

Minutes of GSR Meeting, District 15, April 5, 2012

Members present: Nikki, Ann, Melissa, Beth, Kate, Danette, Kathleen, Will, Michael, Rita, Jane, Chris, Leslie, Cory

Call to order by Nikki: 7:02 p.m.

Serenity prayer: Nikki

GSR Preamble: Leslie

New GSRs: Melissa

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Officer's reports:

Secretary: Ann is our new temporary secretary. She will take notes today.

Registrar: Cory reported that he is gathering information on which meetings have GSRs. He has made cards for each meeting to record information.

Archivist: Beth is gathering Group History forms from meetings. She currently has two. Her goal is to collect all forms by the end of the calendar year. All GSRs should get a form and ask an "elder" from the group to fill it out.

Treasurer: Nancy R. is the new temporary treasurer. She is absent tonight because of health reasons. She will be installed at the next meeting when she is here.

DCMs: Vacant

Alt DCMC: Nikki reported that all GSRs will attend the Pre-Conference Workshop to share what each group thinks about items for the GSC.

Liaison: Michael reported that NOCCO has moved to 1661 Chapman Ave. (corner of Chapman and Acacia.) She is involved with a work group reviewing the information from the board on safety in AA. There is a lot of controversy on this, and many people are actively involved. They developed a questionnaire for district meetings asking: Is safety an issue? Should it be addressed? How? Anyone can join this workgroup, which is currently meeting by conference call. Anyone interested should see Michael.

Someone thought this issue had been tabled. Michael noted that the motion to table was retracted.

Committee Reports: GSR School, Public Information, Hospitals & Institutions, Inter-Group Liaison, Literature, Grapevine, Convention Liaison

GSR Reports, Questions, Challenges:

Why do we get the GSC items so late?

Nikki explained that the window has always been very narrow to allow as many people as possible to submit suggestions. Jan. 15 is the cutoff date, Feb. 15 the items are out, and Mar. 1 DCMCs received them.

Old Business:

Conference Agenda Items: should be discussed by each group. Then we write up a summary to go to the Pre-conference workshop. Group talked about how we decide which items will be addressed by each group, what to do with a group who just isn't interested, and how to use the website to help.

PRAASA recap: Nikki shared about forgetting her phone in a taxicab at the Seattle conference. Next year the conference will be in Idaho.

Open positions: Ann was installed as secretary. Nancy will be installed as treasurer at the next meeting when she is here.

New Business:

Group Visitations: In the near future GSRs will visit other groups to offer their help and to encourage meetings to have a GSR representative. There are 45 meetings in the area, and no DCMs right now. The solution is to deputize all of us to urge meetings to choose GSRs. In future meetings DCM visitation strategies will be shared.

All GSRs should register thru Cory to get set up with NY. Jane suggested that we share how being a GSR has positively impacted our sobriety and provided an avenue of service for us.

Readings & Discussions:

Tradition 4 was read and reported on by Ann; Concept 4 was read and reported on by Nikki. Volunteers for next month: Tradition 5. Kathleen, Concept 5. Rita

Upcoming Events:

Pre-conference Workshop - Sunday, April 15, 9:00 a.m. At Kraemer Memorial Park, 201 N. Bradford Ave., Placentia, CA 92870. Be there!

Closing - Responsibility Pledge:

" I am responsible. . . . When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible. "