

**Joint District Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Districts 15-17-19**  
**Monday, February 25, 2008**

- Opened with a moment of silence and Serenity Prayer
- Attendance:

12 members were present (Lisa, Jim, Sheila, Ray, Scot, Leroy, Pat, Joe, Nicole, Erin, and Jen)
- Approval of minutes from 1/28/08; only one change made
- District Treasurer's Report (Erin):
  - suggested using district funds to sponsor someone, possibly a GSR, to attend the Weekend Assembly in May (at Camp Mack)
  - needs to see Dave W., treasurer for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Club, about paying rent for these District meetings. Topic will be discussed in more detail next month.
- Discussions:
  1. We still need DCM's for Districts 15 and 19
    - Nicole discussed requirement for and duties of this position
    - Scot volunteered to be the DCM for District 19; group conscience voted and accepted. However, Scot is also a GSR, and a GSR cannot represent both the group conscience and the district conscience. More discussion will follow next month; Scot will attempt to find a new or alternate GSR for the Valparaiso (Sunday night) meeting.
  2. Informational Forum:
    - Forum will be held on April 12, 2008, 1:00-4:00pm at the Portage Yacht Club. District will pay the \$100 fee for renting the club that day. Note that this event will take place on the same day as the Calumet Area Round-up.
    - Discussed possibility of having district funds set aside as a prudent reserve for the Forum. Group conscience voted to not have a prudent reserve for the Forum, but instead to accept donations only for extra funds as needed.

### 3. Chair Positions:

#### A. Answering Service Chair

- Sheila was handed the position by Gaye, the former Chair. Since the answering service will now be run by the district, the committee voted to have Sheila officially elected into the position.
- Sheila reported that individual groups had been sending funds directly to the service for support. Erin suggested we notify groups of the District's P.O. Box (#192), so they can now send checks there. Pat suggested we also have mail forwarded to the new P.O. Box address.
- Group conscience voted to have Erin, as the District Treasurer, handle the finances for the answering service.
- Group discussed specific criteria for those who can be included on the answering service 12-step call list. Sheila will bring criteria to next month's meeting.

#### B. Hospitals and Institutions (H & I) Chair

- Joe M. was nominated for position; group conscience voted and consented.

#### C. Public Information (PI) Chair

- Ray P. was nominated for position; group conscience voted and consented.

#### D. Literature Chair

- Lisa S. was nominated for position; group conscience voted and consented.

#### E. Grapevine Chair

- No nominations were made for this position; election for Grapevine Chair will be tabled until next month's meeting.

- New Business:

1. Pat stated that groups have inquired about whether they could use a tax ID number in order to save 6% on taxes for supplies (as a non-profit

organization). Nicole will contact Bill R., since he set up the Area's account, and ask Area 22 if groups can use the Area's tax ID number.

2. H & I Chair (Joe) needs to step in to speak with Care Counseling re: confidentiality.
  3. Treasurer (Erin) needs to purchase a receipt book; group voted to allow funds for purchase.
- On Agenda for next month's meeting:
    - Discussion of duration of chair positions (possibly one year each).
    - Nominations/election for Grapevine Chair, Corrections Chair, and DCM for District 15.
    - Discussion of criteria for answering service 12-step call list.
  - Meeting adjourned, and closed with Responsibility Pledge:

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