

Tuesday Night Live Dushore Meeting

There was a meeting held in Dushore in 1983 in a private house on Tuesday nights. The meeting would have about 5 people there. It is unclear if this meeting ended or if it changed to another meeting location in Dushore which was then moved to Laporte and is now the Search for Sobriety group.

The Tuesday Night Live meeting in Dushore began in 1997 at the Methodist Church on Headley Avenue. It was started by three adolescents who wanted to get sober. The meetings were held each Tuesday and early members included John, Denny, Joe, Charlie and Rick. The earliest format was chairperson's choice but changed to a Step meeting on the first Tuesday, chairperson's choice, and a speaker meeting every other month.

The group started a checking account in 2001 which is still open. Originally in District 53 the group moved to District 48 as the district meetings would be in Montoursville and an easier drive for the GSR. The Area 59 map still shows Dushore in District 53. Attendance would start at 5-6 persons per meeting and then fluctuate to 15-20 at times.

The group meetings moved in 2006 to the Shepherd of the Hills church on Carpenter Street where it still meets today. The group was asked to stop meeting at the previous church around Christmas Eve of 2005. Two members, Cindi and Jerry, were able to secure a new meeting location within one week.

From 2003 to 2020 the key was held by one person. Jerry opens the meeting for over 16 years. He held on to the key because he was told by his sponsor to keep the key until someone asked for it back. He attributes that to his staying sober for all that time. The meeting attendance during these years was low at times with two people there. Jerry kept the doors open and the numbers did increase to around 10.

The Tuesday Night Live group stayed active during the 2020 COVID season only missing two to three in-person meetings. Attendance grew as members heard the doors were open in Dushore, sometimes 20-25 members there. Jerry passed the key on around that time and in 2023 he passed away unexpectedly having just celebrated 20 years sober two days prior.

Business meetings and group conscious meetings were revitalized in 2022. The meeting continues in 2024 at 7:00 pm instead of 8:00 pm. There are rotating chairs and coffee makers. Attendance fluctuates between 12 to 20 each week. The format is by week a step meeting, discussion, speaker and Daily Reflections. The group elected its second GSR since the revitalization of the business meeting. We do celebrate anniversaries, have literature and books by donation. We welcome newcomers with a greeting and share phone numbers with them before they leave.

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