

District 21

Minutes of the Meeting September 3, 2015

Present: Brian, Donna, Line, John E., Terry, Jill, Andy, Duncan, Mark, Jeff

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

Birthdays: Donna, 19 years; Jill, 8 years; John E., 25 years; Terry, 7 years; Sherisa, 13 years
A grand total of 72 years of sobriety! Congratulations, everyone.

Minutes to the August district meeting were approved as submitted. Thank you to Duncan for taking notes in August.

Simon was not present, so there was no treasurer's report. We will discuss the August financial report in October.

DCM Report

- GSO has asked for stories from the AA membership for the following three pamphlets:
"AA for the Woman Alcoholic" to be updated to include more diverse backgrounds
"AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" to be updated to include bisexual/transgender/
gender non-conforming

A new pamphlet to be developed to talk about alcoholism and mental health issues.

If you or someone you know has a story that should be included in any of these three pamphlets, please submit these stories to the GSO Literature Committee for consideration.

- The new PSA "Doors" is now available on the AA website (www.aa.org)
- The audio of Sister Ignatia's talk from the 1960 AA International Convention in Long Beach is available on the AA website.
- Budget Area Assembly will be September 12th. At that Assembly we will be privileged to have Bob W., Trustee at large speaking. Following are the opportunities to be able to hear him:

9/10 Carlsbad AA Workshop
9/11 Groupo Bonita, National City
9/12 So Cal Speakers Meeting, Allied Gardens
9/12 Area Assembly

- Upcoming events:
9/4-9/6 Feeling Good Roundup, San Diego Marriott, Mission Valley
9/7 Labor Day Picnic Calaveras Park, Carlsbad
9/7 Labor Day Picnic, Oak Crest Park, Encinitas
9/26 Donuts with the Delegate, St. Andrews Church, La Mesa
9/12 Area Assembly – Budget Assembly, 1st United Methodist Church, SD.

Old Business

- Questions on the Area Budget presentation. Please plan to be at the Area Assembly on September 12th with your group conscience on the proposed budget.
- Unity Day – Line attended. She appreciated the sharing session method – roundtable sharing, with everyone sharing observations – you share only once. If you already shared, you pass.

New Business

- Creation of a District Budget for 2016 – This has been deferred to October when Simon will be present.
- 2017 General Service Conference Theme – Brian provided the format and description of how we submit suggestions for the 2017 Conference theme, along with the actual theme information for 2016. The theme generally comes from the membership, and we are asked to submit suggestions to the Agenda Committee, who will use them to create an area submission to the General Service Conference. Please ask your groups for input.

Group Sharing

- Mark (alternate for Rick) – Tuesday Scripps Ranch Men's: Full house.
- Terry – Poway Sunday morning Men's: Meeting is well attended, with the usual suspects. They made a \$350 donation to H&I.
- Jill – Friday TGIF: attendance has been down during the summer. Jill would like help – her group is not interested in the financial issues, and she would like suggestions on how to obtain group conscience on the budget issues.
- Andy – Tuesday 12x12: the meeting has slowed down and is now about 10 people.
- Duncan – Wednesday Beginners: No input received from the group on the proposed budget. The group has moved to a new room. His group is careful about changing the pie chart distribution. The treasurer is very protective.
- Line – Monday Women's BB: Line expressed a difficulty with the meeting being a closed meeting – voted to allow non-alcoholic with desire to stop drinking – who should tell them they have to leave?
- Donna –RB Early Birds – they have lots of visitors. They made little welcome "coins" – welcome to RBEB. This group has a lot of social activities.
- Jeff – Thursday "As Bill Sees It": New GSR – Welcome!!
- John E. – Treasurer of the Tuesday and Thursday night PQ meetings: both meetings are making it a point to increase contributions to Area 8.

The Big Day (Budget) Assembly will be on September 12th.
Our next meeting will be on October 1, 2015.

Mark read Tradition 9.

Jeff read Concept 9.

We closed the meeting with the Declaration of Responsibility.

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