

## District 19 Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 1 2021 6:00 – 7:30

5:45-ish – Zoom Meeting Opens 6:00pm – Meeting is Called to Order

A moment of silence and The Serenity Prayer

Attendees : Adrian O.-DCM, Caitlyn B.-ALT DCM, Julie O.-TREASURER, Lizzy H.-REGISTRAR & GSR Common Solution, Ray-GSR Sober Minded Leather Folk, Susan C.- GSR Sky Hi Women's, Rick Reid-WE GROUP, Angie WE GROUP, Rose P. GSR THREE LEGACIES, David A.-GSR SPIRITUAL AWAKENINGS, Gordie- GSR OPEN MINDED MENS, Ray S, Jessica Cole-ASL INTERP., Darren Sr. ASL, James Lee P. – new GSR, Roxanne R, Area Newsletter Committee Chair FEATURED GUEST

Introductions // Welcome New GSRs//Birthdays:

- New: Welcome James Lee P
- Birthdays: 🎂🎂 Susan 37, Rose 33, Caitlyn 16 🎂🎂

Recite the Declaration of Unity: (6:08pm)

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

Secretary Report (Kendall B. absent, Susan C filling in)– Minutes Approved by majority vote.

Treasurer Report – Julie O. - Approved by majority vote.

Registrar Report – Lizzy H. – reports needs info from Darren to complete his registration, and requested info from new GSR James Lee P.

Presenter: Roxanne R, Chair, Area Newsletter Committee

- 5 Newsletters per year prepared for assembly can be found on the Glide app and can also find on Area 8 website under committees "Newsletter"
- Biggest issue for Roxanne is who actually reads the newsletter as she doesn't get feedback re who likes the articles, who has issues, etc., which would be helpful to improve the newsletter.
- Roxanne is seeking good writers for articles to make things more accessible. The "Publisher" program is used to create the newsletter because it's fairly easy to use. She encouraged our group to submit articles for the newsletter. You can submit an article through the website at Area 8
- Roxanne also noted the newsletter lists individual and group contributions in the newsletter so that people can see where their money is going
- Roxanne reminded us of the importance of the spirit of rotation..... Service is a lifelong thing and encouraged trying out new service positions, and giving others the experience of serving in yours.

Alt DCM Report: Caitlyn advised will have to step down as alternate DCM as has taken on a new responsibility and will be moving to Maryland in two weeks. Expressed sincere gratitude for being able to experience this level of service at District 19, Caitlyn also asked for prayers for sponsee, Crystal, who just had a liver transplant. Adrian expressed gratitude for Caitlyn's

willingness to serve and said Caitlyn has been a blessing.....encouraged Caitlin's to drop in on our zoom district 19 meetings when available

#### DCM Report: Adrian O.-DCM

- Prioritized District Business for remainder of year 2021
  - Improve District 19 structure and guidelines
  - A workshop based on the topics from our sharing session ...please think about and suggest ideas (see session report below)
  - Alkathon committee coming up
  - Elections in September for DCM, alternate DCM and treasurer... Please be thinking how you can be of service (Julie put in "plug" for how much she has learned and enjoyed being treasurer)
- Report back on the "AA Community Sharing Session"..Ideas To take back to your group
  - Elderly community – technology and reach out
  - Hispanic – technology and reach out
  - Trans/LGBTQ
  - ASL
  - Native American
  - Child care needs at meetings (for mothers and fathers)
  - Technology needs
  - Young People

Discussion: Adrian shared that the Hispanic community and the Native American community both reported a lack of physical connection with rest of area. Adrian visited district 15 and 18 (Spanish-speaking districts)face to face. He acknowledged his skill set of being bilingual was of huge service and he was very grateful to be able to use it to interact and connect with those districts. Next goal is to have an area hybrid workshop with all the respective groups listed above represented and potentially do some problem solving with their issues

- Where to distribute district funds. Sky Hi distribution suggestions were reviewed but not pursued. Adrian did review pamphlet "Where money and spirituality meet" advising, per treasurer report, that \$1700 was too much money for the district to be holding...it needs to be used to spread the message
  - Discussion Ray advised we need to be sure we do have funds for upcoming workshops and activities, especially if they are back in person.
  - Will ongoing discussion of fund distribution
- Motion to increase ASL Interpreter salary from \$50/hr to \$65 will be voted on at ACM in September

#### Seventh Tradition Announcement

Tradition Study: Tradition 6 presented by Angie and discussed by group

Next Meeting July 6, 2021, Adrian and Julie will both be absent celebrating daughter's 16th birthday. Jerry S, Area 8 Delegate, will be the speaker and requested at least 45 minutes to speak so that will be the bulk of the meeting. Gordie did volunteer to fill in for Adrian

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge & The Serenity Prayer: (7:29p)

I am Responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. For that I am responsible. {fin}