

District 21

Minutes of the Meeting June 2, 2016

Present: Brian, Jeff, Jill, Terry, Karen, Line, Duncan, Diana, Terri and our guest Jane our delegate

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

Brian introduced Karen, the alternate GSR for the TGIF group. Welcome, Karen.
There were no birthdays celebrated this month.

Minutes to the May district meeting were approved as submitted.

In Simon's absence, Brian presented the treasurer's report. Beginning balance was 531.59.
Contributions for the month were \$72.00. There were no expenses this month. Ending balance is
\$603.59.

Registrar's report: Donna will have updated copies of the roster available at the Area Assembly on Saturday. Brian promised to email us a copy of the updated roster.

DCM Report

- The proposed 2017 Area Budget was presented.
- Area Delegate gave a report on the General Service Conference. Her handouts from that report were emailed to us and were available at the meeting.
- The new Native American liaison to the Area Committee is "our" Duncan. Congratulations, Duncan!
- Two items will come to the GSR's at the Area Assembly with a recommendation to approve from the Area Committee:
 - Funding for the Area Archivist to attend the annual Archives Conference
 - Increase in budget amount for ASL interpretation expenses for 2016
- There will be a Literature workshop at the Area Assembly on June 4th from 8:00-8:30 am. If you are not at the new GSR orientation, please plan to attend.
- Upcoming events
 - Post Conference Assembly June 4, 9am-4pm, Torrey Pines Christian Church, La Jolla.
 - Bill W. Movie and Speaker – June 8, 7 pm, La Paloma Theatre, Encinitas.
 - Founders Day Picnic and Speaker June 11, 9:30am-1:30pm, Mira Mesa Community Park.
 - NSDYPAA Fund Day and Speaker, June 18, Martin Luther King Park, Oceanside.

Old Business

- Reports from unrepresented meetings – Jill reported back that she spoke to the St. Bart's 9:30 am Monday Women's meeting about a GSR. The attendance was small because it was Memorial Day. She will bring up the subject again next week. The noon meetings at St. Bart's on Tuesday and Friday were also mentioned.

New Business

- We welcomed Jane, our Delegate. She shared her experience from the General Service Conference, and answered our questions. Topics discussed:
 - Feasibility Study – the Delegates were asked to brainstorm ideas for changing what we do in order to revitalize the process at GSO. Duncan asked what precipitated this

study. Jane responded that the projection that we would need increasingly more financial resources for what we are currently doing, and that contributions are flat or declining slightly was the impetus. This is an ongoing project; there were no conclusions drawn at this conference, but the thoughts permeated all the conference committee work this year, so not much new was recommended by the committees. (Plain language Big Book; Pamphlet 3 talks to Medical Societies) Jane feels that there is a disconnect between the General Service Office/Conference and the fellowship. The fellowship is aware of the Central Office, but probably not GSO. The solution to this problem is not financial; it is participatory.

- Plain Language Big Book – this topic was not given consideration at the Conference, a fact which disturbed our district because of the amount of time we put into discussing this at the group level.
- Edit of Concept XI – Jane was on the report and charter committee which discussed this matter. She said that the committee was unwilling to bring this to the conference floor, but that she pushed for it. It passed and became an advisory action.
- We discussed Area finances and why there is difficulty with the participation at the Area level as well as at the national level.

This was an interesting, stimulating and informative discussion. We look forward to hearing more at the Area Assembly on Saturday. Thank you again, Jane, for coming and presenting to us!!

Next Area Assembly will be on June 4, 2016, at the Torrey Pines Christian Church on La Jolla Scenic Drive, La Jolla, 8:00 am (new GSR orientation and literature workshop) – 4:00 pm.

Our next meeting will be on July 7, 2016.

Terri read Tradition 6.
Terry read Concept 6.

We closed the meeting with the Declaration of Responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Adam