

District 36 Meeting Minutes July 13, 2020

Members present: Alicia S, Katie D, Neill D, Joe W, Susan J, Tonya F, Bob M, Deb S, Jeff C, Jeff M, Grace N, Maggie D, Elizabeth, Jayne B, Travis N, Nancy F, Jeff G, Dennis H, Ciera M, Chris B

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm with the Declaration of Unity Statement

Summaries and Actions: There's More To Life Group is meeting in person M W F at 6 everyone must wear masks, must hand sanitize upon entering, they are not passing a basket someone walks around and takes donations, chairs are spaced 6 feet apart and they supply masks if you do not have one. West Shore Area Group is meeting Thursdays at 7:30 in parking lot and still have other meetings on Zoom. Saturday Sunrise Hershey Group is continuing to meet only on Zoom until further notice. Bridge Street Group meeting on Zoom at 7 Sundays and have no knowledge of when church will open. Our of the Dark Group is grappling with going to in person meetings and have been doing Zoom meetings every Sunday at 9. DCM suggested group GSRs reach out to each other to find out how they went about opening their groups to in person meetings and what has worked and what has not.

Concept 7: Caroline N Area 59 Alternate Delegate - The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments; that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document; that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

DCM Report – Alicia – see attached report

- Noted events attended and future events she will attend
- EPGSA, our annual convention, will held via Zoom this year. The decision was made by the EPGSA committee. Dates for convention are 11/13-11/15/2020. This IS A VOTING year and we will be voting virtually. This is a commitment that each GSR has as part of their position. Please take this information back to your home group. We will be discussing more in the months prior to the convention.
- District 36 panel elections are coming up and DCM has created a panel asking several folks to look into conducting elections via Zoom. Should have more information about this for next month's meeting.
- The financial health of GSO is being challenged due to Covid 19 pandemic. GSO is \$700,000 lower than normal in contributions and is dipping into prudent reserve.
- Bigbooks are being offered at 10% reduction. How can your group support GSO? www.AA.org to make a contribution. Every little bit helps.
- Upcoming conference in California via Zoom on Labor Day Weekend – see DCM Report for more information.
- Reminder our Archivist Donald H would like to document our groups experiences with Covid 19 AS WOULD our Archivist Bob M and the District 36 Archives committee. Please send your groups specifics of how they are dealing with the pandemic to both of these folks whether personally or for your group and your groups Zoom information as well.

ADCM Report: Katie gave brief summary of events she attended and handed out report. Reminder annual cost of Zoom is \$149.90, has completed the graphics for the Area WE newsletter. Make sure everyone keeps HBG Area Intergroup abreast of your groups' changes to its meetings. Also, if your group's GSR has changed get with Katie to pass the new information onto her.

Treasurer: Had one contribution from BB Study East Group, no expenditures. See report. Year to date contributions are under total expected, which was expected, but so our expenditures under total

expected as well. The semi-annual rent at 19th Street will be paid this week and Katie is due a reimbursement and those items will be on next month's report.

Secretary: Minutes were updated with corrections sent out in email to all GSRs for June meeting. Minutes approved as corrected.

Archivist Alley: Bob M presented on the history behind the reading of the Lords Prayer at 12 step meetings. See attachment sent out prior to meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Archives – report provided, did not meet, all archives up to date. Committee is looking for District 36 members who would write about how their group is handling their primary purpose during the Covid 19 pandemic example how your meetings are opening up, zoom information and other relevant information to preserve the history of this time. DCM asked if there was a way for people to call and leave information on voice mail regarding history and it was stated they would work on that. Still backing up thumb drive.
- Finance – nothing really to report
- Structure – did not meet, no report
- Workshop – did not meet, no report. DCM suggested creating a Zoom workshop.
- District Split – did not meet, no report
- Grapevine – June/July Grapevine Newsletter was issued. The Grapevine chairperson must step down as he cannot be the District Officer at Large and be the chairperson at same time. Someone is needed to step up and take the position of Grapevine committee chairperson.

Intergroup: finally received the tax-exempt form so HAI is tax exempt and is applying to get tax sales returned from the state for 2020 that they paid. Still doing the camp out but a lot of other activities have been cancelled, see website. They are financially solvent. They are seeing less monetary contributions but not concerned. Airing late at night PSAs on TV are starting this month. Going to continue their monthly meetings on Zoom until further notice. DCM going to reach out to HAI to add the phone numbers at attend the Zoom meetings via phone call since not everyone has computer access, and these are not listed on the website with the meetings.

ICYPAA Bid Committee: no report

Old Business: District Zoom account discussion held, motion made to approve purchasing a year subscription for Zoom, seconded and motion approved. Katie will take care of it.

New Business: virtual District meetings - should we keep meeting via Zoom or have in person District meetings? DCM asked if anyone had a burning desire to meeting person and no one said they did – August meeting will be on Zoom and NOT in person.

Tradition 7 – Jeff M – Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. DCM has lots of Tradition 7 packets available if you need some, please reach out to DCM and she will mail to you free of charge.

Meeting Adjourned 7:53 pm and closed with the Responsibility Declaration.