

December 7, 2014

## **DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING Minutes**

Opening Statements: Robert's Modified Rules of Order to be followed, 12 Concepts short form read, Serenity Prayer recited by group.

### **AGENDA**

Previous meeting minutes. No Minutes available for last month

Roll Call: Dyan, Colleen, Glenna, Sherry, Joy, Sally, Gene, Jerry, Bob, Ron, Jeri, Mark, Trae, Donny, Jake, Eric, Poor Bob, Jerry, Nells, Benjamin, Karen, Jeff

GSR Reports: Mark-Thursdays Night Open attendance range from 5 people to 20 or more-average of 15; Jake Sunday Night Big Book Group- 15 people average; Nells Happy Hour- 15 to 20; Nells Milton Freewater group average 15 to 20 had a 35 yr. birthday; Eric- Prescott group 10 to 15; Benjamin Water Tower - 15 average; Ron Dog Pound - 2 to 10 people one high night of 25 people, moved to Friday night Christian Center, upcoming event Men's Campout January 2015, would like to have members from Walla Walla come and visit; Poor Bob Waitsburg- average 10 30 day birthday; Gene-Sunday Morning Eye Opener 3 year birthday average 10; Joy Early Birds 11 birthdays, average 18; Donny Monday Night Touch on Feelings- average 2 to 8

Question on the floor from Gene- who is secretary? Nominations and the vote for Position of Secretary has not yet occurred. Minutes being "tape" recorded.

Treasurer Report Poor Bob- for November 2014. Treasurer distributed written Treasurer Report to GSRs in attendance. See Treasurers Report attached to Minutes.

Treasurer's Report Discussion: Clarification "Literature Account" consists of money only not including the value of literature in stock. Bob states, "Bank did not want to hold all those books."

Glenna reports woman's groups told her they were going to give her the Pink Can Funds because Women's Groups have no GSRs at this time, Glenna asks for guidance as to what to do with the Pink Can money she receives. Unable to hear all of discussion.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, seconded, vote to accept report passed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Activity Report- 1. News Eve gathering at VA Theater, Donny has fliers available, social hour 6:00, dinner 6:30 and speaker Peggy H. from Tri Cities, raffle, karaoke, begins at 6 2. Christmas party and Men's Campout also coming up. Donny has flyers for each event.

Donny asks for GSRs to approve \$170 for the New Year Party raffle prizes, decorations, only to be used if needed. Donny emphasizes will only be use if needed. Gene reminds group totes need to be gone through to see what does need to be purchased for New Year Party. Plan to purchase 4 nice prizes.

Discussion pay for gas for speaker, does fund come out of activity account? Reply gift for speaker and money for speaker's gas comes out of general funds because that is part of the meeting. Motion made and seconded; vote for \$170 for New Year's Eve Party. Motion passes. Donny states he will keep receipts. Discussion of bank card. Trae has bank card at this time. Bank Card will be discussed later on agenda.

Archives Report-not available

Correction report- Glenna Women's AA meeting Saturday average of 2 women each Saturday Glenna gave out one Big Book.

Cooperation with Profession Community Report- Benjamin-ordered books and pamphlets on line; website does not work well so Benjamin and Colleen are not sure if order went through, they will follow up and order by phone if order not completed. Bank/Debit Card was used to place order. Question on the floor from Gene, "Who authorized the use of the debit card?" Glenna asked for clarification of approval. Benjamin was authorized to spend \$250 months ago- 4 or 5 months ago. This expense was discussed and approved in previous meeting. Gene, "Out of what funds?" Reply Benjamin- Literature funds.

Pink Can Report-Dyan gave Pink Can Funds to Gene \$143.31, all agreed funds would not be mingled with any personal bank accounts, Dyan reminds group of importance of Pink Can Funds, much discussion of one time error of Pink Can funds co-mingling with private account. All agreed AA funds will not be mingled with member's private accounts. \$88.66 from September 2014. Statement from one GSR, "I'm not going to rake her over the coals, we're all human and make mistakes."

Treatment Committee Report-

District 9 Totes in Trae's storage of and Colleen has key. Discussion that District needs place to store Totes.

Answering Service Report- Ron-Ron asked 2 months ago for list of people who would like to be on list for answering service. GSRs were to bring names and numbers back to Ron. Ron said at this time he has not yet received any names or phone numbers except from Waitsburg group.. Ron is going to compile list of good numbers that he has at this time.

District 9 Totes in Trae's storage of and Colleen has key. Discussion that District needs place to store Totes. Donny has a locked storage area on his property which has plenty of room for activities "stuff." In May, home groups discussed and agreed District 9 should get storage unit. At that time (May) vote was taken and passed that totes would be put in private storage unit. Discussion should pay for own

storage unit rather than have totes stored on someone's personal property. Mark states his group felt very strongly that totes should not be attached in any way to personal property. Joy reports her concern she needs to know what is in totes because Joy is responsible for decorations. Events are right around the corner. Joy needs to know what she has and what she needs to purchase. Colleen states she has a list of what is in totes which she will share with Joy. Gene concerned there is no insurance when totes stored in storage unit. Gene tells group that when individual stores totes contents are covered by homeowner's/renter's insurance. If there is a fire and totes are at store room, District would lose all literature, etc. Discussion not all members have homeowner's or renter's insurance. Some member's fee strongly totes should not be in the possession of individual member. Point raised District has adequate funds to pay for storage room and insurance as needed. Possible option of purchasing personal insurance for contents of totes. Jeff states he purchased two very large totes, water proof and secure containers with locks. Glenna agrees to gather information with costs, location of potential storage units for totes. Glenna will report back to group. Poor Bob reminds group there are three different categories of stuff for storage. Activities, Literature, Archives. It makes sense for each Chair of each Committee to have access of contents of totes of that committee. Discussion floored until Glenna returns with report of cost and sizes of 3 different storage units.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Area Meeting: Eric volunteered because previous person spear heading area meeting no longer in this District. Lasagna. Needs list of volunteers 4 or 5 people Friday 2:00 in the afternoon until about 9:00 pm. Set up tables, get coffee going and break down. Needs ideas for Mexican caterer in the area for Saturday Lunch? Eric also needs volunteers for Saturday morning 7:00 am for registration hospitality table, trash, etc. Usually over about 3:00. Clean up around 3:00 then volunteers done. Date-January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Milton Freewater Community Center. Eric asks for volunteers. Eric working on costs involved.

Gene request minutes are given to GSRs at least 15 days after District Meeting so GSRs have time to return to home groups with necessary information.

Gene is concerned money from debit card use is not able to be tracked. Gene made motion-unable to hear motion. Seconded. Discussion. Trae currently has debit card in her possession. Gene is not concerned about not trusting other members with Debit card but rather concerned about procedure/process/authorization of card use. Bill L. person who is supposed to have debit card is treasurer. Donny, GSRs voted that no one could use card without prior authorization and treasurer and alternate treasurer should keep card in their possession. Poor Bob treasurer. 3 existing debit cards were cancelled and one card. Poor Bob acknowledges him being treasurer and living 23 miles away can create a problem for District to access funds. During a past meeting Poor Bob purposed Trae or Gene keep card. Possibly getting rid of card would be the answer. Maybe go back to writing checks. Motion made above by Gene return card to Gene. Poor Bob suggests keep card rather than destroy it. Mark states we need to vote on above Motion to return card to treasurer. Gene said in the past there have been unauthorized charges on card. Motion treasurer retains credit card for use for approved business. Seconded and approved.

Gene would like for District to purchase a case of Living Sober Books for VA for in appreciation for using theatre. Trae said maybe each individual group should give books to VA if they want. Group of GSRs need to take back to home groups for discussion and input before vote can be taken at Business Meeting. Someone said, "There is not time." Bill L. says District has always, always, always donated a case of books to VA. Part of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition of AA being self-supporting. Dyan states she feels strongly that Pink Can funds should be used each month for support correction, hospitals, VA, etc. Ron is under the impression that VA has high inventory of AA literature. VA is unable to give out books unless patient asks. Gene says VA inventory is "nill." Donny said he spoke with VA representative who said he was told any books would be appreciated. How VA distributes books is not business of District 9. Trae makes point that groups that meet up at VA remember to tell members they can get a books. Pink Can money can be spent without prior approval from Home groups. No motion required for to spend Pink Can funds. Motion made, seconded approved to purchase case of Living Sober books for VA.

Donny makes request for all GSR email address. Ron made Motion to close seconded.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Volunteer to type minutes for this meeting-Jeri

December 16<sup>th</sup> 2014