

Minutes of GSR Meeting, District 15, February 7, 2013

Members present: Elaine, Nikki, Ann, Chris, Will, Rita, Nancy, Leslie, Cate, Carrie, Julie, Linda, Scott, Michael, Tim, Cory, Ashley, Pam

Call to order by Elaine at 7:02 p.m.

Serenity prayer: Elaine

GSR preamble: Ann

New GSRs: Tim

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Officer's reports:

Secretary: Minutes were submitted and approved.

Archivist: No report - absent.

Registrar: Cory reported that he has registration materials for the new GSR.

Treasurer: Nancy submitted a report that included a progression of our budget through the years, with balances in the District 15 budget over the years from 2003, which have been steadily increasing. She presented a budget and expenditure report, as well as estimates of yearly income and expenses if our rent remains at the current \$10 per month and totals for PRAASA donations. At the present time District 15 has a total balance of \$3,806.30.

Alt. DCMC: Nikki reported that the DCM Sharing Meeting, which is a 4-area meeting, will be held later in the year. Topics to be discussed at the General Service Conference have not yet been sent out. They are expected soon. She also contributed cupcakes to the meeting.

DCMC: Elaine thanked Nikki for conducting the meeting last month. She has more under New Business.

Committee Reports:

GSR School: No report

Literature: Chris will have to give up his commitment for a few months, as he is taking a class on Thursday night. He is willing to resume his commitment after the class, and Michael volunteered to take his responsibility until then.

Grapevine: Leslie shared some flyers for members interested in becoming a Grapevine Representative. She reported that there is a new Grapevine Audio Project, featuring a collection of 7 minute audio stories of members. She also shared the prices for the Grapevine: 2 gift subscriptions for \$42; print subscription for \$28.97 and online subscription for \$34; subscription for both \$49. She showed a copy of the Grapevine and shared a joke with the group. Cate shared that her meeting has a new Grapevine Rep.

Hospitals & Institutions: No Report

Public Information: Cate received an email from the area chair with a compilation of all public service spots and how to get them aired. There is a new PSA in Spanish. These are probably being aired somewhere and are available on GSO's website.

Intergroup: Michael has been travelling a lot lately, which accounts for her recent absence.

GSR Reports, Questions, Challenges: The question was raised as to how to handle the use of non-AA reading materials in meetings. A spirited discussion ensued. It was noted that non-AA materials are seen to violate the traditions if it could confuse the newcomer as to what is AA and what is not. It was suggested that situations be handled by having the secretary or GSR pull the member aside outside the meeting to clarify the issue. Very often the success of the action depends on how we handle it.

Guest: Matt visited the meeting representing the Archives. He is visiting districts to let them know what the archives does. It's not just "old stuff." Archives collects AA materials in an ongoing way to preserve the records of the group - events, flyers, etc. He reported that the Archives are located in Riverside and are open from 10 - 1 on Saturdays. Open house is April 29.

Old Business:

New Business: **Elaine** corrected the error that District 10 paid for two people to attend PRAASA last year; in fact, they paid for only one. PRAASA will be held March 1-3 in Boise, Idaho. Nikki will be our representative to PRAASA this year, and Elaine assured us that we will be well-represented by her. In 2014 PRAASA will be more local - in San Diego - and Elaine suggested that we work to increase attendance and participation that year.

Elaine proposed that District 15 offer \$30/day stipend to assist the delegate to PRAASA with meals. Nancy will get the standard government rate for such a stipend. It was moved and seconded. The motion passed.

District 15 will join with District 10 in sponsoring a Sponsorship Workshop during the 2nd week of May. The subject will include what sponsorship is and should be and how one selects a sponsor.

There was a discussion about passing a donation can for PRAASA at meetings. NOTE: This would require a group conscience. Cory suggested a visit to the Archives and plans were made to set the visit for April 6 when the airshow is held. It was suggested that service sponsorship be put on the agenda for next month.

Readings & Discussions:

Tradition II was read and reported on by Will; Concept II was read and reported on by Cory, as Danette was absent.

Volunteers for next month: Tradition III: Cate Concept III: Michael

Upcoming Events:

PRAASA - March 1 - 3, Boise, Idaho

Area Service Committee Meeting, March 10, Millikan High School, 2800 Snowden Ave, Long Beach

Birthday Celebrations: Carrie, 5 years; Michael, 18 years (Jan. 24)

The meeting was closed at 8:26 with the Responsibility Pledge.

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.

Current officers, DCMs, chairs, liaisons, and vacancies for District 15:

DCMC..... Elaine M	DCM for Placentia... Vacant
Alternate DCMC...Nikki N	CEC (Cooperation with Elder Community) ... Vacant
Secretary...Ann N	CPC (Cooperation with Prof. Community) :... Vacant
Treasurer...Nancy R	GSR School Chair... Julie W
Registrar...Cory V	Grapevine Committee Chair...Leslie B
Archivist... Beth V	H&I Chair... Rita
	InterGroup Liaison...Michael M
DCM (District Committee Member) Brea: vacant	Literature Committee Chair: Chris
DCM for Yorba Linda... Vacant	PI (Public Information) Chair... Cate
DCM for Anaheim Hills...Pam H	Convention Liaison... Vacant

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