

District 6 GSR Meeting
Mid-Southern California Area 09
April 1, 2008
Minutes

Call to order @ 7:05 p.m.

New GSR, Joe P., read the GSR Preamble

The March minutes were approved.

Treasurer report for past thirty days – Yvonne

Beginning Balance: \$ 5,022.20

402.59 incoming
(129.55) expenses

Ending Balance: 5,295.24

Registrar's report – Kim

- Don't forget to sign in, new GSRs
- New GSRs introduced themselves
 - Michelle, St. Simone & Jude Step Sisters
 - Marco, Friday night, Q & A, Newport Club
 - Donna, Hoag's Monday night Women's Group
 - Jim T, Saturday 7 p.m., St. Wilfred's
 - Gwen, Wednesday night, Women's meeting, Newport Club
 - Joe P., Church by the Sea Group, Monday night
- Thanks to all who have turned in their meeting checks.

Past Delegates and Trustees introduced themselves.

Jim C. Past Delegate, Past Trustee
Nancy J, Past Delegate

A Visitor introduced himself.

Patrick

DCMC discussed:

- Four Area DCM Sharing Session.
- Upcoming events.
 - Preconference Workshop
 - Traditions Workshop hosted by District 6.
 - PRAASA
 - We will report on PRAASA at the next District meeting to allow time for our Past Delegates/Trustee Question and Answer Panel.
- A quiz for this evening. What do the following acronyms stand for?
 - PRAASA (Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly)
 - ACYPAA (All California Young People's Alcoholics Anonymous)
 - AAWS (Alcoholics Anonymous World Service)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Proposed Traditions Workshop - Scott
 - April 19, 2008 - 3-5:00 p.m. – How Hall
 - Scott is asking for volunteers for the committee that is putting this workshop together.

- Presenters
 - Pete B.
 - Jim C.
 - Nick M.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Chris P. volunteered to stand for the Grapevine Representative
- Discussion about AA meetings being changed by addicts' participation in AA meetings and AA meetings "not being AA meetings".
 - Suggestion to educate secretaries about redirecting meetings and knowing what is appropriate and what is not.
 - In the meetings in question, it was said that the true alcoholic is the minority.
 - Treatment Facilities chair Jeff discussed the pamphlet which defines what an alcoholic is and is not and who can and can not attend and participate and suggested that some of the statements be read out loud at meetings.
- DCMC introduced Jim C., past delegate and trustee and Nancy J., past delegate, for the Q & A panel
 - Nancy J. talked about the blue card which defines an open and a closed meeting.
 - Open meeting, everyone is welcome to attend, but comments are confined to alcoholism or only alcoholics can participate.
 - Up to everyone in meetings to maintain the integrity of the meeting.
 - Recovery homes provide a continual source of newcomers for AA.
 - The financial impact.
 - People don't have any money
 - Can still 12 step them.
 - Good sponsorship very important
 - Jim C. spoke about this issue.
 - Participating in steering committee meetings helps to establish and maintain structure in the meeting.
 - Discussed home group that has 8 – 12 newcomers every day. Noon meeting every day at Triangle Square.
 - Nancy reports she was involved in reviewing videos and still gets a thrill that one of those videos may be seen worldwide.
 - Jim reports when he was delegate in 92 and 93, they discussed whether AA should legally protect it's service symbol, the circle and triangle. Due to fact that so many outside people were using the circle and triangle, it was felt that a Court would not allow AA to have sole right to the circle and triangle. The circle and triangle are still on the wall in the General Service Office in New York, but not conference approved.
 - Another issue was AA began trying to write a history book for five years or so. Several hundred thousand dollars to various writers was spent. AA decided that it was not worth pursuing. It would be put on shelf for three years, and then look again. It was looked at again and has been put back into archives.
- What is the process to achieve consensus among groups so that a delegate is representing the majority and not just a vocal minority?
 - Nancy discussed the pre conference workshop. Discussed that only 10% of groups are represented. If group doesn't send GSR, the group isn't represented. Delegates do listen and take the information to New York.
 - Jim explained that the round tables at the pre conference workshop discuss all of the agenda items and give feedback to the delegate to take back to New York.
 - Don't have to be a GSR to be a member of an area committee.
 - Jim explained that a core group of people in Area 09 continue to do service because they care for AA and it is our lifeline.
 - Service keeps us sober.
 - Personal contact by members in service to members not yet in service
 - One alcoholic talking to another...Bill W. and Dr. Bob
 - Jim discussed how committed the Spanish meetings are into service.
- Jennifer. discussed Tradition 4, Each group shall be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
- Lelani discussed Concept 4, Right of Participation.

Volunteer for Tradition 5 on May 6, 6D Amanda
 Volunteer for Concept 5 on May 6, 6D Terri

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Archives – a chair is still needed for District 6
 - Meet the Archivist Wednesday and Saturday, our GSO archivist.
 - Corinne D. H. has volunteered to be the chair for the District CPC committee
 - Grapevine – Chris P. volunteered to chair this committee
 - Treatment Centers – Jeff – met a gal from Hoag Hospital and is working to get something going over there
 - Corrections – Brian – meeting 2nd Sunday Garden Grove Alano Club – please come
 - Received \$700 donation from Soledad prison to OC H& I
 - We are the largest H & I group in the US
- Intergroup – no Intergroup Rep.
- CPC – Corinne D. H.
- CEC – Kelli left early
- Literature – Amanda
- PI – Bob D.
- Special Needs
- GSR School – Dean

Birthdays

Leliana, 18 years, April 20
Yvonne, 21 years, April 8
Mike, 4 years, April 24
Marcos, 3 years, April 29,
46 years total

There are 54 people in attendance.

Reminders:

April 13, 2008 pre conference workshop
Scott announced the Traditions workshop.

May 6, 2008 next meeting
Traditions Play – Roger has experience, wants to be director
Anybody in this room who wants to participate, see Lois and Roger

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm