

District 11 Meeting Minutes

August 9th 2017

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection
1131 South Main St, Centerville, UT 84014

Chair: JOLENE H

opened with the Serenity Prayer

AA Preamble: Chris S

12 Traditions: Kelly

GSR Preamble: Mark S

Minutes: SYNDA 1st-Jim B. 2nd-Mark S

Financial Report: DEVIN C. 1st-Jim B. 2nd-Chris S

In attendance: Jolene H/DCMC, Devin/Treasurer, Synda/secretary, Jim B/Alt DCM north/GSR, Matt/Alt Area 69 Delegate, Kristen/Area 69 Treasurer, Wade J/Area 69 Delegate, Thom/GSR, Mark S /DCM north/GSR, Chris S/GSR Leesa/GSR, Kelly/ GSR, Carsen/GSR

(13 in attendance)

Upcoming Events:

PRE-ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP AUGUST 19-20 2017-MOAB

TRADITIONS & TACOS- Aug 26, 2017 (District 1 and 11)

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGING THE GAP- SEPTEMBER 8-9-10-MINNEAPOLIS

FALL ASSEMBLY- SEPTEMBER 29-30-OCTOBER 1, (district 2) SALT LAKE CITY

Open District Positions: CPC, PI, Treatment, Literature, Corrections, DCM north, alt DCM south.

Anyone to stand?

JOLENE read "Treatment Chair" guidelines to interested AA member

KRISTEN shared her experience: (see next page)

WADE shared next Area "Treatment Chair" meeting time and location.

District Business:

District 1 & 11 Workshop Chair: Chris S (see next page)

February Committee Mtg: Kelly (see next page)

Pre-Conference Assembly: JOLENE (see next page)

Area Business: Wade J Area 69 delegate: shared his experience at the General Service Conference (see next page)

District Reports: GSR, Standing Chair, DCMC, DCM, Area & Inter-group reports (see next page)

Discussion: Chris S mentioned his family is re-locating and he will be giving up his service positions in this area.

Closed Meeting: With the Responsibility Statement

AA Responsibility Statement

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible

Next Meeting: Sept 13th, 2017 Chairperson – Jolene H

JOLENE, Treatment Facilities Committee Chair Guidelines: 3.7 page 9: . treatment facilities committee's are formed to coordinate the work of individual members and groups who are interested in carrying the message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment facilities.

KRISTEN, Experience: I'm Kristen and I'm an alcoholic. That was my very first service position in district 11 and I actually had a lot of fun. Sounds like it's an overwhelming task but really, What your purpose is, is to be a liaison between people who carry the message and treatment centers. Right now I don't know how many treatment centers we have in Davis County. It used to be that there was three active treatment centers with things going on all the time. So that is one of the things that you could do, is to look into the treatment centers...you would get a booklet from GSO that would give you step-by-step information on how to do your job. You could contact treatment centers and then build a list of people that would like to take meetings into that treatment center within the capacity that they provide. It was the most rewarding, beneficial service positions I ever had. I wish I could do it again.

WADE: I believe this Sunday, in AA Central office in Salt Lake City. Area treatment chair meeting. Once a month all the treatment chairs in the different districts get together and go over all the ideas they're working on and coordinate. If you get an opportunity you might want to think about going to that. There will be a whole bunch of people who could help you out with what you need or with questions you might have on how to serve in that way.

Workshop Chair committee meeting: CHRIS S: my name is Chris. I'm in alcoholic. I'm your chair for the district 1/11 workshop, Traditions and Tacos. It is going to be happening on August 26, 2017 at the Clearfield Community Church beginning at 10:00 AM. There is a flyer that Synda has. Please let me know if you need more to take back to your individual groups. Mention it to your groups because we will need people to attend. It's going to be broken up into four different panels. We have AA members who have volunteered to be speakers and lead each of those panels. There will be about three of the AA traditions as the topic, per panel. There's going to be a nice lunch break in between where we will also ask for donations. we won't be meeting again before the workshop so I will forward information to Synda so she can forward it to you guys. Make sure she has your email address if she doesn't already have it then you guys can all be reminded and that sort of thing. It should be a really fun day and a great way to support your district.

February committee meeting: KELLY: my name is Kelli, and I am an alcoholic. I am the chair for the February committee meeting. We just met last week and we have picked the location. It is going to be here at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection. So far the only other thing that we have done is, we picked a lunch menu; we are going to have a "Potato Bar." Other than that, we don't meet for another few months. Jolene is working on the flyer.

GSR: CARSEN: my name is Carson, I'm an alcoholic. I'm the GSR for the "Serenity Through the Storm" group in Clearfield and we run at 7:30 PM. It is a big book study. I haven't been up here for a few months. There have been a few changes in business and hopefully I will be up here more consistently. Our meeting has been going pretty well. I would say on average anywhere from 8 to 12 to 15 people. We do a meditation meeting on the first Thursday of every month. I believe that's probably our most popular week. It seems like not very many people are experienced with meditation or have experienced a meditation meeting, so, word has gotten out that we do this once a month and the other weeks we are a full-time big book study that continues to go very well.

GSR: LEESA: my name is Leesa, I'm in alcoholic. I'm GSR for the Wednesday "Serenity Happy Hour" group. we meet at the church in Clearfield on main street. We have a steady flow of people and continue to get quite a few people that are new and they keep coming back and it is awesome. It is a 12 & 12 study group and we read from the book. We always go back to step one when we have a newcomer. last week we had a woman that just moved here recently celebrate 34 years.

GSR: THOM: I'm Tom and I'm an alcoholic. I represent the SOS group which meets in the same place on Friday nights. We are doing a little better than before. We had a period of drought where we were down to like four or five people. We are back up to about 14 to 15 now. Nothing special to report so... Carry-on

GSR: CHRIS S: I'm Chris. I'm the GSR for the Bountiful men's group on Wednesdays at 8 o'clock. I wasn't there last week but I love that group. It's got a very good, strong core group of men that support the fellowship. I know they are going to be involved in the workshop on 26 August. Our attendance is usually about anywhere from 20 to 50 people.

GSR: JIM B: I'm Jim, I'm in alcoholic. I'm GSR for the South Davis group at the Bountiful Community Church. The meeting is going well as usual. One – I have not mentioned in here before that this is probably the oldest meeting in Davis County. Two – the last Thursday of each month, we combine our meeting with Al-Anon and have a packed room. It seems to go very well. That particular meeting lasts an hour and a half. Come on up if you're interested. Thank you.

AREA 69: WADE J: *my name is wade, I'm an alcoholic. I am your Delegate for Area 69 and... Panel 67. What does that mean? General Service Conference has been going for 67 years. This year, year 67, I was blessed to be a part of that conference in New York. Area 69 is the state of Utah. What a Delegate is, if you don't know, I represent you, and your voice, and all AA members in the state of Utah to General Service Office. I take the collective input from all of the individual groups in the state of Utah that send a GSR or a representative to the area events...to the conference in New York. I get to travel around and hang out within all of the different districts and meet a lot of cool people. I get to see all of the awesome work that people are doing in Alcoholics Anonymous and it always touches my heart. There's people that serve in this wonderful program that have helped me and gave me life. So for that, I want to thank each of you for all of your hard work. I'm grateful to be here tonight to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. I know it sometimes goes without a pat on the back but...it doesn't go unnoticed. So, thank you again for what you guys do. Jolene asked me to come give a small report on what happened at the conference. My report took about two hours, I'm not going to keep you guys here for two hours, so, I practiced it and I narrowed it down to about 10 minutes. I know how it is. I've been a GSR, I've been Corrections Chair, I've been CPC chair, I've been a DCMC, and Area chairperson, so I know what it's like to get off work, and come to a district meeting and sometimes... you're hungry, and an area person shows up, takes forever... So, I won't do that to you tonight. Jolene has access to my full report and either her or I can forward or email that to you. for the first time at the General Service Conference everything was translated into Spanish and French. Going to this Conference, is life-changing... Sometimes we work for 12 to 15 hours a day for 7days... But, I wasn't tired... one bit. With the energy there, I was lifted up with the movement of Alcoholics Anonymous... How can you put an experience like that into words? I pretty much spent half the time crying, right? Because I was overwhelmed with the gift. I felt so fortunate, and blessed to be a part of this. you know, when I got here, it wasn't one of my dreams to go to the General Service Conference and represent the state of Utah. My dream, was that I could stop drinking. And I could stop going to prison. right? Now, I'm addicted to that "feeling" that I get when I'm around people like you, that are addicted to service in AA. When I am in New York and I'm doing my morning meditation and prayer and I'm getting ready to stand in front of a room of MANY people in AA... I remember members from my home group and I remember I'm not alone in this. I ask myself, am I here? Or am I present? I'm "PRESENT." My HP, & me, & you.*

DCM:Mark S: *Mark, alcoholic. I figured out the meetings I need to go to. I've been to about 1/3 of them and I plan on attending the Moab assembly. That's all I got.*

Jolene: *she read her report (see email)*

INTERGROUP: MATT: *I'm Matt, I'm in alcoholic. I am part of the northern Utah Central Office steering committee. We are having a Burger Barn coming up. September 16th. Noon to 4:00PM. At the women's retreat house. (1794 Lake St. in Ogden) It is a fundraiser. We have an IGR our meeting next Monday. If any of your groups don't have an IGR we would encourage you to get one. It would be a lot of fun. You can tease Nick!*