

District 21

Minutes of the Meeting May 7, 2015

Present: Brian, Diana, Terry, Harry, Rick, Andy, Duncan and Jill

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

No introductions.

Birthdays: Andy celebrated 2 years. Congratulations, Andy!!

Minutes to the April district meeting were approved as submitted.

Harry gave the treasurer's report. Balance forward April 2, 2015 \$426.81. Contributions were \$78.00. There were no expenses this month. Ending balance May 7, 2015 \$504.81. We had some conversation about requesting from our groups an increase in contributions for the Area.

DCM Report

- Brian reminded us of the So Cal H&I Conference May 15-17th at the Holiday Inn, La Mirada. Flyers were available.
- The post-Conference Assembly will be on May 30th at the Torrey Pines Christian Church. Flyers were available. Jill will attend as Alternate DCM in Brian's absence.
- The Area is in the process of searching for a new Archivist. If you know of anyone interested in AA history or archives, please let them know. Resumes may be submitted until June 20th, 2015.
- The SD Central Office needs phone volunteers for alternate Saturdays.
- There was more discussion on the 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.
- We are currently scheduled to host the November Area Assembly at the Methodist Church in Mission Valley. We will host with Districts 3 and 22. The Area will pay \$500 towards costs. Rent for the room is \$750. There will be food costs as well. Diana brought up that the Spanish district 18 thought they were hosting the November Assembly, and that if they were adamant, would we be willing to move to hosting in January. There was no objection to this, but we will continue to plan for the November hosting.
- There was a trial run of the video conferencing at the Area Committee meeting. It went very well. There is difficulty in the room where the meeting is held...the acoustics are poor and it is impossible for each speaker to get to the microphone at the podium. All the equipment for this trial was borrowed, so we are not ready to do this full time yet.

Old Business

- Distribution strategies for Dr.'s Opinion pamphlet –Brian brought it to his doctor. It was well received, but it was obvious the doctor didn't know much about alcoholism or AA. Rick gave it to his psychiatrist – no feedback. Terry said he would try again; his doctor thought this was a plug for a program that would compete with the Sharp program. Jill said that CPC expressed an interest this month. She will bring the pamphlets to the next CPC meeting.
- Reports from visits to unrepresented meetings – We reviewed the list of meetings Brian had, with comments about current status. "Freedom of Choice" book study announces

the need at each meeting. Carmel Mountain meeting is very small and meets in a private home. Tuesday and Friday noon at St. Bart's – we can try to ask. The RB Appreciation group Saturday at San Rafael – Jill went, but didn't ask about GSR. We will try again there.

- Plans for targeted visits: Diana will try the St. Bart's meetings. Andy will try at the Thursday PAC meeting. Brian suggested that if we were going to go to a meeting, we should email the other District members, so we could go in pairs.

New Business

- Harry stepping down as Treasurer – We thanked Harry for his service. We discussed the position – should it be a GSR? Or could it be someone outside the current people attending the district meeting? Harry described the position and the sobriety requirement of 2 years. Terry said he had a couple of people in mind who might be able to do it. Duncan said he would be willing to consider it. We will table the election to next month after Duncan has thought about it and Terry has a chance to ask his people.
- Brian will ask Dean to come to the District with a Conference report in either June or August. (July our meeting conflicts with the International Convention in Atlanta.)
- Brian suggested we think about doing a Group Inventory Workshop as a district.

GSR Group Sharing:

Rick – Scripps Ranch Men's – routinely about 40 people. Meeting is doing well.

Jill – TGIF Friday – lost two long time members recently. There was a memorial service for Tom on Friday; there will be one for Evelyn soon. The meeting currently has a couple of struggling newcomers.

Andy – Tuesday 12 x 12 – Attendance this month has decreased somewhat. Hugo celebrated 40 years! He mentioned to the treasurer that Area needs increased funds.

Duncan – Beginners Meeting Wed. – The "steering committee" voted to have no more "non-AA announcements". This elicited a lot of discussion at the group level. The last meeting celebrated 95 years and 90 days.

Terry – Sunday morning Men's – discussed increasing contribution to the Area. Do they modify the pie chart? Or pass a second basket once a month? Or? This will be discussed at the business meeting. The meeting will now have a separate treasurer; the secretary was formerly doing the treasury as well.

Rick for Donna – Early Birds – doing well. Have a very active Activities Committee. There will be a bike ride this coming weekend.

We had a discussion about how to find out how the entities we contribute to are doing; where we can get the information, and, at the district level, can we create a budget so we know what we need and so the new treasurer knows what's going on.

The Delegate's Report Back Assembly will be on May 30th.
Our next meeting will be on June 4, 2015.

Andy read Tradition 5.

Duncan read Concept 5.

We closed the meeting with the Declaration of Responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Adam