

*District 9 GSR Meeting Minutes for March 4, 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; Treasurer, Gene A; Secretary, Sherry B

*absent: alt Treasurer, Eddie P; alt DCM, Dawn B; ; alt Secretary, Ruth B*

**Groups:** Early Birds, GSR Dan T; Sunday Morning Eye-Opener, rep Gene A; Sunday Big Book, GSR Sherry; 12x12 (VA), GSR Earl R; As Bill Sees It (VA), GSR Elaine F; Water Tower, GSR Bill W; Touch on Feelings, rep LaVon L; Language of the Heart, GSR Larry G; Tuesday Promises & Saturday Big Book, alt GSR Wally; DOG GONE Men's Group, GSR Tom D; M-W VA, rep Shernie F

*absent: M-F Primary Purpose, Thursday Night Open, Friends of Bill W*

*I received an email from Steve A asking that the Shadow Group be removed from the roll call as they are no longer in existence. Unless there is an objection, I will remove them from the roll call. They do not have a meeting on the schedule at this time. (\*Rep indicates that the individual is representing the group as GSR for the purposes of this meeting but is not formally the GSR or alternate GSR of the group. An individual may represent more than one group for purposes of delivering reports, but may only vote on behalf of one group per meeting.)*

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

*absent: Treatment, John C*

**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 Elaine, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherry, and passed unanimously to waive reading of the minutes and accept them as printed/mailed.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Gene A handed out and read Treasurer's report. Discussion of report.

**Motion made by Sherry, seconded by Earl and passed unanimously to accept report.**

**Group reports for previous month:**

1. **Early Birds**, GSR Dan T:
  - a. Birthdays were one 2-yr & one 60-day. Attendance average 13. Members are getting into service work. Group needs to review the 2012 District Budget before moving forward with proposal to vote on Guidelines.
2. **Sunday Morning Eye-Opener**, represented by Gene A. Written report submitted by GSR Fernando:
  - a. Average attendance 18-24. Group meets first Sunday of month after regular meeting.
  - b. Group accepted District Guidelines as proposed.
3. **Sunday Big Book**, GSR Sherry B:
  - a. Birthdays of Group members were Rey W with 20 years, Ron (?) with 17, Buddy & Sabrina 4 years. At our birthday meeting the last Friday of the month, we also celebrated 2 years, 1 year, one 6 months and one 30 days.
  - b. Attendance Friday from 20-40, Sunday 8-15, Monday women's 20-25, and Wednesday women's 6-12.
  - c. We hope to hold elections for GSR, alternate GSR and alternate Treasurer. We elected a new Treasurer, Sarah, who indicated she would be willing. Thanks for stepping up into service!
  - d. Group is surviving financially without Saturday meeting. Bills are paid and last month we made donations to District, Area 92, and GSO. Our birthday meeting the last Friday of the month is still going on and is a lot of fun.
4. **12x12**, GSR Earl R: John J had a one-month birthday. Attendance averages 8/14.
5. **Water Tower**, GSR Bill W:
  - a. Birthdays were one @ 24-hour, 1-year, 3 years, and 24 years. Attendance 18-25 average. Home Group Meeting 3/5/12 to discuss variety of topics.
6. **M-W VA**, represented by Shernie F, no written report.
  - a. Both meetings are being chaired by VA Treatment Alumni and are well-attended and solid.
7. **Touch on Feelings**, represented by LaVon L. GSR Ruth B sent written report:
  - a. Ruth B had 3 years and JC F had 6 years. Attendance averages 15-20.
8. **Language of the Heart**, GSR Larry G: No reported birthdays, No Home Group meeting. Attendance 18-22.
9. **Tuesday Promises**, alternate GSR Wally gave verbal report.
10. **As Bill Sees It**, GSR Elaine F:

- a. Seven birthdays, including Joe with 10 years. Attendance averaged 35 over four meetings.
  - b. Last meeting of month birthday celebration was huge success. Vets on wards are really appreciating the healthy nature of meetings.
  - c. Business meeting notes: Pink Can donation: \$13.00, PNC donation: \$8.44.
  - d. Voted to have a second business meeting in the month to be held second Saturday in month. This was unanimous as part of regular group activities.
  - e. Group voted not to allow photos or video of group members as noted in steps & traditions.
11. **Saturday Big Book**, represented by Wally, who gave a verbal report.
12. **M-F Primary Purpose**, *absent, no report.*
13. **DOG GONE Men's Group**, GSR Tom D.
- a. Yancee had 11 months. Attendance was 3-5.
  - b. The Chicken Drop is upcoming in Prescott on Saturday 3/31.
  - c. The men's campout was well-attended.
  - d. The group discussed the proposed District Guidelines.
14. **Thursday Night Open**, *absent, no report.*
15. **Friends of Bill W**, *absent, no report.*

**Discussion of Group reports:** Concerns voiced from some members that reporting the names of those with birthdays is a breach of their anonymity. Discussion points to take back to Home Groups include:

1. Should reports include names as well as sobriety time?
  2. Whose responsibility it is to ensure that all members who celebrate or announce a birthday at a meeting want their birthday reported?
  3. Is it the member's responsibility to ask that his or her name not be reported at the District level? Or is it that of the GSR of each group to ensure that each member included in their report wants their name reported?
- **Motion made by Sherry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shernie to take back to Home Groups for clarification. (Vote was not unanimous.)**

#### **Committee Reports;**

1. **Answering Service, Gene A;**
  - a. February billed for January: \$14.00; March billed for February: \$22.50. Paid Yellow Page bill @ \$144.00.
2. **Archives, LaVon L**, written report:
  - a. Have been asking people to get together with me to go over Archives material to help me get names & activities right. Handing out Group History Report Forms to each Group so we can work on each group for Archives.
3. **Corrections, Glenna A** submitted written report which is attached at end of minutes.
4. **CPC-PI, Shernie F** gave a verbal report: It is a big job and she is taking baby steps. If you have done or are doing something that relates to CPC-PI, please let Shernie know. She is also working with the Area CPC-PI committee chair.
5. **Treatment, John C** is *absent and sent no report.*
  - a. **Larry G gave a verbal report:** John has expressed that he may not be able to chair Treatment committee after all. He was supposed to be here tonight to discuss it.
6. **Literature & Grapevine, Gene A;** all information is on the Treasurer's Report regarding literature orders and sales.
7. **Pink Can; Sally H** is turning in \$70.05 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 G** 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; Sherry B** has been in contact with Joanne and we've arranged that I will get her a report before the deadline this month. She has promised that our report WILL be included in the next Area 92 newsletter.
10. **Activities; LaVon L** turned in a written report.

- a. Nothing new to report on PNC. She will try to get a statement out to the groups this next week about PNC and what the “coin drop” jars are for. Questions about what the money is being used for. It is for our District to defray expenses involved in hospitality for hosting the conference. Area 92 is paying for the actual expenses to put on the PNC.

11. **DCM report, JC F** discussed the District Guidelines. Some groups have voted to accept them; most have not responded as yet. Please discuss them within your Home Group.

12. *Alternate DCM report, Dawn B is absent and sent no report.*

**Old Business:**

We discussed the Standing Committee Quarterly in Moses Lake Saturday, March 17. JC, LaVon, Shernie, and Gene plan to attend and bring back information about the PNC and information from the Area to help the new Chairs with their committee work. Glenna also hopes to attend if her work schedule permits, and Sherry hopes to attend if her health and work schedule permit.

**New Business:**

Motion made, seconded and passed to hold next business meeting first Sunday of April. Meeting will be held Sunday, April 1, from 6:30-8:00pm.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was taken and meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM Attached reports:** Corrections, Glenna A:

Corrections Report – Glenna A March meeting

Clearance applications have been received, and cleared, for both the jail and Juvenile Justice Center (JJC). As of today’s date, six (6) members have been cleared for JJC, and four (4) for the jail. We need men to submit applications for the jail and penitentiary, as these institutions do not have adequate coverage by men AAs to meet weekly commitments. Sgt. Hall hopes to know when meetings will be for both men and women at the jail by mid-March.

I had opportunity to be involved with a meeting at the penitentiary the end of February. It was well attended by inmates and was a rewarding experience. Several of the inmates expressed fear and concern for staying sober following release, as in the past it was using that contributed to them being incarcerated. If anyone is even somewhat interested in taking meetings in, please complete a clearance form (see me) or speak to Marc M. who currently goes in on a regular cycle.

Craig B. is back and again taking weekly meetings into JJC. In his absence, myself and another female AA member took a meeting in at the request of JJC’s Detention Supervisor. There were five (5) male inmates who attended. It did not go as well as hoped, in large part due to our inexperience in working with this population. Future meetings will try and pair Craig with a new AA. An aside, currently Craig take all materials for meetings in with him each week, I will seek to have some standard items stored there for convenience.

Four (4) soft cover Big Books have been given to both the jail and JJC. The facility staff has the option of giving these to inmates or keeping them for meetings.

*Submitted Wednesday, March 14, 2012. I apologize for the delay in getting these minutes to your groups, but it was unavoidable this month. Yours in Service,*

**Sherry B, District 9 Secretary**