

District 90 Minutes May 2, 2017

Meeting held at Colona Group opened at 5:30 p.m.

In attendance: Marty, Richard, Jon, Craig, Rose, Jesse R., Randy, Shon, Patrick & Bonnie.

Birthdays- None

Minutes- Approved

DCM- Marty M. Introduced Bonnie & Patrick from NIA 20 who have been gathering information on how the 26 Districts handle the Answering Service. The goal is to help the Districts that are struggling to keep a Service running. So far there has been a wide range of methods and costs. For example, using a simple answer machine which must be called every few hours to check the messages. Although inexpensive, the Alcoholic looking for help doesn't get to talk to anyone until they are called back. Another example, a volunteer actually carries a phone around with them which is great dedication but not a long term solution. Most Districts pay for an actual Answering Service and the cost varies from \$60-130. One District pays \$5.50 per call. Most do not have an Intergroup or Central Office. Patrick and Bonnie did visit our Intergroup Office, they were impressed by the number of Volunteers, both of them stressed how fortunate we are to have an Intergroup and can see no way to improve. Some possible solutions for struggling Districts would be to combine them and/or possibly create an Intergroup for them. Patrick and Bonnie are open to suggestions and hope the fact finding mission will give the struggling Districts some ideas on how they can improve.

Alt DCM- Richard S. No Report

Treasurer- Jon B. We are doing OK.

Committee Reports:

Corrections- Craig K. The Woman's Meeting at the Rock Island County Jail is doing well. Just received a case of 12x12s from NIA for that Meeting. Still need more volunteers. The Men's Meeting at Rock Island County Jail is going well, we are looking for more volunteers, it's on Friday night. Henry County Jail men's meeting is doing well. The woman's meeting is going better we are always there every Saturday 9am. The Kewanee prison is up and running. The new name is Kewanee Life Skills Re-Entry Center. A Pilot program with the focus on Real Rehabilitation. Training will include welding, carpentry, culinary, schooling & job placement. We are doing the Primary Purpose Big Book Study it is outstanding. Just received a set 12 Steps & 12 Tradition blinds to hang in the treatment room. We meet Thursday at 6pm. We will need more volunteers. Have had no change at the East Moline Facility. Still need more volunteers to sponsor inmates and will need more for the Kewanee Facility. Also the beginnings of a possible Mercer Co. Jail Meeting is in the works. A member in good standing (my opinion only) Craig K.

Treatment- Rose E. No Report.

Grapevine- This seat needs to be filled.

CPC- Absent (Richard did inform that the CPC Workshop had about a dozen attendees with real interest.)

PI- Absent

Literature- Absent

Special Needs- Jesse R. AA as a whole is changing Special Needs to be known as Accessibilities. A motion was made and approved to change Special Needs to Accessibilities.

Intergroup Liaison- Randy C Hello Everyone, there is an opening on the Phone Rotation, 5th Sunday from 9am-5:30pm. Plans have started for the Annual Golf outing so I will keep you informed as that develops. The Illowa Intergroup Website (aaquadcities.org) was renewed for one year. The Website for the last 8 months has had 1000+ users and the meeting lists are the most visited pages instead of the Events page. A new Literature page was

added which is phone friendly and lists the available book and prices. A reminder the deadline for any flyer you want in the Newsletter is the 15th and cost is \$7. In Love and Service Randy C.

GSR Reports:

Geneseo- Jon B. Doing well & Speaker this month is Jacklyn.

Henry County- Jesse R. (Alt-GSR) Self Supporting, Sat. Group Conscious Speaker Meeting, GSO Safety Pamphlet.

New Beginnings- Randy C. (GSR Hello Everyone, the Primary Purpose Big Book Study Meeting on Saturday's at 2pm is still going pretty well, we just started Chapter 7, Working With Others, Step 12. The Monday Speaker Meetings are doing well, and the Wednesday Night Meeting has had a boost in attendance. We are still holding on to Newcomers from RICCA Out-Patient Clients which is great. May 20th we are hosting the 5th Annual Big Book Run sponsored by A.R.M. Chapter 17, they will ride from Galesburg and arrive at RICCA about noon, Food, Fun, Fellowship ending with a Speaker Meeting. As always, we are looking for Speakers, Sponsors and rides... In Love and Service, Randy C.

Old Business: I was decided the Forum Money will be put back due to interest in going and Events money will be repurposed.

New Business: None

Upcoming Events:

Spring Committee Meeting, May 13, 2017, Lord of Life, LaFox IL

Summer Assembly, June 10, 2017, Lord of Life, LaFox IL

Summer Committee Meeting, Aug. 5, 2017, Lord of Life, LaFox IL

44th Annual IL State Conference Area 19, Aug. 11-13, Chicagoland

Fall Assembly, Sept. 16, 2017, Lord of Life, LaFox IL

Fall Committee Meeting, Oct. 14, 2017, Lord of Life, LaFox IL

Big Book Conference, Hinckley 1st United Methodist

Winter Assembly, Dec. 9, 2017, Lord of Life, LaFox IL

Notice !!! +Next meeting is at Colona on July 11, 2017 at 5:30pm.

Meeting Adjourned.