

District 9 Business Meeting

March 2, 2014

Attendance: Dave L – DCM
Poor Bob - Treasurer/Alt GSR Waitsburg
Gene A - Alt Treasurer/GSR Touch On Feelings/Alt GSR Sun Eye Opener
LaVon L - Archives/Pink Can
Ron F - GSR Dawg Pound
Ben G - GSR Water Tower
Joe L - GSR Language of the Heart
Eddie P - Alt GSR Milton Freewater Primary Purpose
JC F - GSR Wed Nite 1st Step
Dave S - Alt GSR Prescott AA
Sherri S - Prescott Study Group secretary
Also, 2 District members

Trae B - Alt DCM/AltTreatment
Jeff O - Secretary
Joy - Alt GSR Sun Nite Big Book
Mark - GSR Thursday Night Group
Colleen - Alt GSR Water Tower
Jake - GSR Sun Nite Big Book Study
Dawn - GSR Early Birds
Donnie B- GSR Touch on Feelings
Elaine - GSR As Bill Sees It
George - Sunday Morning Eye Opener

DCM Dave called meeting to order, asked for attendees to join in Serenity Prayer, and asked for reading of 12 Concepts of Service.

Dave called for reading of minutes from February's meeting.

Minutes were read by Jeff, District secretary. Poor Bob moved to accept the minutes as read. Motion was seconded. Dave called for vote. Minutes accepted.

DCM Report

Made popcorn for the District Valentine's Day movie at VA Theater.

Attended Yakima Vally Round Up.

Announced would be attending Standing Quarterly in Euphrata on March 15th and that he would be leaving at 6 am should anyone wish to go.

Treasurer's Report

Gene presented financial report. He reported that the District was now out of pocket size Big Books. Donnie moved to accept report. Ron seconded. Dave called for vote. Report accepted.

Corrections Report: No Report

Treatment Committee Report: No report

Public Information Committee Report: No report

Cooperation with Professional Community Report: No Report

Activities Committee Report: LaVon reported on St Valentine's Movie an attendance of 28 members. She informed the the money raised, as stated in Treasure's report, would go to Activities. Reported LipSync in Waitsburg was a great success, with raffle, great food, and LipSync contest winners in categories of Best Adult, Best Adult Group, Spirit of Participation, and Gas Mask. Ron added best one in 26 years. LaVon then informed next activity would be the Service Workshop March 22nd at the Walla Walla Presbyterian in the basement, followed by the Chicken Drop March 29th.

Pink Can Report: LaVon informed she presented Gene with a check representing nine home group donations. Gene informed the need to get an order on books for the penitentiary. Also, informed GSRs should they need books, please get him the order by March 22. Trae asked how often are books ordered. Gene replied twice a year to ensure free shipping on order.

GSR Reports

Touch on Feelings: Donnie reports group celebrating member birthdays of 2 years & five years. Attendance average 5 -10. No upcoming events or scheduled business meeting.

Wed Nite 1st Step: JC reports business meeting not formal and conducted by the group; celebrated member birthdays of two 1 month, one 3 month, and one 8 years; attendance 11 average, no upcoming events. Business notes reports giving funds to district.

Sun Nite Big Book Study: Jake reports business meeting first Sunday of month; attendance 10 - 20, no birthdays celebrated.

Milton Freewater PP: Eddie reports attendance 15 - 20; last Wednesday celebrate all birthdays with cake.

Early Birds: Dawn reports attendance 10 - 20; celebrated birthdays of 30 days, 90 days, and 5 months.

Water Tower: Benjamin reports meeting Mon/Wed/Fri at noon; attendance around 15; celebrated member birthdays of 6 months, 3 years, and 26 years; attendance 19 average.

Language of the Heart: Joe reports meetings Tue/Thur at noon; celebrated member birthday of 12 years; attendance 10 - 13.

Prescott Study Group: Sherri reports attendance 9 -15; no birthdays, upcoming events - Chicken Drop.

Sunday Morning Eye Opener: Gene reports attendance 10 -16; continental breakfast; celebrated one member's birthday of 16 years.

Waitsburg AA: Poor Bob reports celebrated member birthdays of 8 months and 1 year; attendance 5 -19; events - providing support for Chicken Drop at town hall in Waitsburg on March 29th - events supported by 50/50 raffle. LipSync was well attended; Joy was speaker with a positive message of hope and recovery. Kelly O meeting opener for Monday nights; Saturdays continue opened by Helen R.

Thursday Night Open: Mark reports celebrated birthdays of 3 years, 4 years and 22 years; attendance 9 -20; several new comers with less than 30 days; business meeting second Thursday of month at 8:30.

As Bill Sees It: Elaine reports attendance 12 -15; celebrated 3 birthdays; turned over funds to Pink Can.

Dawg Pound Group: Ron reports attendance 5; upcoming events - working on spring campout. LipSync a great success; no business meeting.

Old Business

Storage of District Assets: Dave asked if LaVon had researched storage units cost; she replied no. Dave suggested tabling motion until research could be done. Gene expressed concerns that smallest unit would cost around \$50. monthly and that would be a lot of money spent. Also, expressed not wishing to include literature to be stored there. Dave stated the need to find somewhere to store the District's literature. George suggested the library has shelf space available. LaVon raised the concern that should need for a book on a Sunday night, the library would be closed. Dave stated literature was only one piece. Donnie informed that item has been brought up in past; no storage would agree without one person's name on lease. JC further informed that in past research, storage facilities would not rent to a group, only one person designated could sign for and be sole responsible for unit. Gene stated District had accumulated a lot and some may not be needed. He suggested getting rid of excess assets; i.e. coffee pots, and asking groups for assistance for events. George informed he has space available at his home and would be willing to store the District's assets. LaVon informed that when holding events at the VA, all the coffee pots are used and voiced concern over loss of assets should bins be stored in multiple locations. Dave stated we have a motion on the storage of the assets. George stated willingness to be of service by storing District assets. JC moved we accept George's offer, LaVon seconded. Dave called for vote; Elaine opposed this motion, suggesting District members look at property, citing George had admitted to her that he and his wife were hoarders, and expressed concern of District assets being stored there. Dave asked if anyone would like to change their vote; Ron expressed holding off on George's offer until more facts were known, with no disrespect intended. Trae agreed. Dave informed that one person expressed a minority opinion, which changed the vote, and it must be voted on again. Dave called the vote; 9 for, 4 oppose - motion carries.

Holding of Service Workshop and District Inventory: Dave informed a flier was now out for this event and that the basement of the Walla Walla Presbyterian was secured to hold event. Dave asked Colleen if she was still willing to chair the work shop; Colleen agreed. Dave informed future questions should now go to her. He also informed that Carol E and Willie W are indeed coming, as is Michael B for the Inventory. Trae offered to Colleen her assistance. LaVon informed that organizers for work shop would need to get with Bill acquire the church's alarm systems key fob, as she would be out of town.

District News Letter: Dave presented examples of newsletter. He turned things over to Deb L, District newsletter editor. Deb informed it has her email for GSRs to inform her of their groups upcoming events. She asked that submissions get to her before mid month. Also, she would be interviewing those in service positions for the newsletter. It will also present each month a step, tradition, and concept. She asked for GSRs input on what they would like to see featured.

District Hand Book Committee: Dave informed that it was voted that District have an AdHoc committee concerning the hand book. He stated he was in possession of former District 18's handbook and that he had spoken with the board members who authored it. The members of the AdHOc are Gene, Trae, Poor Bob, Helen from Waitsburg, and himself. Also, Dave asked for additional volunteers for this committee.

New Business

Open Alt Pink Can: Elaine stated she was stepping down from her role as Alt Pink Can. She handed her resignation to Dave.

Fourth of July Chairperson: Dave informed District looking for a volunteer to chair the fourth of July picnic. He stated it could be an individual or group and for GSRs to please get the word out.

District Bills addressed by Treasurer: Dave informed that we needed to reinstate District guidelines in operation of District to allow Treasurer to pay bills. The District could operate under these guidelines until the District Hand Book was adopted into use. Donnie moved to reinstate guidelines until hand book was operational. Poor Bob asked as incoming Treasurer, does guidelines include what is housekeeping and payable without a vote? Gene informed it includes everything, such as DCM Quarterly expenses, schedules, gas, phone center bills, and conferences. It includes what is deemed housekeeping. Ron asked why does the District Treasurer need a vote to pay a bill; that it was common practice that Treasurer paid bills and included those cost in their report. JC informed that the guidelines District was operating under were dissolved and need to be reinstated to allow Treasure that ability. Poor Bob informed that paying of said bills was always started with a group conscience. JC moved for a vote on the motion, Dave called the vote; motion passes.

Trae expressed thanks to Gene for continuation of his service.

Ron expressed the need for role call at the beginning of the meeting; many agreed.

Dave informed role call would be instituted at the next meeting.

Deb L asked what positions were open to inform home groups of service opportunities.

Dave informed on the newsletter there is a list of all current positions open in the District. As of date, no Standing Committees for Corrections, PI, Treatment, or CPC. Also, open Alt Pink Can. He asked for home group participation in Activities Committees.

Donnie moved to close meeting; Vote called for, meeting was adjured.

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Jeff O