

District 9 GSR Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2012

DCM JC F called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the Responsibility Statement and Serenity Prayer. JC asked that all voting members (GSR's) to please sit at the table to facilitate voting. He asked Committee Chairs to stay until their reports are done, and then they are free to leave if they wish.

Roll Call~

District Officers: DCM, JC F; alternate DCM, Dawn B, Treasurer, Gene A; Secretary, Sherry B; alternate Secretary, Ruth B *absent: alternate Treasurer, Eddie P*

Groups: *absent: M-F Primary Purpose*, Thursday Night Open, Friends of Bill W, Shadow Group, Saturday Big Book*, DOG GONE Men's*, M-W VA, Shadow Group (*sent written report)*

Committee Chairs: Activities & Archives, LaVon L; Answering Service, Literature & Grapevine, Gene A; Corrections, Glenna A; Pink Can, Sally H; Schedules, Larry G; Newsletter, Sherry & Ruth
absent: Treatment, John C; CPC-PI, Shernie F

Members: Carolyn

Reading of Minutes: Sherry handed out copies of previous meeting's minutes to those members who had not received them by email. **Motion made by Gene, 2nd by Dawn, and passed unanimously to waive reading of the minutes and accept them as printed/emailed.**

Treasurer's Report: Gene A handed out and read Treasurer's report. Discussion of report.
Motion made by Gene, seconded by Sherry and passed unanimously to accept report.

Group reports for January:

1. **Early Birds**, GSR Dan T. Birthdays: One each @60 days, 9 months, 4 years. Average attendance @ 14. Business meeting notes: Discussed service positions; importance of meetings ending on time; reasons for District meeting date changes and how that affects other groups. Also, Craig B is in the hospital and will be going to Regence for rehabilitation tomorrow (Monday.)
2. **Sunday Morning Eye-Opener**, new GSR Fernando. Breakfast supplied at meeting. Business meetings as needed.
3. **Sunday Big Book**, GSR Sherry B. Birthdays-Bill L, 15 years, Aaron, Dave & Sherry S, 4 years; Josh, 3 years; Christen, 1 year. We also had many monthly anniversaries at our monthly birthday meeting. SBB gives out chips for all months from 1-11 and 18 months at our birthday meeting. Attendance: Friday is down a little @ 25-35, Sunday 8-10, Monday women's keeps growing and averages 20-25, Wednesday women's 6-10. Upcoming events: elections as soon as we get more Home Group members to step up. Business meeting notes: Saturday meeting has broken away and formed its own Home Group; Group is solvent and all meetings going well; Kenneth R has stepped up in service and is opening the Sunday meeting. Financial report: Our rent was reduced from \$100 to \$75 monthly due to Saturday meeting leaving, so we don't need as large a prudent reserve. We have taken \$200 from our prudent reserve of \$800 and are donating \$100 to District, \$50 to Area 92, and \$50 to GSO.
4. **12x12**, GSR Earl R. One 30-day birthday. Attendance @ 9. Meetings going on as usual.
5. **Water Tower**, GSR Bill W. No birthday information. Attendance @ 18-25.
6. **M-W VA**, *absent, no report.*
7. **Touch on Feelings**, GSR Ruth Attendance 6-10, No birthdays in January. Still looking for Home Group members.
8. **Language of the Heart**, GSR Larry G, No birthdays. Attendance @ 20-25.
9. **Tuesday Promises**, represented by Wanda G. Verbal report.
10. **As Bill Sees It**, GSR Elaine F. Birthdays: One 30-day, 1 60-day, one 90-day, one 5-month, one 1-year. Average attendance 31. Coffee get-together location moved to Tony's Sub Shop on Isaacs on Wednesday from 10am-about noon. Just Bob is updating format for group to follow. Introduced the information tradition of birthday celebration on last meeting of month. Cake furnished by Terry B. Business meeting notes: Pink can, \$8.19; PNC, \$7.30, one Daily Reflection book sold.
11. **NEW Saturday Big Book**, *absent*, Steve A emailed report. Attendance @ 15-25. Speaker meeting Saturday 2/25, Wally will be the speaker. Sherry printed and handed out flyers for speaker meeting.
12. **M-F Primary Purpose**, *absent*, Dave K emailed his greetings and a report. One 32-year birthday and one 12-year birthday. Dave is having a knee replacement tomorrow so couldn't come tonight.
13. **DOG GONE Men's Group**, *absent, no report. Men's campout is this weekend and probably still going on.*
14. **Thursday Night Open**, *absent, no report.*
15. **Friends of Bill W**, *absent, no report.*
16. **Shadow Group**, *absent, no report.*
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Committee Reports;

1. **Answering Service**, Gene A; \$19.00 this month.
2. **Archives**, La Von received Archives from Phil W and Larry G. She purchased three tote lockers to keep them in at \$19.97@ for a total of \$59.91 La Von took photos at the Valentine workshop for Archives.
3. **Corrections**, Glenna submitted written report. Attached at end of minutes. JC asked GSR's to ask their Home Groups for volunteers to help with WSP (prison) and Juvenile Hall. Craig is in the hospital and needs someone to cover for him at Juvenile on Wednesday afternoon. WSP is getting ready to have a big workshop.
4. **CPC-PI**, *Shernie is absent and sent no report.*
5. **Treatment**, *John C is absent and sent no report.* Larry G mentioned speaker rotation for VA.
6. **Literature & Grapevine**, Gene A; all information is on the Treasurer's Report regarding literature orders and sales.
7. **Pink Can**; Sally is turning in \$87.69 to Gene at this meeting. Gene has already received money from some groups. The final tally will be on the Treasurer's Report at the next business meeting.
8. **Schedules**; Larry requested that all meeting changes be emailed or given to him so he can get new schedules printed. He has some change information already. Sherry promised to email all changes she is aware of to Larry right away.
9. **Newsletter**; nothing new. Sherry still has not received a response from Joanne to her emailed request for information.
10. **Activities; La Von**; Recent events were the Valentine's Day GSR workshop, spaghetti feed & potluck, and dance. Upcoming events are the Pacific Northwest Conference June 22-24, put on by Area 92 to be held here in Walla Walla, and later, the Fourth of July picnic and BBQ.
 - a. Workshop report: About 30 attended the potluck, with 18 at the workshop. Rent for the building was \$160 with \$100 as a refundable deposit for a total of \$60. Costs for supplies, food (spaghetti), decorations and supplies were a total of \$72.10. Several current GSR's attended, as well as the current DCM and four past DCM's.
11. **DCM report, JC F**
 - a. Attended the GSR workshop put on by Dolores and Jeff from Area 92, and learned a lot of great information about the role of the GSR. Dolores made up folders with all the information in them, as well as new forms, and JC will make sure that all Home Groups get a folder so their GSR's will have access to the information.
 - b. JC made up a list of District Guidelines for groups to discuss and bring back to next meeting. Tentative Guidelines are attached to these minutes. Please discuss them in your home group meetings and bring back changes your group would like to see so they can be discussed and voted on.
12. **Alternate DCM report, Dawn**; verbal report, mentioned that Craig B, long-time Early Bird member and takes the meeting in to the Juvenile Justice Center, is in the hospital.

Old Business:

1. Discussion of workshop. Dan asked if we will be able to get to pick the date for the next one. Answer that the date is when Area 92 can fit us in, but next year we will try for is to get several possible dates from them and vote for the one most people can attend.

New Business:

1. Larry brought up issues with the bank's new rules. Gene has already changed our banking procedures to avoid incurring fees. Separate savings account has been closed and total is carried as a separate fund but is actually in checking account.
2. Glenna asked for clarification on District approval for flyers. They only need to approve them if they are being asked to financially support an activity. Groups and committees are welcome to put on their own activities and issue flyers without District's input as long as District is not funding the activity. If a group, committee, or member wants District to fund an activity, they need to bring a proposal one month which will be taken back to the groups to be voted on the next month.
3. Bill W asked about the text that explains what the Pink Can is for. Sally will get him a copy of the form from GSO that explains it. Gene said it is also on the website.
4. **Pacific Northwest Conference**: Will be held here June 22-24 at the Center at the Park. Districts have asked by Area to fundraise to help raise money for this event. We are using a "coin drop," a separate can that goes around like the Pink Can that meeting attendees can put change in. Groups are not required to seek donations but it's appreciated if they do. Gene is the event treasurer so money can be turned into him. He has already deposited \$188 from the District 9 coin drop into the bank so far.
5. **Motion made, seconded and passed to hold next business meeting first Sunday of March. Meeting will be held Sunday, March 4, from 6:30-8:00pm.**

7th Tradition was taken and meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Attachment 1: Corrections Report

Corrections Chair Report 12 February 2012

Glenna Awbrey: Chair

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting and contact details for local correction's facilities:

Washington State Prison (WSP)

Linda Finn: WSP Volunteer Coordinator

Marc McClure: Local AA contact

Meetings are held each Saturday. Meeting times are 1:00 – 2:00, 2:30 – 3:30 for minimum and medium security inmates. Intensive Management Unit (IMU) meetings are from 7:15-8:30. Members need to arrive at the facility approx one (1) hour prior to sessions. If a member wishes to be involved in the early afternoon sessions, they need to plan to stay for both. A member can choose to be involved with one or both time blocks, one or more Saturdays per week. Male AA Members Only

Walla Walla County Jail

Sgt Jean Hall: Outreach Coordinator

Meetings will be resumed the first part of April, following shift changes at the jail*. Sgt Hall will provide dates and times of meetings but the Superintendent would very much like to see weekly meetings for both males and females. Meetings will most likely be held in the evenings, following meals.

Juvenile Justice Center

Norris Gregoire: Detention Coordinator

Craig Baker: Local AA contact

Meetings are held each Wednesday at 3:15. Males and females are both in group. Male or female AA

*Just got this information 14 February 2012

Attachment 2: District Guidelines (proposed)

District 9 Guidelines

District Meetings of the GSRs will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month unless holiday weekends or Area meetings interfere. The meeting will then assemble on the second Sunday of the month, at the advertised place at 6:30 PM.

General business will be conducted by the GSRs, discussions led by the DCM or Alternate. The agenda will be set by the DCM or Alternate.

Voting on resolutions or business will be executed by the GSRs only, who voice their Home Group conscience, and only a simple majority of the GSRs present will be needed to pass such.

District Officers and other members of AA present, are welcome to discuss and voice their opinions at the GSR Meetings.

In case of a tie vote of the GSRs, the DCM will vote to break the tie.

A finance committee (consisting of the elected District Officers) will meet in September to prepare a budget to be presented to the GSRs in October to take to their home groups.

Budget finalization will be at the December GSR Meeting and voted upon for the pursuing year.

Changes or additions may be presented at the November District meeting and suggestions returned to the Home Groups. The budget for the following year will be finalized at the December meeting.

1. District Officers

District Officers consist of a DCM, Treasurer, Secretary, and Alternates of each.

Elections are held in October of odd numbered years and the new officers start on January 1 of even years. 2. Terms for all officers consist of two years.

Appointed Officers (Chairpersons of Committees) of the District shall include:

Activities	Archives	Answering Service	
Corrections	CPC/PI	Literature & Grapevine	
Pink Can	Schedules	Treatment	Webmaster

1A. District 9 Automatic Expenditures not needing approval:

1. Answering Service: Pro-Tel: Monthly
2. Postal Service: Box 219: Yearly
3. GSR Room Rent (Yearly-\$15.00 per month)

1B. District 9 Automatic Expenditures not needing approval, but subject to the availability of funds.

DCM Expenses: Area Quarterlies and Conferences

1. Gas (\$0.30/mile)
2. Meals and registration
3. Room (If required)
4. \$150.00/Quarterly \$300/Conference (Maximum per event negotiable.)

2. District Officers Office Expenses-

A. General office supplies: The DCM, Treasurer and Secretary: Ink, stamps, envelopes, paper and/or copies.

3. GSR Supplies-Coffee, cups, cream, sugar, etc.

4. Schedules

1. One ream (500) per quarter
2. Schedules Chair should check with the District Officers and GSRs for any changes before ordering a run.

5. Appointed and Elected Officers Expenses to attend workshops out of the District proximity.

1. Same as DCM
2. One per year allowed (Maximum \$250.00)
3. Attendance at the Standing Committee Quarterlies is encouraged

2. Activities: All expenditures are subject to the availability of funds above the Prudent Reserve.

A. Recognized annual activities and banquets/parties funded by District 9

1. The Annual November Gratitude banquet (Usually the Second week-end)
2. New Years Eve Party
3. 4th of July (A Celebration of Freedom from Alcohol)
4. Valentine's Day Workshop, Potluck and Dance

B. Activities Committee:

1. Help with planning and implementing annual events.
2. May plan and implement any other event that they deem worthwhile with at least 60 days notice to the GSRs and receipt of their approval. Any funds required or expended must be approved by the GSRs' majority vote.
3. Assist the DCM with the presentation of workshops (two per year).

C. Other Activities:

1. Any home group may sponsor an event throughout the year without needing District approval
2. If District 9 funds are required, a 60-day notification to the GSRs will be required and GSR approval received. The Home Group's GSR may submit the request to the District.
3. If seed money is needed to implement an event, it may be requested by the Home Group's GSR in a timely manner. Seed money will be returned to the district after the event.