

District Nine Monthly Meeting - January 2014

Attendance: Dave L - DCM
Trae B - Alt DCM/AltTreatment
Gene A - Alt Treasurer/GSR Touch On Feelings/Alt GSR Sun Eye Opener
Jeff O - Secretary
LaVon L - Alt GSR Sun Nite Big Book
Bob - Alt GSR Waitsburg
Ron F - GSR Dawg Pound
Eric W - GSR Prescott Big Book Study
Elaine - GSR As Bill Sees It
Mark - GSR Thursday Night Group
Also, four District members

DCM Dave called meeting to order, asked for attendees to join in Serenity Prayer, and asked for reading of 12 Concepts of Service. Explained Robbert's Rules for Meeting Etiquette. Dave asked for minutes to previous month's minutes to be read. Gene informed the minutes are on the District website. Also, that website had new http address: **gander1.dyndns.org**

DCM: Review notes of Standing Committee Workshop (see attachment 1).
Review of Corrections Bridge Program (see attachment 2).
Review of final District 18 meeting and discussion of distribution of assets (see attachment 3). It was proposed that District take on D18's phone line.
Gene asked of D18's literature; Bob informed literature to be divided the three groups of former District. Poor Bob moved to conclude DCM report; seconded and accepted.

Financial Report: Gene presented financial report. Trae informed that the VA was out of books. Gene informed that the books at the VA had been moved. Also, while VA buys books/literature from District, they are separate, and District has no control over their inventory of such. Gene moved to close report; seconded, and accepted.

Corrections: Dave informed that Bob L was unable to attend, yet was given Bob's report (see attachment 4). It was asked about local town jail meeting status. Gene informed that a men's meeting was taking place (1 tank per week rotating) every five weeks, when the heat for the jail failed January 2010, and there has not been a men's meeting since. There is a women's meeting currently, yet the jail is unwilling to host two AA meetings. Gene moved to close report; seconded, and accepted.

Treatment: Dave asked about the current status of District's involvement in treatment facilities. Trae informed standing arrangement with VA for a speaker every Saturday at the Residential Recovery Unit there. Gene informed the other local treatment facilities are not welcoming to District participation, also citing unreliable commitment of those volunteering to be speaker. Dave informed he would look into the matter. Move to close report; seconded, and accepted.

Public Information: No report

Activities: LaVon reported on the District's New Year's Eve party at the VA Theater; 85 attended, with Ed P as Speaker. Countdown - Oldest, 29/youngest, 13 days/total; 247 years, 8 months, 13 days. Next workshop is Valentine's Day. Suggestions were asked to be held until New Business was opened. Poor Bob moved to close report; seconded, and accepted.

Archives: LaVon reports no changes. Move to close report; seconded, and accepted.

Pink Can: LaVon reported funds transferred to Treasurer are from eight different groups. Presented receipts. It was asked of the status District 18's Pink Cans. Bob informed cans had been abandoned. LaVon to meet with former D18 meetings of Waitsburg/Prescott/Dawg Pound. Move to close report; seconded, and accepted.

GSR Reports

Waitsburg Group: Reports attendance 5 - 12, with 22 last night. Birthdays celebrated members with 23 years, 2 years, and 6 months. Upcoming events include

LipSync at the end of February and Chicken Drop at the end of March. Poor Bob and Helen holding two weekly Back to Basics groups Friday evenings or Saturday mornings at their home. This is a four week, one hour sessions for those who wish to make commitment. Group decided on "AA Preamble" in place of "Primary Purpose." GSR planning on attending January Assembly. Next business meeting on January 20 @ 9pm; typical attendance runs 5 -7 at business meetings.

Sun Big Book Study: LaVon reports group celebrated one members birthday of 29 years. Average attendance 15. Raised \$24,91 in Pink Can.

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Sun Eye Opener: Gene reports group celebrated no birthdays for December, yet Will P. celebrates 20 years, not sure what meeting he will get coin. Attendance runs 10 -15. Group offers continental breakfast, so come early.

As Bill Sees It: Elaine reports attendance 15 -34, which includes vets in the VA treatment program. No activities planned and no heat in the VA theater made for chilly meetings.

Dawg Pound: Ron reported attendance runs 1 -4 and it is an open meeting not just a men's meeting. Planed activities campout at Toucanan January 24 - 26.

Thursday Night Open: Mark reports attendance 9 -14. business meetings held on second Thursday of month. Informs Will may attend for his 30 year coin.

Prescott Book Study: Eric reports group celebrated member birthdays of 17 years and 35 years. Attendance 4 -12. Activities coordinated with other former District 18 groups including Lip Sync and Chicken Drop. Reports group conscience meeting attendance 4.

Old Business

See Activities report for District New Year's Eve Party.

New Business

- 1) District Inventory by an Area 92 Representative (Michael B, District 20), will allow us to see our strengths and weaknesses. Ron asked if we were to pay room/board expenses; Dave informed he would be staying at his house. Gene asked for Michael B's position; Dave informed Michael is Alternate Chair D20. Gene informed that in past, workshops have been held February/March; suggested that we coordinate inventory with a service workshop and potluck. It was suggested held second weekend in March. Poor Bob informed that District 18 had accomplished an inventory in 2010, with good results, including a handbook with job descriptions. Poor Bob moved adoption of motion, seconded. Dave ask for adoption of motion and vote is taken. Motion carries.
- 2) Removal of any and all passwords to District 9 website including D9 minutes and financials. Gene informed that the new website has no password, however, contains no financial info or reports. He informed that the old site had been hacked, hence the necessity for a new site; suggested for the protection of the District and it's members that the site refrain from posting financial information. Gene moved adoption of motion, seconded. Dave ask for adoption of motion and vote is taken. Motion carries.
- 3) Creation of District 9 newsletter. LaVon informed that Sherry was doing the news letter. Trae suggested looking for a new person, due to Sherry's health. Ron informed newsletter to Area always done by secretary. Dave informed he wasn't addressing letter to Area; he was proposing a newsletter specifically for District to keep our members informed of activities, events, news from home groups, and from Area. Ron asked how many service positions were open. Dave informed not sure, yet this position would be a non-electable position, and he has someone willing to do the job. Deb L was introduced. Gene informed that there would be copy machine at her disposal. Deb informed electronic copy would be sent out for web site and distribution. Poor Bob moved accept motion, seconded. Dave ask for adoption of motion and vote is taken. Motion carries.
- 4) The holding of a service workshop. Item covered under Item 1; Dave informed that Carol E, Area Treasurer, willing to conduct workshop.
- 5) Storage of all District assets. Gene informed that Donnie was working storage shed for assets. Dave asked would this include literature and can it be centrally located. Mark informed Thursday Night group would not support building a shed using home group funds and suggested a District funded storage shed. Ron suggested finding a storage unit and that most of the literature be stored there, with Gene keeping a number of books/pamphlets on hand. Bill L, District member in attendance, purposed should the storage unit include literature, it should have a separate locker for security. Dave purposed table of motion. Ron moved to table motion; seconded. Dave ask for table of motion and vote is taken. Motion tabled.
- 6) Valentine's Day movie at VA Theater. Dave purposed that event should be fund raiser, with proceeds going to Activities. Also, theater has popcorn machine, making for real movie experience. Movie choice to be The Bill W Story. Gene suggested date be Friday February 14 at VA theater. Jeff O informed other program use of theater on Friday nights. Gene purposed that Saturday, the 15th. Elaine motioned item, seconded. Dave ask for adoption of motion and vote is taken. Motion carries.

Dave asked that the word be made known to home groups that District has opening for Area Newsletter Editor; also encourage members participate in Standing Committee Workshops.

Gene moved that the next District meeting be moved from the first Sunday of February, the 2nd, to be held instead on February 9th @ 6:30pm; seconded, all agreed on new date.

Ron moved to close meeting, also no hugs due to flu season. Seconded; meeting adjured.