

DISTRICT 9
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

ROLL CALL: Present, Judy Mc, Richard B, Ron O, Louise, Jen F and Gene A

CALL TO ORDER; 6:10, DCM Judy Mc presiding. It was determined by complete unanimity that enough members were present to constitute a quorum and thus conduct business.

OPEN SERENITY PRAYER

TRADITION OF THE MONTH: Ron O read and led a discussion of Tradition 9. Contributions were made by Gene, Richard and Judy.

CONCEPT OF THE MONTH: Judy presented a short video outlining the Twelve Concepts. Brief discussion followed. Next month is Concept VII.

SECRETARY REPORT: The Secretary was absent on a prearranged vacation. Minutes from August 14th were read into the record and accepted with minor corrections as moved by Gene and seconded by Ron. Richard was acting Secretary.

TREASURER REPORT: Report was read into the minutes by the DCM as the Treasurer had an excused absence. The report was accepted by motion from Gene and second by Ron. The report has been a topic of discussion for 3 months now and most members would like to see some changes to the report. Some examples of change are; rename "accounts receivable" as it causes confusion as do "debits" and credits as they seem to be backwards. Most would like to see a detailed breakout of income as well. It was encouraged to submit desired changes in writing to the Treasurer so he can review them then have an agenda item to thoroughly discuss at a following business meeting.

DCM REPORT: Judy presented her report. Emphasis was on two motions for October Assembly in Richland. All were encouraged to attend. One motion pertained to the Area Archives Committee receiving up to \$18,000 plus for a storage facility for archive materials to last up to 5 years. Input to the DCM was unanimously against the motion for several reasons; excessive cost, paper archives/historical documents are becoming obsolete and should be digitized and disposed of, very few Area AA's actually see the archives. The second motion is to establish an ad hoc committee to explore the potential and implementation of hybrid assemblies, quarterlies and other Area business/activities. We fully supported this.

GSR REPORTS: SMEO, As Bill Sees It, Spiritual Toolbox, Monday Night Women's and LOTH gave reports on their groups. Reports consisted of meeting time and place, type of meeting and attendance. Spiritual Toolbox stated they are considering a periodic Breakfast meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS;

CORRECTION/JUVENILE JUSTICE/PI/CPC; Ron O was very pleased with the PI and CPC Workbooks the District procured. He solicited help from Gene in preparing some flyers to post at St. Mary's and other locations. In the Juvenile Justice area, Ron is concerned and looking for ways to get those leaving the Juvi Center to connect to AA meetings. There was some discussion about a newcomers/beginners meeting. We also discussed the already established Corrections program the Bridge and Bridging the Gap used by Treatment where people leaving the "system" are connected to an AA member that takes them to their first few outside meetings. We also discussed forming a new meeting centered on newcomers. The importance of a meeting where there is a variety of sobriety for newcomers to hear from.

TREATMENT: Louise updated us on Treatment activities and she requested funding for a resupply of materials for treatment/counseling facilities. Gene motioned that \$150 be authorized for Treatment committee use for this purpose. Seconded by Ron and passed.

LITERATURE and GRAPEVINE: Gene announced that GSO was back in business with literature. He encouraged groups to check their inventory and let the Literature chair know our needs.

ANSWERING SERVICE: Jen briefed that the Answering Service received very few calls and the call volunteers reported responding to zero. There was discussion about if the answering service was a problem, were calls being replaced by websites and apps etc. Jen will contact Tri-Cities and get a feel for how their system works and how many calls they receive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: GSR's polled their groups and the overwhelming consensus was to have the Gratitude Banquet at First Presbyterian. Judy will contact the Activities Chair to proceed with this venue. Church has been reserved.

NEW BUSINESS: GSR's Attending Assembly. As a means of promoting involvement in the formal service structure and since the Assembly is in Richland, Richard motioned to have the district help fund GSR's to attend the assembly. Proposed \$70 (\$50 for gas and \$20 for registration). Gene amended the motion to include \$8 for the ice cream social. Motion seconded by Ron and approved.

ADJOURNED: 8:00