

Minutes – Area Committee Meeting November 12, 2006

Section I Leader: Randi J.

Hi, I'm Randi and I'm an alcoholic, and I'm proud to serve as your Section I leader. Good afternoon and thank you Section II for holding and hosting this event. Since our last Assembly, I attended the District 24 picnic on August 20th, and I must say that it's constantly getting better and better. A lot of what I've been doing since the last quarter is some real rock gut DCM work, bottom line stuff. As I did last month for District 3, I did this month for Districts 1 and 2; I called every single home group that we have. I found out who the contact person is, who the GSR is, who the alternate is, why the phone is disconnected, I tried convincing them to get a GSR. The reason is that suddenly our District 1 & 2 DCM resigned, and we had really started something there, so we needed to have another election. The results were really good because as a result of all those calls to District 3, we have 14 new people here. That's not a very big District, there are almost 14 groups, so that really helped, and I was very encouraged by that. So maybe with all the calls to District 1 & 2 more people will come in. We had the election; no one wanted to be the DCM. We have DCM meeting on September 16th, our third one, and our treasury has \$259.00 in our bank account. Thank you.

District 1 & 2: Vacant

No report.

District 3: Jimmy G.

I am the DCM for District 3. I'm the one who was elected last August and I've hardly done anything since then. I've gone to few meetings and announced myself. But I think we're going to have a District meeting in January, that's my plan, maybe in Beverly, which is a nice place. I'm still getting to know some of my reps; if there are any reps here besides Joanne, let me know. Thank you.

District 4: Tom H.

No report.

Districts 23 & 23: Bobbie B.

No report.

District 24: Christine P.

Hi, I'm Christine, I'm an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 24. We hold our regular business meetings on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 at 100 Scotch Road in Ewing. In September we had the pleasure of having our Delegate Jimmy and our Alternate Delegate Julie sit in on our meeting and make themselves available to ask and answer questions. It was very informative. Our District's annual Summertime Picnic was a huge success and that was the result of a lot of hard work and team effort from group members in our District and also the speaker, Robbie W. He was just awesome, a lot of enthusiasm and a great message of hope.

In the spirit of rotation, our District has 3 new GSR's: Billy T. for Saturday Night Live, Fred H. for the 8am Came to Believe Meeting, and Robert P. for Pennington Wednesday Night.

We are hard at work planning our New Year's Alkathon. It will be held at Slackwood Presbyterian Church with marathon meetings starting at 9pm and going all night long into New Year's Day until 11am. Thank you.

Districts 25, 30 & 31: Cindy

Hi, I'm Cindy, I am an alcoholic. I'm the alternate DCM for Districts 25, 30, and 31 and I'm also the GSR for the Homeward Bound Group out of the 24 Club in Princeton. Our District meets the last Wednesday of every month at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 33 Mercer Street, Princeton. Everyone is welcome. Planning is underway for next year's gratitude banquet. We've elected a new District Secretary, and that's Tim. Thank you Tim. I stepped into the Alternate DCM position. We continue to purchase and distribute Conference approved literature. At our last meeting, we discussed hosting a workshop having to do with the three S's: service, sponsorship, and steps. I'd also like to thank Julie and Jimmy for attending our September meeting. Thanks.

Section II Leader: Roseanne B.

Hello, I'm Roseanne, I'm an alcoholic and the Section II Leader. Section II is becoming more active. We had a Section meeting on September 27th where everyone who attended participated by taking a list of meetings that are in dark districts, because we have a few of those. They have started to attend those meetings, carrying the message of service to help and encourage them to get involved and represented at the Area level. We have many meetings that are not being represented. There was another Section meeting scheduled for November 29th, however, I am having major surgery done. Therefore, it will be canceled until I am back on my feet, hopefully sometime in December or the beginning of January. This date will be announced.

Section II is looking at having a fun-shop sometime in March. Look for fliers soon to be out, and remember that we are not a glum lot.

I also want to thank Janice and Colin today for helping me set up and get everything organized. Thank you.

District 6: Albert W.

No Report

District 7: Vacant

No report.

District 8: Vacant

No report.

District 9: Colin M.

District 9, I'm Colin, alcoholic. I just want to say that I did attend today's GSR/DCM workshop that Robbie put together. It was very informative; I thought I'd just sit in just to get my skills up to date. The last thing I attended was the Day of Sharing in October at the Seaville firehouse. It was eventful, informative, and fun, and I think the keyword to having things like that is fun. And I want to thank Heather for having the DCM workshop today because that was enlightening. There were a lot of good topics suggested. Our most recent District meeting was held November 8th in Voorhees. The GSR participation was good considering the meeting was put together on a relatively short notice. I apologize for that, but I do thank everybody for coming out. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 13th at 7:15. That's going to be in Cherry Hill. Contact me because it's going to be at a private residence and I haven't checked with the person hosting the meeting, so get with me and I'll give you the directions. Our goal for that meeting is to increase participation within the Districts. We have a treasury balance of \$742.86 as of today. Thank you.

District 10: Vacant

No report.

District 26: Barbara B.

Hi, my name is Barbara, I am an alcoholic. There have been some modifications to this, but we had a meeting on September 27th, and our treasury report, as of that date, was \$533.00 in the account. Chris at that time thanked everyone for their participation in the June workshop, and the new business was that Barbara B. was as elected Alternate DCM, and then Chris resigned, and I moved right up into DCM. So I've moved right up through the ranks in absolutely record time.

We discussed at that meeting trying to get more participation from the alternate GSR's in District and Assembly meetings. As noted today, our Section is hosting the Area 45 Assembly on November 12th and I want to thank everybody for all their participation. And since Roseanne has already told you that the new Section meeting will be canceled, we'll give you an update on that date. Thank you.

District 27: Vacant

No report.

Section III Leader: Jeanne M.

No Report

District 12: Mike K.

Hi, my name is Mike K. and I'm definitely an alcoholic. We had our District meetings September 13th and October 11th at the Pfeiffer Community Center. We continue to plan a workshop for March the 10th 2007. Title will be "Getting to Know Your Area 45 Committees". We have our next District meeting December 13th at 7pm at the Pfeiffer Community Center in Williamstown; that's at Main and Bluebell Roads. Come out and join us. Our treasury stands at \$431.83.

District 13: Chris S.

My name's Chris, I'm an alcoholic. I'm DCM for District 13. The District is moving along very well. Our District night out is working out very well as members of the District are going out to area meetings in unity and discussing service work, the benefits of service work, and how it helped their sobriety. We are also looking at having another workshop in the beginning of the New Year. We are looking at how we can make the meetings in the area better, but we are still discussing that. That is about it for the District at this time. The District meeting is the third Thursday of every month at 7 o'clock at St. George's Church in Pennsville. Thank you.

District 14: Tim W.

No report.

District 20: Vacant

No report.

District 21: Vacant

No report.

District 28: Vacant

No report.

District 29: Mike T.

No report.

Section IV Leader: Peder N.

Hi, I'm Peder, I'm an alcoholic. Grateful to report that my first official function as Section leader hosting the Area Inventory on September 10th went very smoothly. And I wish to extend special thanks to all who helped out, especially Kevin S. for the delicious food he cooked, Dave L., Buster R., Sally F., Robbie W., Becky H., Ray H., and Bill who brought the bagels.

I was fortunate to be able to help out with District 16's "Night Out", it was a great workshop. We have a new DCM for District 18, Harry T., who is looking to revitalize the District. I'm sure he'll tell you about it. I would like to congratulate Heather Anne, DCM for District 19, for all the great work she's been doing, such as the public service announcements they put on the local radio stations. I know it was very exciting for me when I first heard them. I thought they were very effective in carrying the AA message. Also for the workshop she conducted and their monetary contribution to the Area Inventory. It was very helpful.

Today's Assembly is great as all DCM's in Section IV are here, and I want to thank you all. I am planning to have a Section meeting as soon as we can set an appropriate time for all. The section currently has \$764.39 in the treasury.

District 15: Lily McB.

Good afternoon everyone. My name is Lily McB. and I am the acting District chairperson for District 15. I am happy to report that we have our "resurrection" project for the District going on. Our first step is to create awareness that there is such a thing as District and we're doing it by visiting other meetings and things like that. We are presently trying to get a District meeting going, which has not happened up our way in 15 or 20

years. We've had some good help from our Intergroup friends who have come up and visited with us and gave us some projects and we're working on our first workshop coming in the spring. We presently have \$350.52 in our new treasury. Thank you.

District 16: Dave L.

Hi, I'm Dave, alcoholic, DCM from District 16. Thanks Roseanne and Section II for hosting this Assembly. Our meeting in September we finalized the details for our "Night Out" event. Elaine and Jimmy were in attendance, so they do get to different Districts, that's proof. They agreed to provide a presentation about service structure at our event. We elected two new treasurers for District 16, Mary B. and Larry H.; Nancy H., our treasurer for the past 12 years, is helping in the transfer. I thank Nancy for her service.

Our "Night Out with District 16" was attended by about 120 friends of Bill. The food was excellent and Elaine and Jimmy's presentations fell right into place with info on how our service structure works. Ruth O. delivered a heartfelt talk about her experience, strength, and hope. I particularly noticed a reverence or awe when she shared about Bill's comments regarding depression. I might have been the only one who felt that, but it just seemed like something in common that we all had. Also, when she ended, she spoke about how wonderful AA is today and it had grown so much, it was helping so many people. A lot of times I hear old-timers talk about how AA is and how it used to be when they came in, so it was nice to hear somebody share that. I'd also like to thank all that helped set up, tear down, arrange, and make that event another gift of our recovery. We collected 80 responses from our workshop surveys. The first choice was "Keeping it Simple for the Newcomer", number two was "The Importance of Home Group", and we've also bounced around the idea of having a some type of workshop with all of Section IV involved, but we'll work on that.

Our treasury is around \$1,400.00 and our next meeting is tomorrow at 7pm at Harbor Lights in Egg Harbor. Thank you.

District 17: Sally F.

I'm Sally and I'm an alcoholic and I'm just real grateful to be here. Just real quick, we had three meetings. We meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. We had to cancel our workshop due to funding and due to the location; there was a change in the church. So our next workshop is scheduled for February, date to be determined. As soon as we get the final word from the church, we're going to ask to have it on the website. And we actually have a budget with a prudent reserve. We have \$1,100.00 in our budget. Thank you.

District 18: Harry T.

I'm Harry, I'm an alcoholic. I'm the new DCM for District 18. Currently we're in the middle of restructuring the whole District. I have no idea who's who yet. I just got a list of all the contacts in District 18. Once I get in contact with them, we will set up a District meeting and I'll invite Elaine and the Panel members, if they want to come to it. I was a GSR for sixteen years in four home groups, so this is a big step for me. And I love being in service. Joe O. has agreed to help me in organizing a District meeting once we find out who's who. And more will be revealed. Thank you.

District 19: Heather Anne S.

Happy Autumn! District 19 has had three business meetings since the last Assembly. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Rec. Center in North Wildwood on 10th & Central Aves. All are invited to attend.

I attended the CAIG 30th Anniversary Celebration on October 4th, where I had the privilege to participate in their skit "To Serve or Not to Serve." It was a wonderful evening of service, fellowship, and fun.

On October 14th, District 19 held our workshop, "Freedom from Bondage". Special thanks to Robbie W. for his informative and entertaining study of Steps Four, Five, Six, and Seven. Thank you also to Karen H., our District Treasurer, for allowing us to use her beautiful property and for all her hard work and dedication. It was truly a very spiritual and educational evening which ended with a character defect / resentment burning bonfire.

I also attended the Annual Day of Sharing hosted by CAIG on October 21st. It was a very informative day and I believe the information shared will greatly help District 19 better serve our fellow alcoholics. We are looking

forward to closely working with the Area and CAIG Public Information Chairs on future endeavors to carry the message to those who still suffer.

Our next business meeting will be on Thursday, November 16th. We will be discussing a possible change to our meeting place and time, as well as running another round of public service announcements on 95.1 WAYV and 100.7 WZXL around Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have a balance of \$1,855.37 in our treasury.

In Love and Service,
Heather Anne S.

February Assembly Agenda Items

1. That the privilege of voting at area Assemblies be given to the Intergroup Liaisons with the exception of voting at Area elections.
2. That \$175.00 be appropriated into the budget for each Intergroup Liaison for the purpose of travel expenses to their respective Intergroups, for the remainder of this Panel.