

Minutes of GSR meeting, District 15, November 4, 2010

Call to order: 19:00

Opening Prayer: Read by Nikki

Preamble: read by Todd

Introductions: New GSR.Lisa H. Substitute GSR Todd covering Mon Night YL

Minutes from last month: The October minutes were approved by Pam and seconded by Mark.

Officer Reports:

Treasurer: Peyman handed out Treasurers report. Reminded GSR's that sometimes their donations don't get collected until the next month, so it will show up on the following month's statement.

Secretary: Barbara reported that she will be sending last quarter of District reports to Area to upload onto the Area website and reminded GSR's to let the groups know how they can access the information. <http://msca09aa.org/Area/d15.html>

Registrar: Henry asked about new GSR's that still required their packets from GSO.

Archivist: Archivist Paul has arranged another field trip by District 15 to Area Archives in Riverside on Saturday November 13th 2010. We will meet at the Kaiser building around 8.15am and car pool. Nikki reminded to let groups know that guests are invited also and welcome to come along and help out at Archives.

DCM: absent.

Alt DCM: no report.

DCMC: Nikki reported that 2011 conference topics will soon be available and a reminder to all that we need to sent these topics out to the groups and get feedback. Nikki also reminded us that November is the month that commemorates the death of Dr Bob – 11/6/50 and also Bill W's birthday – 11/26/1895!

Committee Reports:

GSR School: New GSR Lisa attended and was given information. Jerry L will cover for Mike next month. **Literature** –No report. **Public Information:** absent. **Hospitals and Institutions:** absent. **Inter-group Liaison:** No report. **Grapevine:** vacant. **Conference Liaison:** Absent. **CPC&CEC:** vacant

Questions/concerns/challenges

- Jay enquired about making electronic donations to AA. Nikki stated that yes that was available at GSO level.
- Jay also enquired about the downloadable app for the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous was only the 2nd edition. Further investigation discovered that some [iTunes] apps only contain stories from the 1st and 2nd edition; however 4th edition downloadable versions are out there. Amazon does have a 4th edition Big Book for download on Kindle.

New Business:

- Henry released an updated version of meetings in our District and those with no GSR representation. Nikki reminded us all how much our District meetings has grown and the need to go out to these 'dark' meetings and inform them of the importance of have a GSR.
- The Young People videos are available online at <http://www.aa.org/lang/en/subpage.cfm?page=398>

Old Business:

Discussion regarding the recap of District 15's OCSOBERFEST on 10/23/10. Everyone in attendance said the event was a success. Jill stated that the game "Are you smarter than an Alcoholic?" was much fun. Mark agreed that the presentation by Area Archives was very informative and informational. Although Henry raised some issues regarding child safety in the park, Julie and Barbara agreed that it was a great location. Jay raised the issue of maybe having it next year at an Alano Club – however it was noted by Nikki that we don't have any in our District. Regarding the month, Mark agreed that October was a good time to hold the event as it gives an alternative to the drinking festivities associated with Oktoberfest. Henry raised the issue of cost. Barbara reminded the group that sundries like paper and plastic have been held over for next year and should help cut down on expenditure. Donny enquired about having a 7th Tradition at this meeting or at the event. Peyman reminded us that one of the reasons for having the event was to give back to our District. Barbara also reminded us that by having a pot luck; people were donating just not in a monetary way. Barbara also enquired about the family aspect of the event and Pam agreed that the craft table was a good idea. We concluded with Nikki saying that she had great support from everyone and if this is something we would like to turn into an annual event. The vote was carried unanimously in favor.

Readings/Discussions:

Tradition 11: Kim was absent. However Jerry shared how that in the book 'Br Bob and the Good Old Timers', the use of last name is only to be omitted at the level of press, radio and television, therefore it was acceptable to use your last name at meeting level.

Concept 11: Nikki shared a saying..."God doesn't call the qualified the qualifies the called" that she said put into words the essence of Concept 11.

Volunteers for next month: Tradition 12: Jay and Concept 12: Jill.

October Birthdays: Lisa H with 2 years – congratulations and welcome!

Next Meeting: December 2nd, 2010

Meeting adjourned: 20:28, Motion to adjourn by Brian, seconded by Henry.

Closing Responsibility Pledge: Paul.

Minutes submitted by: Barbara M. District 15 Secretary