

District 21

Minutes of the Meeting March 3, 2016

Present: Brian, Terry, Jeff, Donna, Terri, Hugo, Andy, Gil and Diana.

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

We welcomed Hugo, Area Treasurer, to our meeting and thanked him for coming to talk to us.

There were no birthdays this month.

Because Hugo had another commitment following his talking to us, we immediately held our forum with Hugo. There are 4 proposed amendments to the Area structure and guidelines affecting finances. Two of these are related to the responsibility and storage of the Area tax information, and are needed to insure future continuity and stability of the Area tax responsibility; these were not discussed. We discussed the proposed amendment to the Area structure and guidelines to change financial contribution wording to include contributions from AA entities not specifically identified as individual AA members, Groups and Districts, but entities created by AA members for AA members. This would allow contributions from entities such as: Central Offices, the San Diego Round-Up, ACYPAA or other Young People's event/groups. Hugo assured us that the idea was not to solicit contributions from anyone, merely to allow these entities to contribute if they wished. The purpose was not so much to increase revenues as it was to include all AA entities wishing to participate in supporting General Service Area 08.

We also discussed the motion to establish a prudent reserve for the Area. This motion has not yet been presented to the Area Assembly, but we talked about the need and the various ways in which this might be handled. Again, thank you to Hugo for coming to help us understand what these motions are and how they might affect the Area financial situation.

Minutes to the February district meeting were approved as submitted.

In Simon's absence, Brian presented the treasurer's report that Simon had submitted. Beginning balance \$313.59; contributions \$76.00; no expenses for the month; ending balance \$389.59. The report was approved as submitted. We had a brief discussion clarifying the way Area contributions to GSO are determined, and the district budget – and why we don't have one.

Registrar's report: Donna passed out the current roster. Changes and additions were noted during the meeting. Brian noted that the new Area registrar is looking for a listing of groups in each district and that Donna's work will make it easy for us to give her this information.

DCM Report

- Motion to amend the Area structure and guidelines to include a provision for prudent reserve was discussed and will be brought to the Assembly. (See notes above under Hugo's presentation.)
- Upcoming events:
 - PRAASA – March 4-6, Spokane, WA
 - Archives open house March 12, 1-5 pm, San Diego Central Office.
 - Meditation Workshop March 19, 9-12 noon, All Souls Episcopal Church.
 - SD Spring Round-Up, March 24-27, Town and Country Hotel.
 - Pre Conference Area Assembly, April 2, 9am-4pm, Torrey Pines Christian Church.

Old Business

- Reports from unrepresented meetings – none given.

New Business

- Request was received from Tanya, DCM District 5 for support for their upcoming Sponsorship Workshop. After some discussion it was determined that we would let Tanya know that we were willing to ask our groups for volunteer workers for supporting the event. Once the event date and location are known, we will go to the groups to ask. At this moment we will not volunteer any financial support.
- Recap from Pre-Conference Workshop – we discussed the current availability of a plain language Big Book which is not published by AAWS. We touched on ways to present the material to our groups.

GSR Roundtable

- Diana – “Freedom of Choice” BB Sunday - advised that she will present the agenda items to the group next Sunday, and will see what happens. She is planning to present all the topics and see what ones the group would like to discuss.
- Andy – PQ 12 x 12 Tuesday – advised that the group had several people who were young in AA. There is a very small “core” group of members who might be interested in agenda items.
- Gil – Alternate for PQ 12 x 12 Tuesday – advised he is looking forward to learning about what we’re doing and how he can help Andy.
- Terri – TGIF – advised that the group was about 30 members, lots of long term sobriety, a few newer people, and a strong sponsorship emphasis.
- Donna – Early Birds – advised that she will do as she did last year, and provide a questionnaire for her group, then nag for responses. She’ll guilt them into responding. The group has several social events coming up, and has started a Women’s Step Study which is proving to be very good. Donna provided us with an outline of the process so far. Thank you, Donna!
- Jeff – Thursday As Bill Sees It – they have several new people who are sticking around! They are not yet aware of the AA structure, and Jeff will introduce them slowly.
- Terry – Sunday Morning Men’s – advised they have 35-40 people. Celebrated a 43 year birthday this month, along with a couple of 30 day chips. Contributions are good. The oldtimers have an attitude of “been there done that” about General Service. It’s hard to get group participation.

Pre Conference Area Assembly, April 2, Torrey Pines Christian Church, La Jolla.

Our next meeting will be on April 7, 2016. We will review the Area Assembly information.

We will ask Renee, Area Registrar, to come to our meeting in April. Diana suggested that we review Concepts 3-5 so that we as GSR’s could better understand how our function works in the AA structure.

Gil read Tradition 3.

Andy read Concept 3.

We closed the meeting with the Declaration of Responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Adam