

Minutes for the District 15 meeting on Dec. 5, 2013

Attendees: Cate, Cory, Elaine, Harry, Jake, Kay, Leslie, Nancy, Oscar, Tim, Judy, Cassandra, Ruth

At 7 pm we all helped ourselves to the pot-luck food that District 15 members had so graciously brought.

At 7:20 pm, Elaine opened the meeting with the Serenity prayer. Oscar read the preamble. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as is.

The Treasurer reported that we now have \$4,591.63 in our treasury, and noted that this is probably enough money to send all our GSRs to the 2014 PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) on March 7th, 8th, & 9th in San Diego. PRAASA is an annual assembly whose purpose is to:

- Develop greater unity among the members, groups and areas of the Pacific Region
- Encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences
- Provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA.

The PRAASA Assembly and the PRAASA Committee always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of AA. The 2014 PRAASA will focus on the theme of the 2014 General Service Conference, **“Communicating Our Legacies – Vital in a changing World.”** More information on this PRAASA can be found on their website, 2014.PRAASA.org. Everyone in AA is welcome to attend.

Our GSR School Chair, Tim, announced that we had 3 new GSRs: Kay, Judy and Cassandra. Welcome new GSRs!

The group elected Oscar to be our District 15 Secretary for the 2014-2015 term. It then elected Nancy to be our new Archivist. The group decided to postpone elections for new Committee Chairs until our January 2, 2014, District meeting.

Leslie (our incoming District 15 DCMC) suggested that we begin phoning GSRs who had not come recently, to find out if they are still GSRs and to encourage those who are to attend our next meeting. Ruth suggested we also prompt the groups who are not represented (“dark groups”) to elect their own GSRs. Leslie began making a list of people willing to help make phone calls and attend/encourage dark groups. The following people volunteered to help: Ruth, Tim, Elaine, Nancy, and Oscar.

Judy suggested we offer rides to GSRs who cannot drive themselves to the District meetings.

Leslie announced that Pete B, from the Area 9 Archives Committee, will come to our next meeting to give us a presentation on the history of District 10 & District 15.

Leslie thanked the outgoing officers for their service.

Leslie offered to drive a carpool to upcoming Area meetings (which usually occur on the 2nd Sunday of each month). This will be very helpful to us, since the Area meetings are often far away. Leslie also announced that we will start having a District 15 central location at each Area meeting, so all of us from District 15 can sit together at each Area meeting. This revives an old tradition, in which District 15 member used to sit together at each Area meeting. This helps us to point out to each other (during each Area meeting) how information brought up at the Area meeting can help our District and help inform our District 15 GSRs and groups.

Elaine pointed out that the District 15 Guidelines need to be updated. Elaine suggested that a committee be formed in the future to do this. Elaine and Nancy offered to help if a committee is formed to do this.

At our next meeting, we will discuss whether we shall revive the tradition of serving coffee at our district meetings. Perhaps we may even revive the District 15 tradition of serving snacks (e.g. cookies) at our District meetings.

Oscar offered to help wherever our District 15 needs help.

Cate reported on the meaning of Tradition 12. Cory reported on the meaning of **Concept 12**, which states:

"The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action."

In January, Oscar will report on the meaning of Tradition 1. Ruth will report on the meaning of **Concept 1**, which states:

"The final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."

At 8:30, we closed the meeting by reciting the 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."

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy R, substitute secretary

p.s. The January Area Assembly will be

January 12, 2014
Area Assembly (GSRs get to vote their group's Group Conscience)
Hosted by District 18
Kaiser Permanente Hospital
6640 Alton Parkway
Irvine, California 92618