

March 12th, 2022

First Quarterly

Area Officers & DCM Meeting

Dwayne MacD. - Opened the meeting welcoming everyone and 30 seconds of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Intro: Trudy D. (GSD), Gerry W. (Alt.GSD), Dwayne MacD. (Chairperson), Jocelyn I. (Treasurer) Monique McL. (Secy/Regs), Paul B. (DCM1), Blair A. (DCM2), John W. (DCM3), Pete N. (DCM4), Rich D. (DCM5), Steven D. (Alt.DCM6), Darrell MacN. (DCM7), Joe S. (DCM8), Brian P. (DCM9), Patricia F. (DCM10), George S. (DCM15), Gary O. (DCM17).

Absent: Districts 11, 12, 13, 14, 16.

Observers: Kathy G. (Alt.DCM 1)

12 Traditions were read by Gary O.

Monique McL. Read the minutes from the Dec. 12th, 2021 minutes. **Monique McL.** - Moved that the minutes be accepted as read, Seconded by **Pete N.** With no errors or omissions all were in favor. The Dec. 12th, 2021 minutes were accepted as read.

Business arising from the minutes:

- Q. Why does the Area Treasurer need a postal code on cheques received from the Groups?
- A. We have to write receipts to send back to keep the records straight.

- Q. To alleviate confusion going forward, could the minutes clearly indicate which version of minutes are currently being read (and approved)? (ie. Date and event)
- A. Yes. This will be done going forward

Treasurer Report: Jan. 02- Dec.31/21.

Prudent Reserve- Opening Balance -Jan 02/21 - \$14, 387.70

-Closing Balance- Dec 02/21 - \$19,392.30

Upcoming Budget Reserve- Jan 02/21- Dec 30/21. Opening Balance- Jan 02/21 - \$15,605.28

Closing Balance- Dec 30/21- \$15,056.25 **Operational Account-** Jan 02/21- Dec 30/21. Opening Balance- Jan 02/21- \$9,246.45 Closing Balance- Dec 30/21- \$35,405.16 *See attached file for more details.*

Jocelyn I., made a motion to accept the treasurer report, Seconded by **Gary O.**

There were many questions as to where we were financially in February, a lot of DCM's were wondering what they could take back to their groups when they were questioned. **Dwayne MacD.**, explained it would be hard to get a true financial report for the first quarter, as the first quarter ends on March 31st. With no further questions, **Dwayne MacD.**, called the question, all those in favor of accepting the Treasurer Report. Nobody opposed, the motion carried.

Roll Call was done during introductions (see introductions section above)

Trudy D. (GSD) welcomed Steven D (District 6 ADCM) and Kathy G. (District 1 ADCM) who have been voted in since the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the Agenda: (Note , Items 5, 6 and 7 were added to the current Agenda from the floor)

1. Spring Assembly Agenda
2. Guidelines updated according to motions approved at past Spring and Fall assemblies.
3. Schedule for upcoming quarterly meetings of Area Officers and DCM's
4. Date of Spring Assembly going forward
5. Observers at these Area Officer / DCM meetings,
6. Understanding Fellowship Connection (the process by which we update Group Information)
7. Preconference section to be added in Guidelines.

This amended Agenda was accepted unanimously by the body.

Discussion of Agenda items:

1. Spring Assembly Agenda
 - During the review of the Agenda for the Spring Assembly a motion was made by George S. to forego the reading of the full background for each Agenda motion at this meeting. This was seconded by Monique MacL. After discussion vote was 7 in favor, 2 against. After minority voice was heard 1 person wanted to change their vote. The revote was 5 in favor, 4 opposed. Continued without background.
 - A discussion ensued revolving around whether or not a motion was redundant. Eventually it was decided to leave it in the Agenda as originally presented.
 - After substantial discussion a motion to accept the agenda with additions was made by Gary O. It was seconded by Pete N. and passed unanimously.
2. Guidelines updated according to Motions approved by the last past Spring and Fall assemblies

- District 2 DCM “I really don't think there's anything to talk about because our GSD has sent out some updated guidelines that we'll be voting on at the Assembly.”

3. Schedule for the quarterly DCM area.

- Our quarterly meeting dates should start in January to allow year end reporting, then followed every three months afterward to correspond with the quarterly reports.
- A motion was brought by Blair A. that our quarterly meetings in the future be held January, April, July, and October, to coincide one month after the end of the quarter so that the treasurer can present the financial report from the previous quarter in a timely manner to the body. This was seconded by **Gary O.** There was no discussion, so a vote was taken; one person opposed. Minority voice heard. No one changed their vote. Motion carried.
- **Gary O.** made a motion, seconded by Blair A that the quarterly meeting held as close as possible to April 30th contain a single agenda item, The meeting will be for the sole purpose of addressing the financial report for the quarter. This will give our treasurer a month to get the report together. There was no further discussion on this topic. Passed unanimously.

4. Date of Spring Assembly going forward

- No Motion was brought forward on this. A general discussion identified the following points.
- The timing of the Spring Service Weekends historically aimed for late May to reduce the travel hazards.
- A virtual format eliminates this concern.
- A late March early April date would allow input for the preconference.
- The timeline would be tight to hold both a Spring Assembly and a Preconference Workshop
- Going forward the Spring Assembly could be refocused to become a Preconference event.

5. Observers at these Area Officer / DCM meetings.

- Because Area 82 didn't have a guideline that covered Observers at Area Officers / DCM meetings we had to follow the precedent. In this case, there was no precedent for observers at the Area Officer / DCM quarterly meeting. Area 82 Chair called for a discussion to address this issue. After a long and healthy discussion, during which a motion was brought and amended several times, a final, acceptable motion was finally crafted.
- **John W.** moved, seconded by **Kathy G.**, that we open the quarterly DCM/ Area Officers meetings to any member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 82, Any member of Area 82 who wishes to, may attend as an observer only, with no voice or vote and that this decision be added to the guidelines going forward. A vote was taken with no opposition, the motion carried unanimously.

6. Understanding Fellowship Connection (the process by which we update Group Information)

- No discussion

7. Pre-Conference in the guidelines

- This issue was raised by DCM from District 2 (Blair A.) If we continue with the Preconference Workshop should it be added in the guidelines?
- The format seems to be different depending on the delegate that is in place at the time.
- In order to have the pre-conference event added to the guidelines it would need to be added to the agenda and brought forward to the Area 82 body at the Assembly.
- A further discussion is needed on the timing of the Pre-Conference.
- No Motion was brought forward on this. A general discussion identified the following points.
- A general discussion ensued on Spring Assembly Agenda items. This Agenda had already been approved.
- A series of Questions were addressed to Trudy (GSD) around Pre-Conference Workshop agenda items that had been assigned to specific Districts.
- Trudy stayed behind to discuss the individual items with the DCMs.

Monique took the floor to explain the timing of the minutes coming out. She thanked the Area committee for their support and assistance at this time. Dwayne also thanked the committee for all the support.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm NS time with the Responsibility Pledge.

Monique McL., Area 82 Secretary