

**District 21**  
**Minutes of the Meeting July 2, 2020**

Held on Zoom

Present:

Rick, Diana, James, Tom, Sahara, Kenny, Terri and our guest, Delegate Jerry S.

Our next meeting will be on August 6<sup>th</sup> again on Zoom.

DCM Rick called the meeting to order and began with the Serenity Prayer.

Kenny read the GSR preamble.

**Welcome/ Introductions/Birthdays**

We introduced ourselves.

There were no birthdays in the last month.

**Secretary's Report:**

Minutes to the June meeting were approved as amended (DCM/ACM).

**Treasurer's Report:**

The treasurer wasn't present at the meeting and there was no report. We will table the report until next month.

**Registrar's Report**

Rick sent us a current roster with a reminder to check for any additions or corrections needed; we are working closely with the Area Registrar to be in sync.

**Guest Presentation**

Our guest, Jerry S., Panel 70 Delegate, gave a report from the 2020 General Services Conference which was held on Zoom. Jerry showed us two reports he generated from the conference: A Quick Reference Guide to the conference actions, and a Results Spreadsheet. We can now see what came of the items we had discussed and provided group conscience input for the Conference. The Zoom Conference was a condensed down to 4 days; it consisted of 93 delegates, 21 trustees, 6 non-trustee directors and 15 GSO staff members. Floor discussion was limited to 45 minutes per topic, with anything needing further discussion postponed to the 2021 Conference. Further, the agenda was abridged to about 40% of the original workload. Jerry's assigned committees are Grapevine and Archives. The Grapevine Committee has officially changed its name to the Grapevine and La Viña Committee.

The 2019 Financial Report showed good contributions. We have a steady increase in online contributions. Jerry encouraged us to do online contributing if at all possible

because the expense of doing so from the GSO standpoint is considerably less than processing a check. The final audit is still not completed (cf. Covid 19). The 2020 budget has had to be completely reworked to take into account the impact of Covid 19. There has been a drawdown of the prudent reserve; and a review of expenses. Jerry reviewed the committees' reported actions and committee considerations, as shown in our handouts. Available under "Delegate's Corner" on the Area8aa.org website. Thank you, Jerry, for an enthusiastic and informative report!!

### **ACM Report**

- Area 8 May, 2020 treasurer's report showed \$21,102.50 on hand.
- GSO is now reviewing its 2020 budget. Keep the \$3.60 challenge going, please.
- Post Conference Assembly held June 20<sup>th</sup> went smoothly
- Meetings are starting to re-open. Area 8 website has documents to help with guidelines for reopening meetings. Please check them and review them with your meetings when they start to reopen.
- Following are events which will be held on line:
  - July 18: Unity Day Celebration, 10 am – 1 pm. 4 Areas. Two class B trustees will speak, and our Regional Trustee will be in attendance.
  - September 12: Big Day Area Assembly
  - November 7: Budget Assembly
- The Delegate's Report is available on the website: [area8aa.org](http://area8aa.org) under "Delegate's Corner"

### **Old Business**

- Please remember to let any newcomers in your meetings know that the district will provide them with a Big Book and a 12 x 12. Have them email Terri for these.

### **New Business**

- The 2020 International Convention is available virtually. [2020convention.aa.org](http://2020convention.aa.org). There are many speakers and presentations. This will be available for the full month of July.

### **GSR Roundtable**

- Rock the Talk – Rick reported that they are separately doing Zoom and a face to face meetings. It is working well for them while in the Covid mode.
- RB Early Birds/Just Say No to Corona – Tom reported that the Broken Yolk is open and the Early Birds have started in-person again. These two meetings are not hybrid. Each is going on. The EB meeting is limited to 25 persons; this may be a problem meeting the rent. The Just Say No to Corona will continue – probably beyond when meetings all go back. They do virtual basket on Venmo with no problem.
- Monday Night Women's Book Study – Sahara reported that there is no current plan to resume in-person meetings. They have been paying rent to the church to reserve the

space when it is possible to return. They have modified their format so that they are incorporating the Traditions in the Book rotation: a chapter from the first 164 pages; a story; a tradition.

- TGIF – Kenny reported that on Zoom they are not getting many newcomers. The church has not reopened; no plans for returning to in-person meetings at this time. They have adjusted their service commitments to add the “host” of the zoom meeting, so that the secretary isn’t trying to be both host and secretary. They also have a slide visual for their announcements – literature, 7<sup>th</sup> tradition, etc. because putting this in the chat was becoming distracting.
- PQ Tuesday and Thursday – James reported that Tuesday is looking at rotating the positions; Thursday is working with a secretary who went out, but is back. They will decide what to do in the next meeting. The church is still closed with no specific plan to reopen at this time. Meetings will continue on Zoom.

### **Readings**

Sahara read the long form of Tradition 7.

Tom read the short form of Concept 7.

We closed the meeting with the Responsibility Declaration.