

District 9 GSR Meeting Minutes: August 5, 2012

DCM JC F called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call of GSR's, Officers, and Committee Chairs~

District Officers: DCM, JC F;; Treasurer, Gene A; Secretary, Sherry B; alt Treasurer, Eddie P
Absent: alt DCM, Dawn B; alt Secretary, Ruth B;

Groups: Sunday Morning Eye-Opener, alt GSR Gene A; Sunday Big Book, GSR Sherry B, alt GSR LaVon L; As Bill Sees It (VA), GSR Elaine F, member Bob L; Water Tower, GSR Colleen C; Touch on Feelings, alt GSR Don B; M-F Primary Purpose, GSR Dave K, member Eddie P; Thursday Open, GSR Dan T

Absent, emailed report: DOG GONE MEN'S

Absent, no report: Early Birds; 12x12 (VA); M-W VA; Language of the Heart; Tuesday Promises, Friends of Bill W; Saturday Big Book & Speaker

Committee Chairs: Activities & Archives, LaVon L; Answering Service, Webmaster, Literature & Grapevine, Gene A; Corrections, Don B; Pink Can, Sally H; Newsletter, Sherry B

Absent, no report: John C, Treatment

Reading of Minutes: Sherry handed out hard copies of the minutes who hadn't received them or had trouble printing.

Motion made by Elaine F, 2nd by Dan T, 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, LaVon L-written report attached.

Archives, LaVon L-nothing new.

Answering Service, Gene A-Pro-Tel bill \$16.00; 32 calls @ \$.50 each.

Corrections, Don B-written reports from Don B and Craig B attached.

- Gene suggested that Don contact Area Corrections chair to get literature order for reunion at Walla Walla Penitentiary.

CPC-PI, Shernie F-no CPC-PI chair at this time.

Treatment, John C-Absent, no report.

Literature & Grapevine, Gene A: Reports given in financial report..

Pink Can, Sally H: Sally turned in \$87.06 to Gene. Full total will be in next month's financial report.

Schedules, Larry G, outgoing chair:

- Larry has turned in his remaining schedules to JC. Total around 200.

Newsletter, Sherry B:

- Nothing new. Please let me know what is going on with your groups and committees so I have some news to turn in to the Area newsletter chair.
- Websites for AA where you can get information:
 - District 9 website: <http://gander1.dyndns.org/d9/>
 - Area 92 website: www.area92aa.org/
 - GSO: www.aa.org
 - Grapevine: www.aagrapevine.org

- **DCM report, JC F: Tradition 4, from the Traditions Checklist**
<http://gander1.dyndns.org/d9/tdck.pdf>

Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

Alt DCM report, Dawn B: *Absent, no report.*

Old Business:

- Held election for new Schedules Committee Chair: Bob L elected unanimously.

New Business:

- **Gratitude Banquet:** LaVon will talk to First Presbyterian Church and ask for the second Saturday in November. Don made a motion, 2nd by Gene, to put lists together and decide menu. Sherry will pull up last year's flyer and see if it can be updated. Take back to your groups to get volunteers to cook, clean-up, etc. Dan had an idea for groups to get together and bring side dishes as a group.
- **Corn Roast** will be held Sunday, September 2. Sherry handed out flyers from Steve A. This is not a District-funded event, but is a potluck put on by individual groups and members.
- Larry brought up activities and workshops. He said that in the past the District didn't have an activities fund. Each event received seed money and then had to make everything over and above that.
- Gene said that activities is nearly self-supporting anyway, but that groups can donate money to District earmarked specifically for activities.
- JC doesn't want to begin the process but if groups would like to see one, he'd be willing to have a workshop.
- Dan would like to see JC send a message out to groups asking for input. JC agreed and said he'd like input from groups as to what topic they would like to see, then we can decide at a later time.
- Gene reminded us of the Area chairs and officers as well as Area quarterlies and assemblies.
- Dan would like a reminder about Area activities, workshops. Sherry will check the Area website periodically and email out information.

Next business meeting will be held Sunday, September 2, 2012, from 6:30-approximately 8:00 pm.

7th Tradition was taken and meeting adjourned @ 7:35 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Home Group Reports~

Touch on Feelings, alt GSR Don B

Birthdays: none
Attendance: 5-10

Sunday Morning Eye-Opener, alt GSR Gene A

Birthdays: one 1-month, two 24-hour
Attendance: average 12

Current events: Kelly doing excellent in service as chairperson.
Business meetings held as needed.

Sunday Big Book, GSR Sherry B, alt GSR LaVon L

Birthdays: one 18-month, one 7-year, multiple months and 24-hours at birthday meeting
Attendance: Friday average 20-30, other meetings are solid and going well
Business meetings are held as needed.

Thursday Night Open, GSR Dan T

Birthdays: one 30-days, one 6-months, one 11 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 August solidified.

As Bill Sees It, GSR Elaine F

Birthdays: 6 (5 chips)
Attendance: 25, 19, 15, 23 (20 avg)
Current Events: Coffee get-togethers are enjoying the visits from other AAer's from different groups. We meet Wednesday at Tony's Sub Shop. Pink Can: \$9.71.

Water Tower, GSR Colleen C

Birthdays: two 6-month
Attendance: Avg 16
Business Meeting Notes: (7/2/12) Home group members voted to move Water Tower meetings due to lack of handicap accessibility.

M-F Primary Purpose, GSR Dave K

Birthdays: ?
Attendance: Avg 12
Upcoming Events: Meeting at First Christian Church on 5/15/12.

Dog Gone Men's Group, GSR Ron F (*absent from District Meeting; emailed report*)

Birthdays: 26 years, Ron F.
Attendance: 1-3
Business Meeting Notes: Starting to plan Men's Campout

Activities Report, Committee Chair LaVon L.

Date: July 5, 2012

Current Event: 4th of July BBQ & Picnic

Some of us arrived at Rooks Park about 10:30 am to set up. Things started about 1:00 with burgers, hot dogs on the grill, plenty of salads and desserts for everyone. Everyone sat around eating, talking, laughing and having fun as we are not a glum lot.

At 3:00 the meeting started. The topic was God as we understand him, then everyone helped clean up so we could be out by 5:00 or so.

What a beautiful and wonderful day! The weather was good, the fellowship was good. Thank you one and all for such a beautiful event and time.

If you are missing anything you brought to the picnic place, contact me at 200-1344. *LaVon L.*

Corrections Report, Don B

Corrections needs help in the following areas:

1. Juvenile Hall
2. County Jail
3. Prison

For info contact the following people:

Prison- Linda Finn @ 509-526-6479
Juvenile Hall Don B @ 509-525-9345
County Jail Don B @ 509-525-9345 or 200-7609

Meetings are as follows:

Prison~

Sat. Medium Security 12:30-2:00
Minimum “ 2:30-3:45
Maximum “ 6:30-8:00

Juvenile Hall~ Wednesday- 3:15

County Jail Women’s~ Thursday- TBA

Corrections Report 2, Juvenile Justice Center Meeting Report

Subject: Singleness of Purpose

Meetings inside JJD begin, “Hello. My name’s _____. I’m an alcoholic.” After the Serenity Prayer, first name introductions, and the reading of the Preamble by one of the young men and women there, the question is usually asked “What do you think an alcoholic is?”

After some discussion we turn to the Big Book. Paraphrasing The Doctor’s Opinion: ‘when a chronic alcoholic takes a drink, he experiences a physical craving for alcohol that never occurs in the average temperate drinker. Once having formed his habit, when he takes a drink, he continues drinking to overcome a craving beyond his mental control. And chronic alcoholic means: “Once an alcoholic, always an alcoholic.”’

If an alcoholic decides he wants what we have and is willing to go to any length to be free from his deadly, merciless obsession to drink, then he is “ready to take certain steps.” If he takes these steps and practices these principles in all his affairs, he may tap “an unsuspected inner resource.” He may identify this new inner resource with his own conception of a Power greater than himself which will solve his problem.

Usually, five or six young men and women attend each meeting. To the best of my knowledge they are wither asked or invited by staff to attend. Usually one or more are not alcoholic, but most are knowledgeable and readily state whether they are alcoholics or not and if they have any other addictions.

The Preamble states our primary purpose and it seems clear to them. I personally believe that excluding any of these young men and women from a message of hope and love who don’t have a choice of messages to hear on any particular day would be shameful. Several of them share that outside JJC they attend a fellowship appropriate for their addictions. Some are dually addicted.

I personally believe that AA’s Singleness of Purpose is being upheld and respected by all in attendance at JJC. When we discuss steps, two, three, and four, there are no differences among us.

Please volunteer and fill out a simple clearance form at the window inside the Walla Walla County Juvenile Justice Center at 455 W. Rose, Walla Walla. We meet Wednesdays at 3:15 PM.

Thanks for your service.
God Bless You.
Sincerely,
Craig Baker