 - Honest Desire (Lisa). 15-20 attend. New trusted servants in place.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian W, Secretary