

DISTRICT 92 – MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

MARCH 13, 2022 (REVISED)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy M., Richard, Marc M., Ron O., Jeffrey, Gene, Rick, Janet, Ben, Kevin (via Zoom), Louise, Francisco, Javier, Kari, Elaine, Corey, Deborah, Shernie

DCM Judy called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm at SonBridge and presided.

OPEN SERENITY PRAYER

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Judy M., DCM, Richard, Alt. DCM, Ben, Treasurer, Kari, Secretary

Committee Chairs: Janet, Web/Tech, Louise, Treatment/Accessibility, Sherni, Archives, Kevin, Corrections

The agenda had previously been sent to the Board and was available on GoogleDocs. Judy opened with a review of Tradition Three. Each of its six questions were discussed.

MINUTES: Gene noted that the minutes had identified the member who had a 10 year birthday incorrectly as Jan when her name is Janet. He asked that the minutes be changed. By motion made by Gene and seconded by Richard, the minutes with the above change were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ben reviewed the Treasurer's Report and answered questions. He stated that the Presbyterian Church had received \$100 for the New Year's Eve party held there. He also noted that the entire annual cost of hosting our website has been paid (\$60). By motion made by Gene and seconded by Marc, the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

GSR REPORTS: Judy noted that a new form is available online for use by GSRs. She asked that GSRs use it in the future. The format sends the relevant information directly to the Secretary. Some GSRs had begun to use it.

GSRs present then gave updates of their groups for the month of February.

- Early Birds Group: GSR Deborah reported average attendance of 7 to 8 people; 3 coins were awarded last month; the group meets via Zoom every morning at 6:30 a.m. One of their members started treatment today.
- Grupo Alpha y Omega: GSR Francisco said the group is meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday; meetings are attended by 4 or 5 people at First Congregational Church. A group of people from Pasco attended one of their meetings recently.
- Language of the Heart: Point of contact Richard made the report (his written report was much appreciated by the Secretary). Seven people attend on average. The group is set up informally so that the meeting chair frequently rotates among members. Two coins were given last month. The format is Big Book first 164 pages. It meets at St. Paul's Episcopal on Tuesday and Thursdays at noon.
- Spiritual Toolbox: GSR Ron O. reported 1 birthday for 30 days was recently given; average attendance is 10 to 12 people at Adventists Church in Milton-Freewater.
- Thursday Night Open: GSR Jeffrey said they had been having hybrid meetings but voted to end the virtual part of the meeting. There were 2 birthdays in the last month. Average attendance is 10 to 12 people, including 1 or 2 newcomers each week.
- Sunday Morning Eye Opener: GSR Gene said 8 people regularly attend. Meetings are 10 to 11:30 a.m. Member Janet had a 10 year birthday recently, and Gene observed his 24th birthday.
- Touch on Feelings: Rick said 4 or 6 coins were given last month. The meetings are on Fridays at SonBridge, attended by 18 people usually. The Monday meeting is at his home and is growing.
- Wednesday First Step Group: GSR Shernie reported that 15 people attend on average. People have visited from Goldendale, Portland and Seattle, often accompanying a local member. They've given out 2 coins for 30 days in the last month. The meeting is from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
- Women's Monday Night AA: GSR Louise T. said attendance usually ranges from 10 to 15 women, with one to three newcomers each week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The group then heard committee reports from the Chairs present:

- Answering Service: The Chair has unfortunately resigned from AA at this time. This is a critical service for the District. The group discussed how best to continue the service, which is expensive. Ben said we get a 50% discount since so many of the calls are marketing calls. We pay \$1.25 per authentic call for information. The company is ProTel or Professional Telephone. The service provides information and meeting schedules. A new chair should be appointed; this should be handled under New Business later in the meeting.
- Archives: Chair Shernie said she now has possession of 4 containers of material and will inventory soon. She described a few particularly interesting pieces in the containers and the perplexing such as a folded disposable tablecloth. Gene said he has copied 20 years of minutes and treasurer reports to a CD and will give to archives. He was thanked for this information. Richard asked whether a committee would be helpful to her to inventory. Shernie said that would make it more enjoyable but the space where she is working is small. Jeffrey asked what will we do with the material? Several people said it is useful to display at events.
- Corrections: Chair Kevin said the Committee continues to try to establish or re-establish meetings at the Penitentiary, County Jail and Juvenile Justice. The penn will not allow in-person meetings but Webex virtual meetings are permissible. Unlikely that material could be brought in by volunteers. The County Jail contact has not responded to his numerous calls and emails. Ron O. he continues to reach out to Juvenile Justice – Wednesday has been identified as a meeting day there but we don't know what time. There was an in-depth discussion about getting literature to alcoholics who are incarcerated or in juvenile justice center. It was agreed to re-examine how to do so during Old Business.
- Treatment and Accessibility: Chair Louise T. read a list of local treatment and sober living programs she has contacted in the past month. All are interested in receiving literature for their patients and residents.
- Web/Technology: Chair Janet reviewed the written report she previously sent to the group. (The written report was particularly appreciated by the

Secretary). Janet is the webmaster and regularly updates the website. She has updated the schedule again and provided more information. Information about Spanish speaking groups is also provided. She asked anyone with updates or information for the website to contact her. She needs to hear directly from sources of information, preferably in an email or text. She will remove the hybrid feature from the information about the Thursday Night meeting. Marc commented that the new Friday night Happy Hour meeting at the Presbyterian Church is on the website.

DCM REPORT: DCM Judy then gave her report. She's attended the DCM sharing session, and attended the meeting of the Literature Committee. She can't attend the workshop this weekend but Richard will cover it. She is in touch with Area chair Ben.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Treatment Chair Louise T. said the treatment groups including Hope House (6 women in a sober living house) and Doughty Home (which at a later meeting was discovered to have closed). Louise requested 10 packets, five brochures and a meeting schedule, for each treatment or sober living program to test whether the packets will be used and how long they last. Ten packets may be sufficient for 1 month or 3 months. The cost is \$109.50. In addition a subscription to the Grapevine publication would be great for Hope House and for Doughty Home. Each Grapevine is \$57 for the year (might be able to get 2 annual subscriptions for the price of one). By motion made by Richard and seconded by Louise, the literature and information packets at a cost of \$109.50 was approved as were 2 Grapevine subscriptions, one each for Hope House and Doughty Home. The funds should come out of the General Fund or Literature Fund.

NEW BUSINESS: Gene moved that literature including Grapevine subscriptions be provided to the Penitentiary and Juvenile Justice Center as follows: Six Grapevine subscriptions to the Penitentiary and 2 Grapevine subscriptions to the Juvenile Justice Center, and 1 subscription to LaVina to the Juvenile Justice Center and 2 subscriptions to LaVine to the penitentiary, to be paid for by the Pink Can account. Richard seconded the motion. The group asked if the County

Jail should also be given a subscription; Kevin said since there is no point of contact that is unknown. This was tabled.

District 18: Richard reported that he visited Dayton and attended a meeting there that happened to be the group's business meeting. Member Corey is part of the Dayton group. Dayton is formally participating in the Area organization. Prescott, Waitsburg, and Dayton are part of District 18 but no one knows why. Richard invited Dayton to be part of District 9 (Waitsburg is already participating). They are open to the idea and are considering it. Corey reported there was a Wednesday night meeting in Prescott but now suspended since the person leading it perished of Covid.

Area's Request to District to Review Proposed Revisions to Materials: Judy reviewed the state of AA's review and possible revision of 89 agenda items.

Men's Campout: Kari said the February minutes refer to the campout and that Ron F. was going to make a report. Gene said 14 people attended and it was good experience.

District 9 Sponsorship of a Workshop: The group discussed the possibility of District 9 sponsoring a one day workshop for the Area. December 10, 2022 and December 9, 2023 are open at this time. After a discussion it was agreed that District 9 will sponsor the December 10, 2022 workshop. By motion made by Richard and seconded by Jeffrey, the workshop was approved.

Literature Purchase: Gene moved that the District purchase 20 copies of two brochures, "The Twelve Concepts for World Service illustrated" and "The Twelve Traditions illustrated" for GSR use. Marc seconded the motion. After a discussion the motion was approved.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned.

Kari I.
Secretary