

# District Minutes

September 1, 2016

Joe R. opened the meeting at 6:01 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

## Attendance:

Roger S, Simon C, Tony W, Jon L, Jannan C, Nina F, Sharon R, Tory W, and Carson W.

## Minutes:

- Carson W. read the minutes of both the regular district meeting held on August 4, and the emergency meeting held on August 10. They were amended by correcting the spelling of Jannan C's name, and correcting the date of the emergency meeting to read 2016.
- Nina F. noted that not all concerned people were notified of the emergency meeting, and requested that some sort of procedure be set in place so that would not happen in the future. After discussion, it was determined that responsibility making said list should fall in the hands of the secretary, and that elected officers and their alternates should be given the list. It was further agreed that the list should include contact information of all GSRs, committee chairs, and elected officers.
- Tony W. moved the minutes be accepted. Nina F. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## Treasurer's Report:

- Diane L. reported that we have \$500.40 in our prudent reserve, 797.26 in the Gratitude Dinner fund, and \$895.71 in available checking.
- Thank you to The Promises Group for your contribution!
- Roger S. moved to accept the treasurer's report. Simon C. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## Information Line Report:

No report.

## PI/CPC Report:

No report.

### **Institutions Report:**

- Nina F. said she still needs help doing meetings, and encouraged those in attendance to please make their groups aware of this need.
- It was noted that a one year commitment by volunteers was needed, primarily to reduce the time and paperwork required by the jail, thus keeping them happy. It was further noted that the jail did not have to allow us to take AA meetings to their prisoners, and that is why we need to keep them happy with us.
- Nina F. said that she would compile a list of qualifications for volunteers, and have it available for distribution at our next meeting on October 6.
- It was pointed out that in an ideal situation, we would have eight volunteers each for the men's, and the women's meetings. That way, two people would hold a meeting, and nobody would need to go there but once a month. Therefore, if all you can manage is one meeting per month, for a year, your help will be greatly appreciated.
- The report was accepted.

### **Website Report:**

No report

### **Gratitude Dinner Report:**

- Diane L. reported the committee is still taking bids for a caterer.
- The next time the committee will meet is 6:00 PM, September 14 at Fillmore's.
- Report was accepted.

### **Group Concerns:**

Tory W. said he had been approached by a representative of the building where his home group has its meetings about cigarette butts lying on the ground. It was noted that this may be a good topic for group conscience meetings. In the meantime, please ask your groups to practice good housekeeping, and be courteous to others by refraining from smoking near entryways.

### **Area Assembly Report:**

Carson W. reported that D-13 hit a homerun in their hosting position; that the hosting facility, Odawa Government Center, was a perfect fit to host an assembly, and that everyone had plenty to eat. The leftover pulled pork, soft drinks, and table service was saved and used at our summer picnic the following week.

### **Summer Picnic Report:**

Carson W. said that although inclement weather kept many people home, there were about 40 in attendance. He also reported that everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves, that it was a laid-back, easy going, and pleasant experience. Between the ask-it basket at the 10 AM meeting, the donation jar, and raffle, the picnic paid for itself, plus ended up %56 in the black. All proceeds went into the district's general fund.

### **Elections:**

- Due to personal reasons, Frank V. resigned as our DCM, making Joe R. acting DCM. Joe stated he had no problem being alternate DCM, but had no desire to perform the position full time. Therefore, the floor was open for nominations. Karen V. nominated Carson W. Roger S seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. The vote was unanimous to make Carson W. the new DCM to finish out Frank V's term.
- Roger S. will fill the vacancy left by Carson, and become the new secretary for the district.

### **Old Business:**

None.

### **New business:**

- Tony W. stated that we had been asked to bid, at the next assembly, on hosting the area assembly this coming February. Carson W. reiterated that we must be present for any bids to be considered, therefore we need to send a representative to Holland, Michigan on September 18, and that the district should decide upon a stipend to cover the cost of fuel for that individual.
- After discussion, it was moved that an amount not to exceed \$120 for this purpose should be available upon delivery of receipts. The motion carried.
- Carson W. will represent D-13, and bid to host the assembly February 19, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM with the Lord's Prayer.