

Nov. 7, 2013 Minutes from District 15 meeting

Attendees: Sharon K, Pam, Tim B, Oscar B, Lesley R, Leslie B, Rita, Cindy, Harry, Jesus O, Vincenzo, Elaine, Nancy, Haley, Cory, Ruth T

Elaine opened the meeting at 7 pm with the serenity prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as is.

The Treasurer reported that the balance in our treasury is now \$4,188.31.

We had one new GSR – Lesley R, representing the Brea Tuesday 5:30 pm women's meeting. Welcome Lesley!

Leslie B, our Grapevine Committee Chair, reported that the website for the Grapevine is www.aagrapevine.org, and people can go to it to order subscription to the Grapevine, and various books and other items the Grapevine publishes.

Sharon K (our Alternate Delegate from our Area) and Jesus O (our Area Secretary) conducted the District 15 elections. Our new slate of officers (for the 2014-2015 term) is as follows:

DCMC – Leslie B

Alt. DCMC – Cate C

Treasurer – Ruth T

Registrar – Tim B

Secretary – vacant (we are still looking for a volunteer for this position)

Archivist – vacant (we are still looking for a volunteer for this position)

Nancy reported on Tradition 11, and Elaine reported on Concept 11. Lesley R volunteered to report on Tradition 12 and Vincenzo volunteered to report on Concept 12 at our December 5th District 15 meeting.

Potluck... We voted to have a Potluck at our December 5th meeting, starting at 7pm. Remember, we cannot throw any trash from the potluck into the room's wastebasket. Elaine will bring a trash bag for our refuse, and Vincenzo will take the trash bag out of the meeting room and the end of our meeting. Each person can bring whatever they want to the Potluck (e.g. main dish, salads, chips & dip, cookies).

Lesley R asked what District spends our money on. Much discussion followed. In summary, these funds are used to:

1. Send GSRs to PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly)
2. Pay for our upcoming Sponsorship Workshop
3. Pay for any other upcoming special events (e.g. OcSoberfest) put on by district 15 for the benefit of AA members in our district
4. Pay District 15 expenses such as rent, literature, Grapevine subscription, reproduction of reports and flyers
5. Pay for any Area events that we are asked to host (e.g. Assemblies or Area Service Committees)

Someone asked what the upcoming Events are (ASC, Assemblies, Servathon). Much discussion followed.

Rita reported that at the H&I meeting, they discussed a question on what H&I representatives should say when asked about AA's views on taking medications. The main thing they decided on was that H & I representatives should recuse themselves from such discussions because we are not physicians, and hence are not qualified to discuss the do's and don'ts of taking prescription medications. However, we

do say that AA members consider that taking any drugs/medications purely for the purpose of "getting high" is a breach of our sobriety.

Someone asked whether Leslie B had yet found out the history of the split of District 15 off from District 10. She said she had not yet found out, but would report to us on it when she does.

Tim volunteered to be our new Registrar, as long as Cory helped him. Cory basically photographs (with his phone) the "AA Group Information Change Form" for any incoming GSR, then emails it immediately to the General Service Office in order to register each incoming GSR. This is an easy and quick way to register new GSRs, and results in new GSRs receiving their GSR information packets from GSO within about 3 weeks to 2 months. Tim said this would be easy for him to do. Pam then pointed out that it is important to keep records of the who becomes a GSR and when, to give to the District 15 Archivist for keeping records of District 15 history.

Nancy mentioned that the District 15 minutes are posted on the District 15 page of the MSCA website (www.msca09aa.org), so people can use that as part of the history of District 15. The minutes started to be posted in the year 2005.

Elaine mentioned that in the future, our District needs to review and update our Guidelines. She suggested that perhaps a committee could be formed to do this.

The meetings was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy R, substitute secretary