

District 21

Minutes of the Meeting June 4, 2015

Present: Brian, Donna, Terry, Harry, Rick, Paschal, Duncan, Jill, Lynn and Sherisa, and our guest for the evening, our Delegate, Dean.

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

We introduced ourselves and welcomed Lynn, new GSR from the Monday Lifebridge Women's Big Book Study Group. Welcome Lynn!!

Birthdays: None

Minutes to the May district meeting were approved as submitted.

Harry gave the treasurer's report. Balance forward May 7, 2015 \$504.81. Contributions were \$88.70. There were no expenses this month. Ending balance June 4, 2015 \$593.51.

DCM Report

- The post-Conference Assembly was on May 30th at the Torrey Pines Christian Church. Jill attended as Alternate DCM in Brian's absence. Most of the Assembly was devoted to Dean's report back from the conference. One item of note, however, was from our Regional Trustee, Joel, who proposed a writers' workshop for a future Area activity. Of the agenda items that we discussed in Area 8: Gay and Lesbian pamphlet to be updated and brought to the next conference; Mental Health pamphlet be developed with progress report brought to the next conference; AA for the Woman pamphlet be updated with report brought to the next conference; Video PSA "Doors" approved with voiceovers changed; video distribution be central and tracked; increase in personal contribution ceiling was not approved; development of a book containing the 12 steps, 12 traditions and 12 concepts was not approved.
- 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 from 1-5 and from 5-9 pm. Also alternate Thursdays 1-5. Also after hours phones are open for the 25th of the month.
- 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.
- Following our discussion last month about the possibility of a conflict with hosting of the November assembly, it was determined that the Spanish Linguistic District 18 would indeed host the November assembly in Escondido. Districts 3, 21 and 22 will move the hosting commitment from November to January. We need to confirm if we will host at the Methodist Church on Camino del Rio South, or find another venue.
- The Proposed 2016 budget for the Area was presented at the Area Committee meeting. Between now and the September 12th Area Assembly, when the budget will be voted on, a member of the finance committee should come to our district meeting and discuss the proposed budget. It is important that we all be here for that presentation.
- The Unity Day is still being discussed. It will probably take a workshop format, with all the Area Committees participating in some way. We are hoping to do this in August.

Old Business

- Nominations/Election for new Treasurer – Harry will be moving, and we will need to have a new treasurer. Simon B. from the Wednesday Beginners Meeting at St. Bart's is willing to do this. He could not be at the meeting this month, but we hope he will be able to come next month. Nothing was decided at this time. Terry and Harry will attend the Wednesday night meeting to confirm Simon's commitment to this position.
- Reports from visits to unrepresented meetings – Brian went to the Poway Women's Meeting on Saturday.

New Business

Our Delegate, Dean reported to us on his conference experience. He brought his newsletter, which is a good tool for bringing the conference information back to our groups. Dean stressed the importance of the GSR report on the conference, and suggested reviewing the summary before making the report, to try to pass on the "spiritual experience" of the conference rather than just the business aspect. He stressed that the reason we have a conference is to be able to help the alcoholic who is still "out there"...

There was further discussion of the agenda item about raising the limit for individual contributions. Some thought that this would make the individual contribution "more important" in some minds than the group contributions. Also, the total number of these contributions is not great – there is very little impact on AA as a whole.

We also discussed the "new generation" in AA – using the current technology to support sobriety, with texting, reading the BB on electronic media, etc.

Thank you, Dean, for taking the time to share your conference experience with us!!

The Big Day (Budget) Assembly will be on September 12th.

Our next meeting will be postponed one week from our usual time to July 9, 2015 due to some members attending the International Conference and other members out of town.

Lynn read Tradition 6.

Terry read Concept 6.

We closed the meeting with the Declaration of Responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Adam with notes from Sherisa
(thank you, Sherisa, for taking the notes!!!)