

District 19Area 11
Alcoholics Anonymous
P.O. Box 2306
Branford, CT 06405
General Service Representative Meeting
February 18, 2025

1. Welcome: The meeting was opened at 7 by Steve
2. Pre-Amble
3. Serenity Prayer
4. GSR introductions/Reports and Concerns:
5. No concerns or questions were raised.

6. Review and approval of meeting Minutes;
Motion to discuss meeting minutes:
Sharon would like to add to the January minutes that we work with Minority Speaks. That is part of AA. When there is a YES/NO vote the minority can speak to persuade others to vote and she has seen that happen. This will be added to the January 2025 minutes.
Motion to approve: Will made the motion to approve, Gene:second

7. Committee Reports:
 - a. Accessibility: Open

 - b. Registrar:Open Steve presented what a registrar does. When a new meeting comes up, GSR changes, assist secretary with coming up with a roster of people available for these things

 - c. Alki-Line:Open

 - d. Answering Service: Jeff via Geoff reported he has nothing to report. Sign up sheets to volunteer to be called are on the table.

 - e. Archives: Alex was not present

 - f. CPC: Dave picking up a CPC kit, basic pamphlets, will have those next month. He needs to do some research regarding the budget

- g. Public Information: Diane was not present last month. A vote was held to vote Diane into this position. Steve made the motion, Will seconded, unanimous vote. She reported that the meeting was moved, she attended one meeting, received a text asking for service reps to speak to schools. John N. is quite sick but he did PI for a long time, and worked with schools on getting speakers.
- h. Schedules: Dawn was not present but updated Steve. Area 11 gets 3-5 changes of meetings in one month. She has access to the PDF Area 11 schedule. The \$200 budget proposal was not enough to print statewide booklets. The PDF can go out to GSR's. To print state books is \$1.35 per book. The point was made that the schedules change faster than we can print. Sending it out in PDF to GSR's is more efficient and cost effective.
- i. Website: Open. Steve updated that there is an ad-hoc committee being formed to update the Area website. It would behoove us to be involved now. Sharon: went to the ARea 11 Accessibilities meeting and there was a change in January. If you click on members then service there was an incorrect meeting time and date. If you talk to the committee they will make changes immediately so it is an important committee.

7. Officer's Reports:

DCM: Has not received the area February meeting minutes yet. The first round of printing of the plain language Big Book hasn't happened yet. If you see something in the book that needs to be changed let the committee know. NERAASA is happening this weekend, it is online. Area 11 convention: There was no discussion regarding the convention at the meeting last week, Steve will let us know any updates asap.

Roundup is coming, there will be panels, it is free to attend. CCYPA meeting coming up. Planning for 2028 to be in CT. Soberfest June 6-8. Contact Steve with any questions or interest in participating. ARea 11 is looking to seat 2 Ad Hoc committees, one is voting, one is guidelines. The last area meeting was a sharing session.

ALTERNATE DCM: DCM orientation hybrid mtg. Neraassa: There is a registration fee \$35 and is online. Round up is free, but there are camping fees. Pre-conference is April 12th at Pitkin Center. Made a pitch for an Accessibility committee chair.

SECRETARY: Karen Williams: Loads of flyers, help yourselves!! If you have any questions or concerns regarding communications, please let me know.

TREASURER: Dave Hoadley reviewed checks that came in, expenses going out. He has thank you notes to send out so people will know checks have been received. Frank Biagiarelli volunteered to be the alternate treasurer which will require him to be added to the bank account with Dave Hoadley. Diane made the motion, Laura seconded the

motion, unanimous vote for him to be alternate treasurer. Frank will now be added to the banking account with Dave.

Frank asked to increase the food budget.

8. Old Business:

- a. What if we move the old business to after the GSR introductions.
- b. No items to vote on.
- c. Discussion items: Budget: The spreadsheet would not convert to a readable, printable document but was sent via email to everyone. Steve will get a printed version for the next meeting. Steve would like to attend the International Convention and registration is closing fast. Airfare \$1,000. Hotel \$1500. Registration: \$350. Total requested: \$2850. General discussion regarding attending and having the District pay for it and the consensus was positive. There was an informal vote to indicate that the GSR's agree to pay for Steve and his wife to attend using district funds. A formal vote will occur next month when the budget is voted on. Frank suggested we add a line item for the service day. Diane asked to increase her line item, clarified sending it to Dave to put it on the spreadsheet.
Karen brought up the suggestion to purchase a printer. It was discussed that it is more cost effective than going to Staples. I will have definite prices next month as it was the general consensus to purchase a printer.
SERVICE DAY: Set up an Ad Hoc Committee for Service Day. Geoff is communicating with District 20. Sharon would like to be involved.

9. New Business: This will be moved up ahead of individual reports.

Move the meeting: Steve went to an area meeting last week and did not have enough time to get that information out to us. He proposed moving our meeting to the 4th Tuesday of the month and then there will be time to attend the Area meeting, then have the officer's meeting then present it at the GSR meeting in a more timely fashion. Geoff clarified that the Area does not have any conflicting meetings. A motion was made by Frank, seconded by Sharon to move the meeting. Diane suggested we table the vote until March, Frank changed the motion, Diane seconded and we will vote next month.
Area 11 Ad Hoc Voting Change of Discussion: They are changing who is able to vote at assemblies.

Alki-Line: It will be changing, no more hard copies, attachments will be emailed.

Important topic being discussed: how do we communicate, how do we like to receive information. This is being discussed at the Area level, bring it to your meetings, discuss it at the next meeting.

Calendar Look Ahead: March 18 DCM 7PM at Trinity Episcopal Church

Sick and Deceased:

Paul S is in the later stages of Parkinson's Disease and is in LTC.

Andy S. died. Mike I. from noon has Alzheimer's Disease and is hospitalized and they are looking for placement. George E. is still very sick. Mimi has been sick and not able to attend meetings.

Responsibility Statement

Closing Statement

Karen Williams

Recording Secretary