

## **Minutes of GSR Meeting, District 15, Oct. 4, 2012**

Members present: Nikki, Elaine, Ann, Julie, Melissa, Chris, Will, Rita, Nancy, Cory, Pam, Linda, Leslie, Ashley, Brittany

Call to order by Elaine at 7:08

Serenity prayer: Elaine

GSR preamble: Leslie

New GSRs: Ashley & Brittany, Linda, member of Ocoberfest subcommittee

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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

**Secretary:** Minutes were submitted and approved. Ann thanked Nancy for acting as secretary last month.

**Archivist:** Absent

**Registrar:** Cory requested packets, and while most had received them he will get packets for anyone who didn't get one. He has a new list of names and meetings in the district.

**Treasurer:** Nancy submitted the list of meetings and donations in the treasurer's report as well as the check register. The total balance is \$3503.18. Nancy will be able to create an annual budget by the end of next year, at which time she will have information on annual expenditures.

**DCMC: Elaine** has copies of the final report of the 62nd Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous and requested that GSR's take them to help them report to their meetings.

**Alt. DCMC: Nikki's** report on the planning for Ocoberfest will be found below under "old business."

### **Committee Reports:**

**GSR School:** Julie welcomed the two new GSR's, Ashley and Brittany, and reported that GSR School is available to all new GSR's at 6:45 p.m. before the monthly meeting.

**Literature:** Chris is the new Literature chairperson. Service manuals have arrived and are available to anyone who has not received their copy yet.

**Grapevine:** Leslie reported that the Grapevine's latest book is Happy Joyous and Free. There is a new ebook called Into Action. Right now there is 50% off CD's and wall calendars. There is a newsletter, Grapevine News Report, downloadable from the site.

**Hospitals & Institutions:** Rita volunteered to chair this committee.

**Public Information:** Cate is investigating public information opportunities for AA. She is looking into a Health Fair in Palm Springs in the near future, as well as the possibilities of radio commercials.

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

Nancy asked for suggestions in dealing with a disruptive person in a meeting. Suggestions included taking a group conscience before asking the person not to return to the meeting, finding someone to volunteer to sponsor the individual, having all members leave the room and leave the disruptive person alone, and finally, calling the police (last resort?).

### **Old Business:**

**Ocoberfest planning:** Nikki reported on preparations for Ocoberfest: Linda and Julie are active in the planning. Our delegate Jerryl will be there, as well as Pete B., the archivist. Linda is working with a skit that will be presented. Volunteers for cast members include Ann, Leslie, Rita, and Cory. There will also be a discussion of how an issue gets to the conference agenda. Ashley and Brittany volunteered to lead that discussion. There will also be a coloring event for kids (and grownups.)The event is free, but donations

will be accepted. GSR's are encouraged to copy the flyers and take them to meetings. Those bringing food or other items should have them at the site by noon.

**Dark Meetings visits:** Elaine has prepared packets to take when visiting a dark meeting (one without a GSR.) Packets include a GSR brochure, Contact Information, List of all meetings. There are a lot of meetings in Yorba Linda -- perhaps these should be split by gender. We will look at options for the sub-districting on the next meeting agenda.

**Vacant Committee Chairs:** We have several vacancies, the most pressing of which is literature; Chris volunteered to be Literature chairperson.

### **New Business:**

**Service manuals:** We have extra service manuals on hand for new GSR's to use while waiting for theirs to arrive. See Elaine for a service manual to borrow.

**Service project:** Nikki made a suggestion that District 15 pick a project or projects, develop a budget, and use our funds to benefit the district and the community. Possibilities included sending DCMC to PRAASA.

### **Readings & Discussions:**

Tradition X was read and reported on by Cory; Concept X was read and reported on by Elaine.

Volunteers for next month: Tradition XI: Cate Concept XI: Ann

### **Upcoming Events:**

**November 11 - Sunday - Servathon** - Focuses on various aspects of service work; roundtable discussions and reports. Hosted by District 21.

### **Birthday Celebrations:**

**Closing - Responsibility Pledge:** Leslie

**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.**