

Kent County Central Office

Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT The mission of the Kent County Central Office Newsletter is to serve Kent County and the surrounding A.A. community, in four ways. 1. To carry the A.A. message 2. To inform our readers. 3. To provide a forum for discussion of A.A. principles 4. To provide service work opportunities for A.A. members. Need to find a meeting? Go to the Website grandrapidsaa.org/meetings

The Birthday Club

Mike W - 29 Jan 2004
Ben S - 5 Dec 1978
Anne S - 30 Aug 1981

Tom W - 30 Mar 1980
Sharron S 12 April 1984
Steve C - 14 Aug 2018

Ed B - 29 May 2010
Jim H - 5 Jul 2005
Dave P - 18 Nov 2007

Pamela W - 20 years

Wanda W - 33 years

If you'd like your name, or that of someone you know, to appear on the Birthday Club list just donate an amount equal to your number of sober years. Your name and date will appear here all year.

If you want to get the KCCO newsletter send an email to KCCONewsletter@gmail.com include your email address

**KCCO desperately needs volunteers for the 24-hour AA hotline.
We need a one-month commitment of 4 hours every week.
Morning and afternoon shifts available.
Call Steve 616-913-9216**

KCCC Business Meeting
August 18, 2022
Minutes

Present: Susie J., Chairperson; David P., KCCC Treasurer; Mike W., Trustee #2; Steve C., Office Manager; Lisa D.; Jim S., District 7/KCCC Liaison; Ed B., Area 34 Alternate Delegate.

Absent: Mary Beth R., Secretary; Jeff O., Webmaster; Jim H., Area 34 Delegate.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer at 6:06 pm.

Reports:

- Minutes, Financial, Telephone, and Website report, were submitted, and approved.
- District 7 Report- Annual Picnic was on July 9th in Ionia where our delegate read his report. Next District 7 business meeting will be on September 3rd at the South Club, hosted by The Friday Night Book Study.
- Monthly Newsletter posted on website.

Roundup Business:

- Discussed venue for 2023 Roundup. St. Peter and Paul available for same price. Lisa D. from the N. Club was in attendance to discuss N. Club as a venue option. A **MOTION** was made, seconded, and passed to **TABLE** further discussion until next month when Lisa will present a formal bid to the Committee.
- Discussed reservations and travel arrangements for Chris R. (2023 Main Speaker), Chris will make his own travel arrangements which the committee will reimburse him for. We will determine the hotel once we do a little more research and pick a venue.
- Discussed 2024 Main speaker options. Suggested: Earl H., Theresa F., and Quincy W. A **Motion** was made, seconded, and passed to reach out to Quincy W. to request her to be our main speaker for 2024. Susie will reach out to her.
- Discussed theme. Past themes shared. Please bring ideas to September Business Meeting. **TABLED.**
- Billy K. is retiring but still willing to cater event if asked. **TABLED** until venue is chosen.
- Roundup dates chosen for the next four years; 2023 (April 22), 2024 (April 27), 2025 (April 26), and 2026 (April 25). This enables us to schedule the speakers well in advance.

Old Business:

- Bylaws update, a **MOTION** was made, seconded, and passed to post the new bylaws in the KCCO, on the website, and to include them in the next newsletter for further feedback and transparency purposes. The proposed, updated bylaws will be voted on at our September business meeting. Please contact Steve C. if you would like a copy to review.
- A2-Posting of KCCO content and speakers discussed, those duties will be performed by the new Trustee #2 (per the new bylaws-when adopted)
- Discussion about lease renewal vs. relocation of KCCO location: Current lease is up 10/31/22. Steve C. followed up with current landlords about their other properties that are comparable. Currently nothing open and cost is higher at their other locations. Tommy Brann was contacted,

Susie and Mike toured two sites, rent for them (\$3000 & \$1400) would be more than double what we will pay with new lease. A **MOTION** was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to sign a one-year lease (with our current landlord) and continue to search for a new office space that is more centralized and near a bus line. A “friendly” amendment was accepted to authorize the chairperson to contact our present landlord and finalize the lease at their discretion.

- Answering Service/ 12 Step Call List discussion: Steve C. continues working on updating the call list. Share at meetings that the list is being updated and more volunteers needed. Contact Steve C. to be added.
- We continue to have connectivity challenges with our office telephone line, AT&T is working on trying to diagnose the problem.
- Discussion about website- District 7 administrator given rites to update their content to the website. A **MOTION** was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to give District 7 administrator “blanket” approval on postings to their page on KCCO website.
- Treasurer still needs to sign papers to be authorized on bank account.
- Discussion about KCCC open positions. A **NOMINATION** was made for Mike W. to be elected as Trustee #2; he was elected unanimously. Vice -Chairperson and Trustee #3 positions are still open. Please bring to groups. **TABLED.**
- Literature: Big Books are stocked. Continued back-orders on Daily Reflections and pocket-sized Big Books.

New Business:

- Discussion about a fall fundraiser, possibly in November. David P will contact Norm B. about doing his “AA History” presentation, followed by a pizza dinner, basket raffle, and a guest speaker. Susie volunteered to design a flyer. Stay tuned...

Please announce at your individual meetings that volunteers are always needed to answer the 24-hour hotline. Have them call Steve at KCCO, 616-913-9216. Thanks!

Next meeting 6:00 pm, Thursday, September 15, 2022, at the KCCO office, 4920 Plainfield Ave NE, Suite 19, Grand Rapids 49525, phone 616-913-9216.

Option to attend **via Zoom**, hosted by District 7.

Meeting ID - 881 7063 2218

Password - 235257

Send your GSR or someone to represent your group and have a voice in how your Central Office is run!!!

7th Tradition: Passed the Basket.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike W. for Mary Beth R.

GROUP DONATIONS

“Thank You” to all of the Groups who donated in August, 2022

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N Kent Enrichment

Breton Rd Early Birds

Social Distancing Group of AA

Friends For Life

Cherry Valley

Maple St Misfits

Search For Serenity

Breathe Easy

No First Drink

SJV Big Book Study

Women’s Serenity

Lamont Higher Power Rewards

And all the individual donations that came in via PayPal too! We know many of these were from groups and if you’d like your group to be credited for these donations please call the office at (616) 913-9216.

FRIDAY NIGHT FUNDRAISER SPEAKER MEETING

LOCATION: THE NORTH ALANO CLUB
1020 College Ave, NE, Grand Rapids, MI (Lower Level Balcony)
Phone 616-456-5709

Friday, Sept 2, 2022, 7:00 pm

Speaker: Keenan S

Home Group: Ironhouse

Friday, Sept 9, 2022, 7:00 pm

Speaker: Jocelyn R

Home Group: Gratitude In Action - Women's Mtg

Friday, Sept 16, 2022, 7:00 pm

Speaker: Ray (from Detroit)

Home Group: Hump Day NW Alano Club

Friday, Sept 23, 2022, 7:00 pm

Speaker: Maggie K

Home Group: Bayberry

Friday, Sept 30, 2022, 7:00 pm

Speaker: Kim P

Home Group: Fri Night Big Book Study

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