District 8 GSR Meeting Minutes, January 2017

01.02.2017 7:00-8:00 pm St. Mark's Church 580 Hilltop Drive, Chula Vista, CA 91910-6012

The GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express Himself in our group conscience. As Trusted Servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and for A.A. as a whole.

Open Meeting with Declaration of Unity:

This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first, to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A.'s unity, depends our lives, and the lives of those to come.

Meeting Minutes

District Committee Meeting

- 1. <u>Call to Order</u> Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chris G., District 8 DCM.
- 2. **GSR Preamble** Read by Kim B.
- 3. Declaration of Unity Read by all in unison.
- 4. Serenity Prayer Read by all in unison.
- 5. <u>Introductions</u> Welcome to Ted H., the outgoing Chair for the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC), and our guest Angelina from Warm and Friendly.
- **6.** <u>Celebration of Birthdays</u> Happy Birthday to Janice N. for 4 Years on 12/31/2016, and Hector for 26 years on 11/20/2016.
- 7. Twelve Traditions (short form) Read by Albert G.
- 8. Reading / Approval of Minutes Motion to approve by Kim B., seconded by Ginger S.
- 9. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> December 2016 Finanacial Reports distributed by Hector B. were reviewed and discussed. Albert G. will finalize the Alcathon report after the donations are tallied. We unanimously voted to reimburse Albert G. for his \$30 expense overage and \$10 for gasoline.
- **10.** <u>Registrar's Report (Quarterly)</u> Don M. informed us that the meetings spreadsheet is up to date. He also reminded us of the index box to be used for tracking meetings visited. He brought us more pamphlets on the GSR, and the AA Group. Ginger S. reported that the South Bay Pioneer Noon meeting voted to become a regular AA meeting.
- **11. DCM Report** Was distributed by DCM and read by all.
- 12. <u>Educational</u> Ted H., the outgoing Chair for the CPC, gave us an informative presentation about his Committee and the different ways it serves the AA Community through outreach. He gave us an excellent handout explaining the background of the CPC and how we can get involved with this service opportunity. He also gave us valuable information about the Literature racks we had been considering as a donation from our District. He let us know that the CPC Committee meets on the last Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm at Central Office.
- **13.** <u>Service</u> Chris G. asked for volunteers for the January 14, 2017 Orientation Assembly to help with setup and breakfast. Ginger volunteered to buy and cut up fruit. Chris will buy and transport the food, etc. Janice N., Georgene N., and Kim B. also volunteered to help.
- **14.** Group Conscience None.
- 15. Old Business Albert updated us on the Alcathons both Christmas & New Years Alcathons were well attended and a great success. Kim B. let us know that the January 21, 2017 7th Tradition Workshop is right on schedule and ready to go with all speakers booked. Looking forward to good participation. Please continue to announce and hand out fliers. Georgene updated us on the Las Colinas restrictions on literature donated to their library. We can only send soft cover books. She suggested we send soft cover large print Big Books and 12 & 12's and Grapevines. She will get more information and report it to us at the February 6, 2017 District 8 GSR meeting. Ginger S. updated us on the "Safety in AA" workshop we agreed to co-host with District 19. We can have it on February 25, 2017 from 8:30-11:30 am at South Bay Pioneers. District 19 can help with personnel for setup, etc. but cannot help with funding because their finances are too low. Ginger S. volunteered to head up the planning and coordination of the workshop.

 16. New Business We had previously voted and approved (via email) to fund Ginger S.'s trip to Sacramento for the 2017 PRAASA conference. She updated us on her PRAASA trip plans and summarized her expenses so far. She is looking forward to representing District 8, and agrees to take excellent notes!
- 17. Meeting was Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Close Meeting with Responsibility Pledge: I am responsible.... When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.