

District 21

Minutes of the Meeting April 2, 2015

Present: Brian, Diana, Terry, Harry, Donna, Andy, Duncan, Jill and Paschal

Our DCM, Brian, called the meeting to order and began with the Serenity Prayer.
Donna read the GSR preamble.

No introductions.

Birthdays: none

Minutes to the March district meeting were approved as amended. Donna advised that all the Early Birds meetings are participating in the cookie supply for the Round-Up. Thank you to Sherisa for taking the notes for the February and March meetings.

Harry gave the treasurer's report. Balance forward March 5, 2015 \$486.46. Contributions were \$135.10. Expense for month: PRAASA \$194.75. Ending balance April 2, 2015 \$426.81. We will receive a contribution from an individual this coming month.

DCM Report

- Brian reminded us that the Spring Round-Up is this coming weekend at the Town and Country Hotel.
- The Pre-Conference Area Assembly will be on April 11th at the Encinitas Senior Center. We will bring our group conscience on the Conference Agenda items to this assembly.
- The Area is in need of more contributions in order to meet the budget we passed last November. Please remind your groups. If the Area doesn't have enough funds to cover the expenses of the officers, then we can't say that "anyone" can stand for office – or perform the duties of the office – if they can't afford to take money from their own pocket.
- There was a motion to increase the payment for oral translation from \$100 to \$125 for each ACM and from \$400 to \$500 for each Assembly. This may be brought up at the Area Assembly. Ask your group for group conscience on this.
- There are two assemblies at the end of the year that don't yet have host districts. Do we want to host one of these? We said we'd offer to host the November 7th assembly. We discussed locations – Pala Community Center, Methodist Church on Camino del Rio South, Christian Church in La Jolla – and asking other districts to co-host with us. Duncan will check with the Pala AA meeting to see if we can use that facility. Terry suggested that the downtown location was better for the Area as a whole.
- Brian thanked Jill for attending the ACM as well.

Old Business

- Distribution strategies for Dr.'s Opinion pamphlet – Jill brought this up at the CPC Committee meeting and received a lot of blank stares. She thought we might add it to the literature being offered by letter from the CPC Committee to Doctors and Hospitals around the Area. We talked about the concerns that Dean had with the pamphlet because GSO discouraged our using the entire "chapter" of the Dr.'s Opinion from the Big Book, and that perhaps it was best for us to distribute this

individually as a district first, and see if we had success with it. If we had success, we could then offer it to other districts through the Area CPC Committee.

- Reports from visits to unrepresented meetings – Rick sent an email identifying those meetings that he went to as viable (existing) meetings. Donna visited 3 women's meetings: Monday night RB Women's Book Study; Wednesday morning women's meeting at the Poway Alano Club; Thursday Rancho Santa Fe meeting. We discussed visits to the Saturday San Rafael meeting. Andy went to the Friday Young People's meeting at the PAC. Brian went to the PAC Secretaries (business) meeting and made a presentation, then talked with some of the secretaries individually. Did not get much positive reception. There were several meetings on Brian's list that were duplicates. He will attempt to update this information.

New Business

- District 21 Guidelines – we passed a motion to approve these guidelines as written for use by the district and for posting to the District location on the Area website.
- PRAASA review – Jill thought the best part was the past trustees' meeting. All the past trustees agreed that AA should be open to all who have a desire to stop drinking, no matter what their other concerns are. Brian was touched by the mic presentation by a transgender participant who discussed his reception in AA.

GSR Group Sharing:

Jill – brought her agenda items to the business meeting. There she had good reception/response from the participants.

Donna – Asked how she should present her responses at the Assembly. She said the Dr.'s Opinion pamphlet was very well received by her group. They took many of these and she is in need of more (and will get them from Brian after the meeting.)

Terry – nothing new to report

Paschal – nothing new to report

Duncan – presented the conference items last night

Andy- nothing new to report.

The next Area Assembly is on April 11th. This is the Delegate's information assembly. The Delegate's Report Back Assembly will be on May 30th.

Jill read Tradition 4.

Paschal read Concept 4.

We closed the meeting with the Declaration of Responsibility.

Our next meeting will be on May 7, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Adam