

District 4 Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
La Jolla Lutheran Church
7111 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, CA 92037

Present were:

Michelle M.	DCM
Jeff B.	Alt. DCM
Jim K.	GSR LJ Beginners
Jack T.	GSR Not a Glum Lot Big Book Study
Tom B.	At Large/Alt. GSR Not a Glum Lot Big Book Study
Linda M.	Treasurer, GSR PB Weekend Warm-up
Shoan	At Large
Kevin H.	GSR La Jolla Cove Beginners
Bruce T.	GSR La Jolla Patio Group
Chuck Patterson	GSR Diamond St. Men's
Ricardo Sanchez	GSR La Jolla Speakers

Concept of the Month: None presented **Tradition of the Month:** None presented

Secretary Report: Tom B. distributed July Minutes, which were approved with minor changes

Treasurer Report: Linda M.

1. Balance is \$828.76 as of 8/7/2013
2. Received \$123 from four groups that were named
3. Paid \$62.00 to USPS for 6-month rental of PO box
4. Paid \$30.10 to Jim K. and Linda M. for snacks

Registrar Report: Jim K. - reported that the problems with the electronic distribution system had been largely corrected

Alt DCM – no report; Jeff provided a birthday cake in celebration of Shoan's milestone; well wishes were expressed all around

Standing Committee Reports:

Michelle – AGENDA: no report, **FINANCE:** Michelle explained that she is touring other districts in order to gather comments on Proposed Budget

Jack – TRANSLATION: Jack explained what he does as Committee Chair

Jeff B. – Accessibilities: Jeff attended Committee meeting (Chuck P. not in attendance); no report

DCM Report: Michelle M.

1. Presented August 7, 2013 DCM Report, distributed under separate cover
2. Highlights included:
 - a. September 21, 2013, 8:30 AM Budget Assembly at Torrey Pines Christian Church
 - b. Reminder to GSRs to communicate to groups that amounts sent to Area 8 create the spiritual connection which assists Area 8 in helping the alcoholic who still suffers
 - c. Open position: Pacific Regional Trustee; represents nine states; approximately 1,000 hour per annum commitment; mid-October deadline for nominations

- d. Open position: Non-Trustee Director at AAWS; prerequisite – must be past delegate; spread the word through the fellowship that nominees are being sought
- e. Open position: Area Archivist (current occupant is rotating out soon, after one-year commitment)
- 3. Treasurer has solicited feedback on new Proposed Budget format
- 4. Format was reviewed by Committee and met with general approval
- 5. Tax status of AA was discussed – AA is a 504c4 organization for tax purposes, which means donations are not tax deductible; a notice to this effect will be added to the Area 8 Structure and Guidelines

Business:

- 1. Michelle inquired of GSRs whether they had presented the Proposed Budget to their meetings; the response was mixed
- 2. As to whether those at the meetings showed a high level of interest in the Budget, the general consensus was “no”
- 3. Secretary Workshop discussion
 - a. Date and place: October 26, 2013, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Christ Lutheran Church
 - b. Cash deposit required to hold space
 - c. Format: speakers with roundtable and Q&A
 - d. Topics to be covered: AA group unity, Tradition One, individual group connection to whole, pie chart, explanation of how contributions are used, explanation of the Secretary’s role, responsibilities of Secretary, group safety, literature
 - e. Question as to whether co-hosts from other districts were desired; answer was affirmative
 - f. Cost: range of \$300 to \$550 for venue, depending on discussions with church; Linda inquired as to whether a contract had been presented and/or signed and there was a discussion of payment arrangements; determined that a check issuance was not required as of this date
 - g. Much discussion about cost of venue, payment details, the contract for the venue, and food and beverage arrangements; conclusion was that Shoan would make arrangements and communicate to Linda the exact amount needed to hold the space, he is authorized to pay up to \$550 for the venue (while attempting to negotiate a lower rate), and Linda will take care of the contract once it is available
 - h. Michelle asked if there was anything more needed from Committee; no additional help needed, with exception of identifying co-hosts

Master Calendar – key items discussed

- 1. September 21, 2013 – 8:30 AM – Budget Assembly – Torrey Pines Christian Church

Open Discussion

- 1. Michelle explained the process for motions to be put forth to Area (relates to Area Guidelines)
- 2. Discussion of Concept 8

Close at 8:00 PM:

- 1. Thanks to committee members who provided cake and snacks
- 2. “I am responsible” pledge

Next Month: **Snacks:** Ricardo **Cake:** Jeff **Tradition:** Group **Concept:** Group