

# District 9 GSR Meeting Minutes: July 1, 2012

DCM JC F called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the Serenity Prayer and the Responsibility Statement.

## Roll Call

**District Officers:** DCM, JC F; alt DCM, Dawn B; Treasurer, Gene A; Secretary, Sherry B

Absent: alt Treasurer, Eddie P; alt Secretary, Ruth B

**Groups:** Early Birds, alt GSR Dawn B, member Craig B; Sunday Morning Eye-Opener, alt GSR Gene A; Sunday Big Book, GSR Sherry B, alt GSR La Von L; As Bill Sees It (VA), GSR Elaine F, alt GSR Kenneth; Water Tower, GSR Colleen C, member Karen R; Touch on Feelings, alt GSR Don B; Language of the Heart, GSR Larry G; Tuesday Promises, GSR Wally F; Thursday Open, GSR Dan T; Sat Big Book & Speaker, rep Wally F (not voting for group)

Absent, no report: 12x12 (VA); M-W VA; M-F Primary Purpose; Friends of Bill W

Absent, email written report: DOG GONE MEN's

**Committee Chairs:** Activities & Archives, La Von L; Answering Service, Webmaster, Literature & Grapevine, Gene A; Pink Can, Sally H; Newsletter, Sherry B; Schedules, Larry G; Corrections, Don B

Absent: Shernie F, CPC-PI; John C, Treatment

**Reading of Minutes:** Sherry handed out hard copies of the minutes who hadn't received them or had trouble printing. No changes. **Motion made by Dan T, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elaine, and passed unanimously to waive reading of the minutes and accept them.**

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

**Motion made by Sherry, seconded by Dan and passed unanimously to accept reports.**

**Group reports for June are attached.**

### Committee reports for June:

**Activities, La Von L-**written report attached.

**Archives, La Von L-**written report attached.

**Answering Service, Gene A-**no bill from Pro-Tel yet.

**Corrections, Don B-**written reports from Don B and Craig B

Discussion regarding women taking meetings into prison. It's not recommended but is allowed.

**CPC-PI, Shernie F-**written report, re-typed here:

"As of July 1, 2012, I am stepping down from CPC/PI committee chair position. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Signed Shernie Wilkes"

**Treatment, John C-**

John hooked up with Spokane Treatment Chair. He discussed the turnover at Serenity Point and is getting new contacts.

**Literature & Grapevine, Gene A:**

Gene sold 36 books. He encouraged everyone to buy a subscription to the Grapevine @ \$27 annually.

**Pink Can, Sally H:**

Sally turned in \$71.91 to Gene. Full total will be in next weekend's financial report.

**Schedules, Larry G:**

- Larry has about 200 schedules left and brought them with him tonight. If you need more schedules, JC has them.
- Larry is resigning his position. He feels the position needs to rotate to someone new.

**Newsletter, Sherry B:**

- I didn't send anything in to the Area newsletter this month. We had no current news or activities to

report, and I've had issues with my health and job. If anyone has something they'd specifically like included in the newsletter report, please send it to me by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

- Websites for AA where you can get information:
- District 9 website: <http://gander1.dyndns.org/d9/>
- Area 92 website: [www.area92aa.org/](http://www.area92aa.org/)
- GSO: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)
- Grapevine: [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

### **DCM report, JC F:**

- JC thanked Larry and Shernie for their service and accepted their resignations. He repeated that the most important person in the room is the newcomer. Service positions carry the danger of ego getting in the way of humility. Ego-smashing is important for those in service, as ego blocks one's ability to function in a service position.
- Remember 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Rook's Park BBQ & potluck. Ted is donating his BBQ, District is providing plates, cups, coffee, silverware and water. Bring your own soft drinks and a lawn chair. Everyone is invited; this is a family-friendly affair!

### **Alt DCM report, Dawn:**

#### **Tradition Three from the Traditions Checklist:**

#### **Tradition Three: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.**

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

#### **Old Business:**

- 4<sup>TH</sup> OF July BBQ & potluck at Rook's Park coming up. Set-up starts at 10:00am; please come help set up or stay after and clean up. Bring a dish, a lawn chair, and soft drinks if you want them. Coffee and water are free. We discussed whether to have a 50/50 raffle and decided against it. There was a question about whether we voted last month regarding the 50/50 raffle. We're not sure if there was a vote, but our experience is that we don't take in enough to make it worthwhile at this event.
- Delegates report is included in La Von's reports.

#### **New Business:**

- JC reminded everyone to take back to their groups that there are vacancies in CPC-PI, Schedules, and Answering Service.
- Karen discussed Watertower meeting (M-F noon) from 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational due to the stairs making it impossible for many older and infirm members to attend. The group will decide and let the District know. They will probably move to the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church where they can meet in a wheelchair-accessible location.

Next business meeting will be held Sunday, August 5, 2012, from 6:30-approximately 8:00pm.

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition was taken and meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.**

## **Home Group Reports**

### **Saturday Big Book & Speaker Meeting, Wally F**

Birthdays: three 30-day, two 60-day, one 18-mo, one 7-year, one 20-year

Attendance: 30-40

Upcoming Events: October Gratitude Dinner

Business meeting notes: Changed November Gratitude dinner so it doesn't conflict with other planned events in October.

**Tuesday Promises, GSR Wally F**

Birthdays: Two 30-day, one 60-day

Attendance: 10-15

Business Meeting Notes: Bought books, extended literature

**Language of the Heart, GSR Larry G**

Attendance: 15-20 continues to be normal.

**Touch on Feelings, GSR Ruth B, alt GSR Don B**

Birthdays: none

Attendance: average 6

Upcoming Events: Home Group BBQ on July 23

**12x12, GSR Earl R**

*Absent, no report*

**Sunday Morning Eye-Opener, alt GSR Gene A**

Birthdays: one

Attendance: average 12

**Sunday Big Book, GSR Sherry B, alt GSR La Von L**

Birthdays: one 19-year, one 6-year, multiple months and 24-hour coins

Attendance: Friday average 25, Sunday 10-15, Monday average 20, Wednesday average 10

Business meeting notes: Finances are solid; we should have a donation to GSO, Area, and District soon

**Thursday Night Open, GSR Dan T**

Birthdays: one 2-year, one 2-months, one 8-years

Attendance: Average of 20-nice mix of newcomers

Business meeting notes:

- Discussed our growth and increased numbers at meeting.
- The success thus far of our meeting format and message.
- Service positions for June-July solidified.
- Talked about planning a casual house meeting to listen to various speaker tapes and share on the message.

**As Bill Sees It, GSR Elaine F**

Birthdays: 3

Attendance: 16, 14, 18, 28

Current Events: Group donated \$3.85 to Pink Can. Group wants to thank all volunteers with PNC, especially La Von, Sherry, Gene & Joy, who did clean up. Note of sadness for a fallen soldier 1<sup>ST</sup> Lt. Mathew Fazzari.

**Early Birds, alt GSR Dawn B, member Craig B (verbal report only)**

Group is doing well.

Birthdays: one 19-year

Attendance: average 10

Upcoming Events: Early Birds Summer Picnic, July 29<sup>th</sup>

**Water Tower, GSR Colleen C**

Birthdays: one 30-day, one 60-day, one 5-months, one 6-months, one 16-months, one 8-years, one 19-years

Attendance: 18

Average 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$12.00

**Dog Gone Men's, GSR Ron F (written report only, absent from meeting)**

Birthdays: none

Attendance: 1-3 Would be nice to see someone from our District

Business Meeting Notes: Work schedules have prevented us from attending District meetings. Hope to be there next month.