

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

Members present: Elaine, Nikki, Ann, Linda, Carrie, Tim, Jake, Beth, Nancy, Rita, Cory, Michael, Pam, Scott, Danette, Ashley, Will

Call to order by Elaine at 7:00 p.m.

Serenity prayer: Elaine

GSR preamble: Beth

New GSRs: Linda (Alt.)

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

Officer's reports:

Secretary: Minutes were submitted, amended, and approved.

Archivist: No Report.

Registrar: No report.

Treasurer: Nancy submitted a report that included a list of all meetings and donations for the months of January and February. The second page reports contributions from District 15 GSR's for seventh tradition and PRAASA contributions and a copy of our check register showing a balance of \$3,685.00.

Alt. DCMC: Nikki June 1 has been set for the 4-Area DCM Sharing Session. Location TBA in the Carlsbad area.

DCMC: Elaine has a report under New Business.

Committee Reports:

GSR School: No report

Literature: Michael recommended "The AA Group" pamphlet. Encourage members to read pamphlets. Service manuals have been ordered, but have not been received.

Grapevine: Leslie was absent. Nancy reported that we have received this month's copy of the Grapevine and offered it to anyone who would like to borrow it. Linda F. borrowed the Grapevine for this month.

Hospitals & Institutions: No Report

Public Information: No Report

Intergroup: Michael reported that Central Office is in better financial shape this year. Help is needed in H & I. A new events page is being planned for the newsletter. There are 4 new board members. Articles are needed for the newsletter. Phone shifts are available, check at central office. They are asking for faithful fivers. Rockin' Soberfest was a success. Public information needs committee members.

GSR Reports, Questions, Challenges: **Linda** is secretary for a meeting and the GSR does not attend the District meeting. It was suggested that she go to her group and suggest someone else be elected GSR if she cannot fulfill her commitment. **Pam** attends what has been traditionally a closed meeting. A nursing student has visited a couple of times and someone had a daughter attend for a significant chip award. What does a closed meeting mean? It was clarified thus: a closed meeting is for alcoholics only. Anyone can attend an open meeting, but only alcoholics can speak.

Old Business: Elaine reported that District 15 will join with District 10 in sponsoring a Sponsorship Workshop on May 18 at the church on Wilshire in Fullerton. Dates are being discussed for the planning committee (March 23 was suggested.) Pam suggested we include H & I needs in this workshop. Cory, Nikki, and Ashley will serve on this committee. **Cory** reported that on April 6 there will be a trip to the Archives in Riverside. Rita requested a flyer re: this trip. Cory will make the flyer.

New Business: PRAASA report by Nikki: Pacific Region service conference with the purpose of fostering greater unity among members, encourage exchange of ideas. Fully packed agenda, from morning to 10 p.m. It was interesting to learn how members in other areas solve problems. Some are spread out over large areas and don't meet as often as we do. One group was translating the Big Book into Navajo. Some areas meet in North and South subgroups. One panel was on service and talked about elder statesmen and knowing when to step down. Is there only one requirement for membership and how was it when AA was new? One panel discussed having to ask a member to leave a meeting; they aren't ever removed from AA, but only from that meeting for a specified length of time. One panel was on rituals, rigidity, and rules: the

3 R's of AA. E-books were discussed in another meeting; only books available on AA websites using the AA reader are official copies. After the general conference other vendors will probably be able to sell the AA literature. **Business meeting:** round tables were held on Friday and Saturday. Business meeting ran very long. It was decided that PRAASA would be held on a rotating basis, next year in San Diego. Nikki will share more next month. NOTE: Put service sponsorship on the agenda for next month.

Elaine sent out the conference agenda items. We will be hearing more about them on Sunday at the ASC meeting. GSR's will take back a couple of items that would be of interest for their group and get the group's opinion on them. The agenda for the pre-conference workshop is online. Nancy shared an agenda item she thought her group would be interested in. The deadline is about the middle of April.

Rita announced that H & I is really short of people to serve on panels; we need to make a campaign for members to do this. There are 2 different ways to qualify: special course from probation or going to orientation. **Nancy** passed around PRAASA can and collected \$19 from Linda's meeting. Tim and Danette are taking cans this week.

Readings & Discussions:

Tradition III was read and reported on by Michael; Concept III was read and reported on by Scott. Volunteers for next month: Tradition IV: Jake Concept IV: Nikki

Upcoming Events:

April 14 **Pre-Conference Workshop;** Knights of Columbus; 1729 Base Line St; San Bernardino, California 92410; Hosted by District 25

April 20 **CPC Event;** 1754 S. Main St. Santa Ana, CA 92707; 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Presented by District 20

May 19 **Area 09 Assembly;** Dales Senior Center; 3936 Chestnut St. Riverside, Ca 92501
Hosted by District 8

PRAASA 2014 – San Diego, California; **PRAASA 2015** – Layton, Utah

Birthday Celebrations: None

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

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