

Minutes of GSR Meeting, District 15, April 4, 2013

Members present: Elaine, Nikki, Ann, Carrie, Tim, Jake, Nancy, Rita, Michael, Scott, Vincenzo , Julie, Cate, Leslie, Jeryl
Call to order by Elaine at 7:08 p.m.

Serenity prayer: Elaine

GSR preamble: Nancy

New GSRs: Vincenzo (Ohio St. meeting)

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Officer's reports:

Secretary: Minutes were submitted and approved.

Archivist: Absent

Registrar: Absent

Treasurer: Nancy submitted a report that included a list of all meetings and donations for the months of January, February, and March. The second page reports contributions from District 15 GSR's for seventh tradition and PRAASA contributions and a copy of our check register showing a balance of \$3,469.77.

Alt. DCMC: Nikki PRAASA Shared story and GSR story with Spanish speaking meeting (had to have an interpreter.) Panel 6 - third legacy representation in concept 2; June 1 has been set for the 4-Area DCM Sharing Session. Location TBA in the Carlsbad area.

DCMC: We are to sponsor the area election assembly in October and will need a large facility that will accommodate 200 to 250 people with adequate parking for that number. Union Hall was suggested by Cate. CSUF was suggested by Scott. Nikki contacted American Legion. We will study it further.

Committee Reports:

GSR School: Julie - We have a new GSR School Chair: Tim. Julie is giving up the position.

Literature: Michael - There is plenty of literature including pamphlets for the taking. There is also a guide to all meetings in Western US.

Grapevine: Leslie - Audio project: you can call in and record your story for 7 min. Not sure how, but they will be able to be listened to. There is a report of archival recording on GSO's Website.

Hospitals & Institutions: Rita reported that H & I desperately needs people, and handed out a flyer with information on H & I.

Public Information: CATE: At the May Health Fair in Brea, we need someone to man the table.

Intergroup: Michael - In Feb. over 300 males and over 100 females came or called in. The Founders' picnic will be on May 14 from 12:00 to 2:30. Central Office wants volunteers to suggest topics for discussion. Donations totalled \$3585.72 for Jan. and \$4306.76 for Feb. NOCCO is looking for articles of all types for the newsletter.

GSR Reports, Questions, Challenges: None

Old Business: Elaine reported that District 15 will join with District 10 in sponsoring a Sponsorship Workshop on May 18 at the church on Wilshire in Fullerton. Committee met at Nikki's. Flyers were handed out tonight. GSR's will make copies for their meetings. Delegates will be there. Another committee meeting will be held.

Elaine reported that on April 6 there will be a trip to the Archives in Riverside. Group needs to determine a place to meet.

New Business: PRAASA report Continued by Nikki: Panel 6: Our 3rd legacy. The first topic was representation - C2. Is the GSC the face of a few or the face of all? How do we spread interest? Some ideas, similar to what we do, were discussed, including sharing all background material w/area committee.

C-3 - Right of Decision. Delegates need this right or we reduce them to mere messengers. However a certain length of sobriety doesn't necessarily make a person ready for a position of trust. Similarly, groups should support their GSR, not just elect anyone with a pulse. C4 - Participation. Group A (Authority) vs. Group B (Responsibility). Without this C, we may create 2nd class members. AA has no 2nd class members.

C9 Leadership. We serve the fellowship of AA as a whole. Some say "people in service are more recovered." Length of sobriety does not equal tolerance and patience. Shakespeare was quoted here.

Panel 7

General Service Inventory: multiyear (3) inventory. Two delegates from each area participate.

Purpose of the conference. Upside down triangle: create pamphlets from the membership. "Service is the Secret" Does it take a video on U-tube to make the conference go viral? Let's bring the conference out of the closet! C9 - Authority of the conference, how is it defined? 'They know about their authority, but they don't know how to use it.' ex: first year delegates not being shown how by 2nd year delegates. C12 - fulfill the general warranties. If the conference was not fulfilling these warranties well, I would have nothing to base my opinion on. Past Trustee Panel: Ruth J: If it doesn't feel comfortable, don't do it. Julian R: Work for the benefit of the entire fellowship. Jim C: The reason he joined General Service is that it may be the most important job in AA. Madeline P: It's about how we get through it. It is a disservice to tell someone that "the only service is General Service."

Notable Quotes from Roundtable:

"Is the juice worth the squeeze?"

"The process is more important than the issue."

Suggestion to obtain written reports to be given to secret at District.

Story from Madeline: It was Palm Sunday. Jesus was on a donkey walking into town. What if the donkey thought all that was for him? I'M JUST THE JACKASS CARRYING THE MESSAGE.

Elaine asked **Nancy** to talk about service sponsorship. Answer questions like what is a GSR report? How can I get a service manual? How do you handle a disruptive person in a meeting? They can explain the Area Assembly. Get a sponsor who has had the job you are going to fill. Michael will get pamphlets "Q and A on Sponsorship," which has information on service sponsorship.

Elaine requested Pre Conference Reports, which were given to Jeryl. Jeryl will give us a report when he comes back from the conference. We will join with District 10 --Jeryl's booked on July 3 on Wilshire in Fullerton.

Elaine asked **Jeryl** to speak to us. He spoke of the powerful impact that PRAASA had on him.

He told us that the biggest thing now is the General Service Conference, which requires all of us to communicate clearly and well so that the delegates can make informed decisions. Group of women in San Diego said that their area had the largest number of military of any area. They wanted None Left Behind as the title of a pamphlet for military personnel. This instance is an informed group conscience. The 75th Anniversary ed of Big Book It will be a reprinting of the first edition. Thanked us all for the opportunity to represent us.

Nancy passed around PRAASA can.

Readings & Discussions:

Tradition III was read and reported on by Jake; Concept III was read and reported on by Nikki.

Volunteers for next month: Tradition IV: Ann Concept IV: Cate

Upcoming Events:

May 19 **Area 09 Assembly**; Dales Senior Center; 3936 Chestnut St. Riverside, Ca 92501

Hosted by District 8

PRAASA 2014 – San Diego, California; **PRAASA 2015** – Layton, Utah

Birthday Celebrations: Vincenzo, Leslie

The meeting was closed at 8:34 with the Responsibility Pledge.

Closing - Responsibility Pledge:

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.

Current officers, DCMs, chairs, liaisons, and vacancies for District 15:

DCMC..... Elaine M	DCM for Yorba	Grapevine Committee
Alternate DCMC...Nikki N	Linda... Vacant	Chair...Leslie B
Secretary...Ann N	DCM for Anaheim Hills...Pam	H&I Chair... Rita
Treasurer...Nancy R	DCM for Placentia... Vacant	InterGroup Liaison...Michael
Registrar...Cory V	CEC (Cooperation with Elder	Literature Committee Chair:
Archivist... Beth V	Community) ... Vacant	Chris
	CPC (Cooperation with Prof.	PI (Public Information)
DCM (District Committee	Community) :... Vacant	Chair... Cate
Member) Brea: vacant	GSR School Chair... Julie W	Convention Liaison... Vacant