

## **DISTRICT 9 – MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING**

**November 13, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy M, Chris R., Gene A., Rick, Kari, Janet, Jen F., Ben H.

DCM Judy M. called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm at SonBridge and presided.

OPEN SERENITY PRAYER

TRADITION 11 and Concept VIII: These were postponed until the December 11, 2022 meeting.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Judy M. (DCM), Kari I. (Secretary), Ben H. (Treasurer)

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Rick (Activities Chair and GSR for Touch on Feelings), Jen (Hot Line Chair, Alternate GSR for As Bill Sees It), Janet (Tech Chair), Gene (GSR for Sunday Morning Eye Opener and Grapevine Chair), Gene A. (Grapevine, GSR for Sunday Morning Eye Opener), Chris R. (GSR for Night Owls), Shernie (Archives and Literature)

OFFICER REPORTS:

Minutes- By motion made by Gene and seconded by Rick, the minutes of the October 11, 2022 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Ben H. reviewed the financial report in revised format for October 2022. The new format is an improvement over previous reports. Ben said income and expenses for October included literature sales of \$52.50, and income from the Gratitude Dinner. \$240 in silent auction proceeds were received, and the 50/50 totaled \$480, which coincidentally also meant income of \$240. Further, an anonymous donor gave \$100 for activities. So the total amount received from the 11/12/22 Gratitude dinner was \$580. Judy M. suggested that for greater clarity the reformatted Treasurer's Report rename the columns "Debit" and "Credit" "Income" and "Paid Out". Janet asked for a Treasurer's Report that was Year to Date (1/1/2022 to present). Rick moved acceptance of the Treasurer's Report with the changed categories which was seconded by Janet. The report was accepted.

GSR REPORTS:

Touch on Feelings – Rick said the group meets Mondays and Fridays with average attendance on Mondays at 10 and Fridays at 20. The meetings start at 7 pm. They usually have some newcomers. Coins awarded in October were for 8 months and 10 months. The format of these meetings is “Topic/Share”.

Night Owls – Chris said the group meets on Saturday evenings at 9 pm at FCC. On average 3 people attend the meeting. They have had 3 newcomers. Their format is open and includes Daily Reflections, Big Book and As Bill Sees It. Business meetings occur on the last Saturday of every month 30 minutes before the meeting starts. One 9 month coin was given in October.

As Bill Sees It – Jen said the meeting is attended by 13 people – no coins have been awarded in the last month. They read As Bill Sees It and share. The group meets at SonBridge on Saturdays at 1 pm.

First Step and Wednesday Night Open – Ben is substitute for Thursday night meetings of First Step group. They had their first newcomer recently; average attendance is 8 to 5 people. For Wednesday Night Open average attend is 6 to 10 people.

Sunday Morning Eye Opener – Gene A. said their business meeting is as needed. They meet at SonBridge at 10 am on Sundays. Average attendance is 10. They donated \$100 to the District.

Women’s Monday Night Meeting – Judy M. reported as a substitute for Louise who is GSR and unable to attend tonight’s meeting. She said the business meeting occurs once a month. Average attendance is 10 to 12 . people. She said a 10 year coin was recently awarded to Kari I. GSR Louise will be going to District; Judy recommended that we keep a Prudent Reserve of \$150. We are paying for Louise to attend District meeting.

#### Committee Chair Reports:

Activities – Rick C. further reported on the success of the Gratitude Dinner. Ben H. said a payment of \$100 is due Walla Walla Presbyterian Church, the location of the event. Rick had paid \$164 out of his own pocket for Gratitude Dinner expenses.

The “Standing Committee Workshop” of Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> will include lunch. We are responsible for providing coffee, fruit, muffins etc. Gene said the Standing Committee Workshop isn’t an activity of District 9 that requires support out of the activity fund. Rather it is a function. The details of the workshop were further discussed. Jen committed to prepare materials for the sign in table, and to have name tags available. Judy asked each of us to come up with at least one question for use on the Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> panel.

New Year’s Eve event – Someone said that we should offer karaoke for some of the evening’s entertainment, and that we should arrange with Dave. This is an activity of District 9. We’ll use leftover party materials for it. On the sign up sheet it should be noted that people should get in touch with Rick about karaoke. It was agreed that we’ll have a silent auction again. We’ll also have bingo, 50/50 and a raffle. We need to identify a speaker – Judy committed to find one. It was also agreed to invite Al-anon to the party.

Hot Line or Answering Service – Jen said 3 were received last month.

Technology – Janet reported that she made two changes to schedule, and had a new batch printed. Note that Tuesday evening meeting changed room location ( from Fireside room to basement.) Other improvements were made to format for clarity.

DCM Report: Judy referred everyone to the attachment. She assembly in Richland in October. The Assembly approved support the Area’s Archives costs at \$750 a month.

Unfinished Business: Judy M. said resolving the issues raised at last month’s meeting at Literature were deferred until this meeting. Gene A. said the literature fund was designed to be self-supported. Committee Chair Shernie needs a budget. We need to have literature on hand – she needs resources to buy inventory on an ongoing basis. Gene A. said in the past GSRs would let him know if more lit was needed. It was agreed that the District should have a ready supply of everything at all times. The group approved getting 20 hardbound Big Books (a case); it would be helpful to have at least 6 of 12 x 12, As Bill Sees It, Meditation, Brochures (which are \$ .25 each). People need to be able to see what is available online. Shernie will check everything else in inventory and let us know

what else we need. Gene will contact her. After a discussion, Gene moved that we should restock our inventory using the \$919 in the budget, including getting a case of hardcopy Big Books at a cost of \$170 each (we sell for \$9 each which is at cost). The motion further included having half a dozen copies of other books and texts the cost of which should not exceed the \$919 budgeted. The motion was seconded by Rick. The motion was unanimously approved.

New Business: It was agreed that a budget for 2023 should be prepared. The agenda suggests that Richard B. prepare one.

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

Respectfully submitted;

Kari I.

Secretary