

## **Minutes of GSR Meeting, District 15, July 5, 2012**

Members present: Nikki, Elaine, Ann, Melissa, Kathleen, Leslie, Chris, Jane, Will, Linda (alt), Rita, Nancy,  
Brian C. DCMC Area 09, Greg C. District 8 Archivist (guests representing Area 09 Think Tank)

Call to order by Elaine at 7:02

Serenity prayer: Elaine

GSR preamble: Nikki

New GSRs: Linda

Minutes of the last meeting were read, amended, and approved.

### **Officer's reports:**

**Secretary:** Minutes submitted and revised, and approved. Ann asked who to contact to post agendas and minutes on-line. (the MSCA website directed at the person responsible for Electronic Communications.)

**Archivist: None**

**Treasurer:** Nancy noted possible errors in the list of meetings in the treasurer's report and corrected them.

Current balance is \$3194.77 (before the addition of \$150 reimbursement.)

**DCMC: None**

**Alt. DCMC: Nikki** reported that the calendar for next year has been approved and that we will host another ASC meeting.

**Registrar: Melissa**, subbing for Cory, has paperwork for new GSR's (Linda).

**Committee Reports: Grapevine** (Leslie) reported that there is a new e-book out called "Young and Sober" the newest Grapevine book. Grapevine will celebrate their 16th anniversary at the end of July. Grapevine is asking for donations to get a bus to take Grapevine reps to the 16th anniversary celebration in Washington state. La Vina group rented a van to Denver and presented a seminar on how to Latest issue is the prison issue.

**IGR** (Michael) absent

**Literature:** Kathleen has literature here. If anyone needs literature, please see her.

### **GSR Reports, Questions, Challenges:**

When will we receive service manual and other materials? If you haven't received it, email Cory and have him send it in again. It was moved that we keep a supply of service manuals for new GSR's.s

### **Old Business:**

**There will be a Joint Meeting and pot luck with District 10 on Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at Wilshire and Harbor in Fullerton 109 E. Wilshire (church at the corner) to hear our delegate report. Nikki suggested that we meet on Aug. 2 to conduct regular business. Moved, seconded and passed.**

### **New Business:**

Brian C. reported on the proposed splitting of Area 09, to generate membership and increase participation. He is working with a Think Tank, which has been meeting since last September. It is nearing the time to fill out a new area application. A survey has been developed. There are 4 questions on the survey: 1) What do you think about splitting area 09? 2) How do you think it will affect your group? 3) Would you support the split? 4) Do you have any other ideas or suggestions? They are really interested in negative feedback. Please answer the four questions and return by July 21.

The split would result in everything east of here being in the new area (basically Riverside and San Bernardino counties.) What is the motivation? The average delegate to AA represents 15,000 members; Area 09 has 200,000. The current Area 09 is not only dense in population, but vast. With the current boundaries we can drive 2 hours to an ASC meeting. Sometimes we alternate years with one year heavy on OC activities and the next heavy on Riverside and SB County activities. Sometimes it is difficult to get people to drive so far. To deal with distance it has been brought up that we have one 3-day meeting rather than monthly area meetings.

There are advantages to splitting the area. Two major plusses: 1) Each area can create its own bylaws; and 2) Attendance at meetings will probably increase. As an example, attendance at meetings almost doubled when Area 5 was split into Area 5 and 93. People are putting together figures right now regarding the costs of dividing the district. Each area has to support its own archives, which would be additional cost.

**Our meeting site:** For the next two months, August, and September, we are confirmed to meet at Kaiser, either on the eighth floor or in the auditorium on the first floor. For July and August we are in the first floor auditorium. It was suggested that we investigate the places where our groups hold meetings for a future meeting place, and report next week.

### **Readings & Discussions:**

Tradition 7 was read and reported on by Pam; Concept 6 was read and reported on by Michael. (Comments: We shouldn't wait too long to make donations; what is a prudent reserve? One month or two months rent by group conscience.) (Balance of Power between the Conference and the Trustees)  
Volunteers for next month: Tradition 8: Cate    Concept 8: Kathleen

### **Upcoming Events:**

**Birthday Celebrations:** None

### **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.**

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