

Minutes of GSR Meeting, District 15, Aug. 2, 2012

Members present: Nikki, Elaine, Ann, Danette, Melissa, Kathleen, Chris, Jane, Will, Rita, Nancy, Cory, Scott, Michael

Call to order by Elaine at 7:02

Serenity prayer: Elaine

GSR preamble: Nancy

New GSRs: Nancy

Minutes of the last meeting were read, amended, and approved.

Officer's reports:

Secretary: Minutes submitted and revised, and approved. Ann emailed the agendas and minutes to the Area 09 website and requested they be posted. She will check to see if they have been.

Archivist: None

Registrar: Cory has an old roster that needs to be updated, which he passed around. He needs to know who has not received a packet, and he will attempt to get one. Cory asked how to get officers' packets and was referred to Michael.

Treasurer: Nancy submitted the list of meetings and donations in the treasurer's report as well as the check register. The \$150 reimbursement has been received. The total balance is \$3229.14. Nancy received the Grapevine and will give it to Kathleen.

DCMC: **Elaine** attended the **Foro** in Laguna Woods and got a new perspective on what it's like to hear a whole meeting being translated. In small groups, she participated in three discussions of issues ranging from working the steps to adding a new area. She also attended the joint meeting with District 10. Rita will report on that.

Alt. DCMC: Nikki reported that there will be a planning meeting for Ocsoberfest on Wed. Aug. 22 at 3030 Cardinal St. Anaheim 92806 (Kraemer and Orangethorpe, off of Orangethorpe). Sat. Oct. 20 is the tentative date for Ocsoberfest. There are no conflicts with other District 15 meetings on that date.

Report of the Delegate: Rita reported that the adding of a new area was an issue discussed at the general conference. Our area is the largest in the US and Canada with 1938 registered groups. Our delegate Jeryl covered Report and Charter at the conference, which includes international directories and the final report of the conference. He reported that attendees included 93 delegates from US and Canada and 21 trustees from the Board (both A and B trustees - A trustees are not alcoholics and B trustees are). One of the topics was redoing the inverted triangle diagram from the service manual, putting the final items at the bottom outside the diagram, since the GSR's don't actually report to them. The Facebook issue came up. There was a lot of discussion, but it didn't go to a vote because they felt they didn't have enough information yet. Safety in AA also came up and no action was taken on that issue, but discussion goes on. Another was the Armed Forces pamphlet and the Marine slogan was left off, as it meant nothing to Canadians and alcoholics from other countries. Also, there is an ebook called "Young and Sober." Jeryl's journey toward becoming a delegate started as being a GSR, a sometimes thankless job. Over time he became more and more involved and more and more interested. It can happen to any GSR! Jeryl gave us his phone number: 949-697-5871. Jeryl's notes from the conference will be made available to those who are interested.

Committee Reports:

IGR: Michael reported that there is an active workgroup regarding safety in AA. They have almost 200 responses to the survey, and most want something to be developed on the subject. Intergroup is looking for

volunteers to do call forwarding, mostly on weekends. Also, they are looking for people to sign up for speakers' lists. They were down about \$1400 in contributions this month and asked representatives to go back to meetings to encourage each group to donate. She also has more safety questionnaires available.

Literature: Kathleen will order extra service manuals to have on hand.

GSR Reports, Questions, Challenges:

None

Old Business:

Elaine would like a list of groups which do not have a GSR and will begin visiting them to encourage them to elect a GSR. Cory has a card for each group that doesn't have a GSR with addresses on them and we can volunteer to visit those groups. Michael pointed out that it doesn't have to be a GSR who gets designated by the group. If the meeting can't get a GSR, they should designate a contact person who can receive/give information. Nikki reported that there are guidelines available for what to look for in visits, and suggested that more than one visit would be beneficial.

New Business:

Our meeting site: For next month, we are confirmed to meet at Kaiser in the first floor auditorium. It was suggested that we investigate the places where our groups hold meetings for a future meeting place, and report next week. Elaine has contacted several places that can't accommodate us, and is in the process of contacting Kraemer Memorial Park on Bradford and Chapman. Michael volunteered to contact the church at 300 E. Imperial, but we would have to change the night we meet. Nikki pointed out that that may cause problems for some people. We'll continue to look for a place for Thursday night.

Readings & Discussions:

Tradition 8 was read and reported on by Jane; Concept 8 was read and reported on by Kathleen.

Volunteers for next month: Tradition 9: Ann Concept 9: Michael

Upcoming Events:

ASC Meeting - August 12, Kraemer Memorial Park, Placentia, 9 a.m.

Birthday Celebrations: Cory and Jane

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.