

## Minutes of GSR meeting, District 15, February 4th, 2010

**Call to order:** 19:03

**Attendance:** Peyman H, Barbara M, Nikki N, Henry T, Mark R, Butch P, Michelle S, Don, Jill McK, Pam, Pam, Lindsay, Kim K, Jay, Mike G Marcus Q.

**Preamble:** read by Jay

**Introductions:** New GSR's: Marcus Q Sun 7.30pm Angelina Placentia, Jay Sat 6pm Winner's Circle, Temporary GSR Pam covering for Carly.

**Minutes from last month:** The January minutes were approved by Henry and seconded by Mike.

**Questions/concerns/challenges** Don mentioned donations from groups and how it suggests following the directions on the group secretary's weekly sheet.

### **Officer Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Peyman handed out a Treasurers report to all in attendance.

**Secretary:** Approved minutes continue being uploaded onto Area 9's web-site and can therefore reach a larger community. Also an updated list of District positions held will be sent to the area website.

**Registrar:** Trouble shooting opening of files with a Mac computer otherwise all new GSR's data was collected and will be sent to New York.

**DCMC:** Nikki N brought back from DCM school news of 'Traditions violations': If a group is known to violate the traditions Central Office can be contacted and further action can be taken to remedy the situation. A form will soon be made available from Archives that can be used as a tool to collect history on meetings in the area. Nikki was sent an e-mail for discussion with the District about financing for PRAASA – see below in new business.

**Committee Reports:** GSR School: No school last month but if new members are willing to return next month at 6.30pm Mike G will hold one for the new GSR's. Literature – Mike give a brief presentation on the pamphlet "The AA Group".

**Old Business:** Ideas for greater involvement from groups in the District – Barbara M suggested an Archives event tying it into the history of our local area and the meetings in District 15 and how they have evolved over the years. A suggested date for such event would be in the fall. Area Assembly in District 15 on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Planning still underway and the search for a suitable room continues. Barbara will find out about Brea CC, other suggestions given where La Habra CC, Yorba Linda CC, Placentia's room rentals, and various facilities in Fullerton. All GSR's were asked to enquire around for any possible location in the District 15 area for anywhere offering space for 200-300 people with kitchen facilities and report back next month with details. Prudent reserve: Lindsay suggested we take a look at the last four years budget for guidelines as how to set our prudent reserve. Nikki tabled this business for when that information becomes available. Nikki N reported back that the room has been reserved for the next year however the facilities will only give us confirmation on a month to month basis.

**New Business:** PRAASA March 5-7 in LA also a great experience for all GSR's to attend and meet others. Nikki opened up for discussion the questions that were sent to her from Area regarding who finances the District members to attend PRAASA. Peyman explained that this District in the past has always paid for the DCMC to attend PRAASA – including flight, food and lodgings. If PRAASA is held locally then the District has paid for admission for its members to attend. Jay brought up that with the term 'self supporting' we need to be flexible when using the Traditions. Lindsay suggested that if a group can afford to pay for their GSR then have a group conscience and vote. To which Don agreed. Nikki asked another question posed by Area: Is it fair if one group does and another does

not? Unanimously all agreed. Pam pointed out that being part of a group counts as importance and bringing back to the group what you have learned at PRAASA is a valuable way to show them how their money was spent.

Volunteers for Standing Committee Chairs continue: Lindsay volunteered for position of Convention Liaison Chair, seconded by Mike.

**Readings/Discussions:**

**Tradition 2:** Mike G gave a brief report describing how our direction is derived from a Higher Power.

**Concept 2:** Barbara M give a brief report on how the concept of the General Service Conference moved the “power” of AA away from two single individuals Bill W and Dr Bob and created this body to actively maintain our world services.

**February Birthdays:** Pam 3 years on Feb 1<sup>st</sup> and Mike G 5years on Feb 9th.

**Next Meeting:** March 4<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Meeting adjourned:** 20:20, Motion to adjourn by Nikki N.

**Minutes submitted by:** Barbara M. District 15 Secretary