

District 6 Business Meeting Notes 10 August 2020

In **attendance**: Natalie DCM D6, Annie GSR Thursday Step Study, Jeffrey GSR North Park Men's Meeting, Maire GSR, John GSR 4077 MASH, Lynn GSR FNG, Corey Alt GSR FNG, Gary GSR Designs for Living meeting. Adrian D19 DCM (dcm19.area8aa@gmail.com) made announcement regarding New Year Eve alkathon planning committee.

Open: Serenity Prayer and General Service Representative Statement, read by Natalie

Presentation of July minutes. Minutes reviewed, accepted and approved.

Treasurer report presented by Lynn. \$38.88 in 7th Tradition contribution from "What's Great" zoom meeting.

DCM: Natalie has been considering a virtual district for zoom meetings, and also establishing a District 6 Zoom account. Both these topics Natalie will bring up at the Area Committee Meeting this month. Believes there should be some structure for the zoom meetings that reflects the structure used by AA GSO / Area / District for in person meetings. It was suggested to make a list of the new zoom meetings in the district and try to track the zoom meetings and present this to Area. Upcoming workshops are Pandemic Pandemonium (August 27th) and Grapevine Writers Workshop (November)

Old Business: Follow up on making contributions to SD AA Intergroup and AA Service Structure. Lynn checked the most recent SD AA Central Office financial report and their contributions have increased after a plea to members for contributions. New revenue for the month of May was \$5800. Year to date financial contribution are up \$4500. Expenses increased by \$1000. In May SD AA Central Office received \$7500 contributions from AA members. Motion to make a contribution to SD AA Central Office. Discussion on possible expenses for New Year eve alkathon. Potentially expenses for ASL interpretation, Spanish interpretation, technology expenses. Motion made to contribute \$200 to SD AA Central Office made, seconded and passed. Annie raised a question about the tech support needed to manage an alkathon with large numbers of members logging in and 24 hour continual meetings. These concerns will be noted and brought to New Year Eve alkathon planning committee.

New Business: Adrian O. D19 DCM made an announcement that D19 formed a planning committee to plan for New Year's Eve Alkathon 2020-2021. Most likely this event will be held online due to ongoing COVID19 pandemic. Any interested AA members are welcome to join the planning committee. Goal is to form a committee with between 10 to 15 AA members. Natalie suggested that Adrian also make this announcement at the ACM this Thursday. Adrian's email provided, dcm19.area8aa@gmail.com. D6 members interested participating in the planning committee are Jeffery, Annie, Natalie, Robert, Michael, Bryan (all three are involved deaf AA member and ASL interpreting), John L. and Maire. We will also reach out to deaf AA members and Spanish speaking AA members.

Jeffery gave a brief report on the American Sign Language financials from the past 12 months. The Gold Can contributions from groups have decreased since beginning of COVID19 pandemic, but the committee is still working within its 3 month prudent reserve. Jeffery left the decision to make a contribution to the ASL committee up to the GSR members of D6 and groups in D6. Annie made a suggestion to make a contribution to ASL. Lynn made a suggestion that as GSRs we remind our meeting members that ASL committee still needs support for ASL interpretation at meetings and workshops. Methods to bring awareness to members of how one can contribute to ASL, annotating in 7th Tradition

contribution or making a direct contribution to the ASL mailing address. Jeffery indicated that the ASL committee may establish a Venmo account.

GSR Reports: Maire GSR Mission Hills Beginner meeting – steady attendance, some newcomers and some recovery centers attend. 7th Tradition contributions are pretty steady. We have not expenses. Annie GSR Thursday Step Study – steady attendance, 7th Tradition contributions steady, attendance at meetings from recovery centers, service position time is coming to 2 year termination in December, but is willing to serve an additional 2 years as GSR for group if the group members want me to continue, about 45 – 50 participants at each meeting.

Gary GSR Designs for Living – meetings going well, no complications with zoom, relatively new secretary and all going well, attendance 35 to 50 people a week, 7th Tradition contributions are going well, but these contributions are not making it to the District 6 level, I will try to find out where the contributions are going by discussing this with the new group Treasurer.

John GSR MASH 4077 – meeting is doing well, 25 to 30 members attend a week, unsure how the 7th Tradition contributions are going, will talk with the treasurer this week.

Lynn GSR Friday Night Gratitude meeting – changing of secretary and host service positions and it has been good, consistent old timers attend the meeting and a core of out-of-towners have become regular attendees, made an announcement that I needed a member interested in accepting the Alternate GSR service position for the group, it would be a good to guide the Alternate GSR in responsibilities and meeting commitments, service term is not finished until December 2021.

Jeffery GSR North Park Men's meeting: meeting going well, some previous members who had moved out of the area are now able to attend regularly via zoom, 7th Tradition contributions are going well, we collect ASL contributions, service term as GSR is coming to an end in December 2021 and have made announcements at the group, Alternate GSR is not willing to accept the GSR service position. Question: Is it easier for the GSR to start at the beginning of the year as opposed to starting next month (September)? Question in regards to the GSR training that is offered at Area 8 Assemblies.

John – suggested Jeffery look in his meeting for members who are enthusiastic about AA and may not think they are qualified to serve group as GSRs, but actually are, and talk with those members about GSR service position. Comment by John, is there a way to reach homeless alcoholics who may not have internet or computers, but who have phones? Lynn mentioned that some churches and other homeless services to provide technology help.

Natalie read long form of Tradition 8

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Next meeting will be held September 14th, 2020.

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge and virtual hugs.

Submitted respectfully,

Maire H. GSR Mission Hills Beginner Meeting