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**Inner City District Meeting Minutes
Monday 2nd November 2020 7:30pm**

Online Via Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/86411101503>

Opening - Welcome from DCM

- ON-LINE Meeting Preamble
- Welcome and AA Preamble - Jess

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

- Member to read District Statement of Purpose: Cam M

The Primary Purpose of the AA District is the same as of all AA activity - to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, wherever he/she may be. The District seeks ways and means of accomplishing this goal by serving as a forum for sharing the experience, strength and hope of the General Service Representatives who come together each month from the groups in the District.

Experience teaches us that developing a sound structure enables us to carry our message more effectively to those alcoholics still suffering in our community, and to remain strong and united for those of the next generation.

DISTRICT MEETINGS serve the following purposes:

- To provide support, guidance and information for the GSR's
- To maintain communication links between groups, members and AA as a whole
- To suggest, discuss and plan means of carrying the message to those alcoholics still suffering in the district community
- To seek ways to improve the structure and unity of the District groups

These goals are achieved through discussion, workshops, sharing sessions, use of service literature and audio-visual material, visits by guests from other AA service areas, sharing group problems, etc. The emphasis shall always be on GSR sharing.

- Member to read long form of Tradition 10 – Emma

1. Apologies –

Michael K

2. Roll call and GSR updates (1-minute update)

- Committee Members: Name, role (report comes in later section)
- GSRs: Group name & location / what's working? / help needed? / questions for other GSRs and PI Outreach Work
- On-line presence do you have one how's that going?

Mark M – DCM

Alex R – Secretary

Spence M – Treasurer

Geoff S – Area F Delegate

Jess Z – Eltham Spiritual concepts – Group started in Feb, attendance around 45, discussing hybrid meeting issues.

Tiff D – Elwood Womens 164 - 30-35 people. Good core group, creating new commitments regularly.

Dean S – The Deal - Commitments filled, zoom service etc, great attendance 95-100 – Looking to go hybrid meeting soon.

Emma G – A New Journey – 38-42 –likely remain virtual until allowed back at Gahan centre.

Seamus C – PI Coordinator

Kirby – Eastern Twilight – 90-100, GC next week to discuss face to face, previously split meeting over 3 rooms.

Simon R – Lit Coordinator

Joshua D – Visitor

Alan B – Common Welfare Recovery – 13-15, hoping to be back face to face by Sunday, potentially close zoom.

Lani – Way of Life – Book study main/meeting - 29th anniversary next Tuesday 90 min meeting.

Cam M – Sober Saturday – Thrived as virtual meeting, lots of internationals and 2 x rehabs. Transition to physical will be slow due to numbers and inclusiveness.

Justin D – Happy Destiny – Group going well, enthusiasm for face to face

Belle H – Alt DCM/FB Campaign

Steve C – MMG – Going strong, 80, not many newcomers, unlikely to go back to physical

3. Acceptance of previous minutes – Belle, Seamus

4. Committee Vacancies and Elections –

Alt PI coordinator – Josh D – Group voted in favour

5. Committee reports

- DCM – Mark – Area assembly – groups reported to Area Delegate on conference – good general feeling of opinion. Good turnout by ICD groups. Rohan A voted in as Area Treasurer, Mark M voted in as Alt Delegate.
- Elections next month - new two-year commitments to start march
- Alt DCM –
- Treasurer – Spencer – Bank at \$4322.36 - Report to be sent out. Groups to please id themselves.
- Webmaster/Secretary - Alex – Looking to build handovers for secretary/webmaster/touching base with old groups/gsrs.
- PI Co-ordinator / PI Sub-committee – Seamus, Belinda (Facebook advertising)
- -Reached 61000 people for \$200 – Clicks through to 12 Step office/24hr hotline – 500!!!!
- New short video has been produced which has been the best performer for reach per click.
- There have been 2 positive images, the video, and the darker “reach out for help” image.
- Group voted in favour of topping up FB campaign budget to \$1000 and expanding radius of reach to 80km and doubling spend.
- Simon R – 12 step office website report – Questionnaire completions up 174% since start of fb ads. 12 step office has noted increase of calls to 12 step office.
- PI Literature/Chair of Doctors Forum – Simon
- PI database officer – Belinda - Nil
- Rehab Coordinator – Nikita - Nil

6. Items from previous meeting/s

7. New business:

- Area F assembly update
- Facebook Budget More??
- Meetings re-opening/Future of ICD - Mixed zoom/physical?
- Visitor updates?
- Kirby: PI Packs email
- New business carried over to next month.

8. Meeting Closed with the Serenity Prayer ‘we’ version: *God Grant us the Serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can and the wisdom to know the difference.*

Next Regular Zoom meeting – Monday 7th December 2020 @ 7:30PM

What's on

Bank details for groups to donate to ICD: Account name: Melbourne Inner City District AA; BSB: 033 039; Account number: 248688	Bank details for groups to donate to Area F: Account Name: AA AREA F; BSB: 033243; Account # 599186
Please ask your group's treasurer to use group name as reference so your donation can be identified	

Service opportunities

Please email mail@aainnercity.com with any updates or additions for What's On or service opportunities.

Other 12th Step opportunities

- **Meetings and events in Victoria:** www.aamelbourne.org.au
- **Host a PowerPoint presentation for your group:**
 Illustrated Steps (David M 0414 908 304; e: editor@aatimes.org.au) on the steps, Traditions, concepts and related topics
- **AA meetings online -** www.paltalk.com & www.aa-oztralia.net

Resources available through ICD

- **ICD DropBox folder:** email mail@aainnercity.com or ask ICD secretary for an invitation to the folder
- **Service manuals** can be purchased through your group's literature officer, from the Prahran office, downloaded via <http://aaservice.org.au/members/ServiceManual> or accessed via in the ICD DropBox folder.
- **ICD PI toolkit:** a box stocked with everything your group needs to do a public information literature drop and increase awareness of AA in your area. Please coordinate with **ICD PI literature officer**.
- **National service website:** www.aaservice.org.au. Valuable source of service information and resources from around Australia. You just need to request a log in via the website.
- **Public Information Packs** always available at ICD for groups to take
- **Business cards** always available at ICD for groups to take
- **New meeting start-up kits available,** Banners (Steps and Traditions), service manual and group handbook. Please contact Mark or chair@aainnercity.com

Declaration of Responsibility

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.

- Introduced in July 1965 at the 30th Anniversary International Convention in Toronto, Canada