

District 8 GSR Meeting Minutes, February 2017

02.06.2017 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. **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chris G., District 8 DCM.
2. **GSR Preamble** - Read by Natalie R.
3. **Declaration of Unity** - Read by all in unison.
4. **Serenity Prayer** - Read by all in unison.
5. **Introductions** - Welcome to Roxanne R. the Alternate Delegate for Area 8, Angelina S. new GSR for Warm And Friendly, Rose R. new GSR for Back to Basics, Katie J. new Alt. GSR for Back to Basics, Paul H. new GSR for Imperial Beach Group, Natalie R. new Alt. GSR for Sober Roses and Chad F. new GSR from Eastlake Greens 10 on 10.
6. **Celebration of Birthdays** - Several people had birthdays this past month. We sang Happy Birthday to them all !
7. **Twelve Traditions (short form)** - Read by Georgene N.
8. **Reading / Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve by Kim B., seconded by Paul H.
9. **Treasurer's Report** - January 2017 Financial Reports distributed by Hector B. were reviewed and discussed and one correction made - Ginger's \$39.59 PRAASA expense was actually for Area 8 Orientation Assembly fruit.
10. **Registrar's Report (Quarterly)** - Don M. informed us that the meetings spreadsheet will be updated next week and sent out through the email. He also gave a short verbal summary to our new GSRs on our current meeting visitation procedures. He brought us more pamphlets on the GSR, and the AA Group.
11. **DCM Report** - Given by Chris G. The Area 8 Orientation Assembly went well. Had a meeting during the Assembly to discuss possible locations for the Pre-Conference workshops coming up. Our closest one will be on March 18, 2017 at 2728 6th Ave. , St. Pauls Cathedral Guild room from 9am - 2pm. Our District will be helping out financially and Chris G. will be making the morning coffee. The Area 8 Pre-Conference Assembly will be on April 1, 2017 at the 1st Presbyterian Church on Camino Real in Oceanside. Thank you to all who participated in the January 14, 2017 Area 8 Orientation Assembly and the January 21, 2017 District 8 7th Tradition Workshop - Great Job !!
12. **Educational** - Roxanne R., our Area 8 Alternate Delegate, gave an excellent presentation about "Safety in AA". She discussed the history of the topic, which has been addressed continuously to GSO since 2009. We were given a few graphic examples of some recent cases of violence in AA that have generated legal issues and have brought the subject of safety in AA to the forefront. She also presented a thorough study of 'non-violent' safety issues and concerns from various AA sources and surveys conducted recently. Her conclusions focus mainly on Group Responsibility. She left us with several informative handouts (including a copy of her presentation) to read and pass on to our groups, including two from different countries. She is assisting Ginger S. and others with information for our upcoming Safety Workshop to be held February 25, 2017 at South Bay Pioneers from 8:30am -11:30am. Thank you for sharing with us, Roxanne ! Awesome job !
13. **Service** - Georgene N. updated us on the Las Colinas literature to be donated to their library. She said we should send soft cover large print Big Books and 12 & 12's and a Grapevine subscription. The Las Colinas employee suggested 80% English and 20% Spanish (for Big Books and 12 & 12's). We will discuss more at our next GSR meeting.
14. **Group Conscience** - None.
15. **Old Business** - Albert G. updated us on the Alcahons. Well attended and big success. We received approximately \$350 from the donation split. He will inform Hector B. of the exact total.
16. **New Business** - Tabled until next meeting.
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.

NEXT MEETING - March 6, 2017