

AA District 9 Minutes

January 8, 2023 Meeting – Revised 2.12.2023

ROLL CALL: Present, Judy M., Richard B., Louise, Ben, Marc, Jen, Gene A., Kari I., Shernie, Chris, Rick, Deborah

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m. DCM Judy M. presiding.

OPEN SERENITY PRAYER

TRADITION OF THE MONTH: Kari covered the 11th Tradition; Richard B. reviewed Concept VIII.

ROLL CALL: Present – Judy M., DCM, Richard B., Alternate DCM, Kari I., Secretary, Ben, Treasurer, Shernie, Chair of Archives and Literature Committees, Gene A., Chair of Grapevine, Louise T., Chair of Treatment, Rick C., chair of Activities and Jen, Chair of Answering Service, Marc, Alternative Tech Chair, Chris, GSR of Night Owls, Deborah, GSR, Early Birds.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: In considering the Minutes of the November 13, 2022 meeting, (the December 2022 business meeting was canceled by general agreement), Richard B. asked for clarification on the phrase "Richard will do X" . He does not recall agreeing to take on a new project. After a discussion what was meant was that he would look into an issue for the group. By motion made by Richard B., and seconded by Gene, the minutes of the November 13, 2022 meeting were then approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Ben presented the newly formatted Treasurer's Report for 2022, and a report listing donations by group. Ben said there's a difference of \$3.09 between the accounting report and the bank data. It could be an unbooked transaction fee. He asked for permission to zero out the difference so the year can be closed. All were in agreement to do so. He asked if we need a budget for 2023, or wait until October 2023 and prepare 2024? He also pointed out that there is a lot of money in the Pink Can account, perhaps we should discourage these donations at present because we need to spend the funds, which exceed \$800, in that account. Gene suggested that the Pink Can funds could be used in congregate living situations like nursing homes. Richard B. said he finds budgets helpful for planning. Judy noted that the Area has a large fund for treatment and accessibility purposes as well as corrections. Marc said it is a misunderstanding to characterize Area's budget for Corrections as

large – and he described the process required to access those funds. She said most Districts don't collect Pink Can funds anymore since those funds' uses are limited. There are other needs. Gene noted that the bank (Washington Federal) charges a fee if the account balance falls below \$2000. We should move the account. Richard moved that Ben be authorized to move the account to a bank with better terms. The motion was seconded. All approved authorizing Ben to move the account to another bank. By motion made by Kari I. and seconded by Gene, the Treasurer's Report was accepted.

GSR REPORTS:

Thursday Night Open – Marc reported that it meets Thursdays from 7 to 8 pm, and is usually attended by 8 people. There were 2 newcomers last month. Two coins were given that month. The format is open, and Chair's Choice.

Language of the Heart – Richard B. reported that it meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, sobriety ranges from 15 days to 16 years.

Night Owls – Chris R. reported that it meets the last Saturday of the month at 8:30 pm at First Congregational Church. There were two newcomers last month. One coin was given. Format is Big Book, 12 x 12, As Bill Sees It, and open discussion.

Touch on Feelings – Rick reported it meets Mondays and Fridays at 7 pm; two newcomers last month. Ten people usually attend Monday meetings and 15 usually attend Friday meetings. The topic is sharing. Three coins were awarded last month – 11 months, 3 months and 22 years.

First Step – Shernie said it meets Wednesdays at 7 pm at SonBridge. Average attendance is 15 to 18 people. Format focuses on readings, Step 1 and personal experience. Last week attendance was 25 however.

Sunday Morning Eye Opener – Gene said it meets at 10 am on Sundays, also at SonBridge. On average 10 people attend. This month \$30 was donated by the group for Pink Can. Format is 12 x 12.

As Bill Sees It – Jen reported that it meets Saturdays at 1 pm. Average attendance is 13. There was one newcomer recently. Format is reading As Bill Sees It. The Speaker meeting is the 2nd Saturday of the month and starts with a potluck at 12 noon. The December meeting was suspended.

Early Birds – Deborah said it meets 7 days a week at 6:30 am. The format is open topic. Deborah cautioned us to make sure we clean up after each meeting. SonBridge was not happy after a recent incident.

Monday Night Women's Group – Louise said the group meets at 6 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal. Average attendance is 10 to 12 women. There have been lots of newcomers. The business meeting is the 2nd Monday of the month. Format is Big Book.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Rick said the New Year's Eve party was a success. He reviewed the other activities in 2022 – Gratitude Dinner and Standing Committee event in December, and said all went well. The group applauded his work. He reported that each event either broke even or made money. Gene commented that Marc did an outstanding job presenting at the Standing Committee meeting.

Answering Service: Jen said 11 calls were received in December at a cost of \$7.70 from the service. Richard was on call during off hours and received 1 call from the answering service. It was from someone in the Bridging the Gap post-treatment program in Astoria, Oregon. Ben also got a call from someone who needed a ride to a meeting – he was able to get them help.

Archives: Shernie referred to existing material from the penitentiary. She's been in touch with Lisa from Spokane who handles archives for the Area. They'd like to have this material for their permanent collection as they also have it from Tacoma's penitentiary. Another issue is that several posters and pictures framed for hanging are very damaged and would be expensive to repair. She showed the posters of 12 Traditions, 12 Steps, and Serenity Prayer. It would cost \$100 to reframe them and they would still be damaged. Richard moved that if the area wanted the penitentiary archival material they should have it, and that the posters and pictures be discarded. Gene seconded the motion. Rick volunteered to take the damaged posters/pictures. All approved the motion and giving the posters/pictures to Rick.

Grapevine: Gene said there was not an update.

Literature: See below.

Treatment: Louise asked if Trilogy and treatment centers can get Big Books not just pamphlets. Richard said they can although Trilogy is not a big 12 Step Program. Louise said Serenity wanted Big Books and 12 x 12 books. She asked how to go about getting the additional books for these programs. There was a disconnect between inventory and funds available. Shernie asked who should be responsible for ordering more books? There were about 4 people involved in this process. Kari recommended that Louise contact Shernie when she needs more books for these programs, and Shernie will order. All agreed with this process.

Web Tech: Kari read Janet's emailed report in Janet's absence. "Newly printed schedules have been delivered to all location's meetings are held. I have posted social events as required. Updated website as needed. Will be in touch with the Web Host to get our annual fee for services. Last year it was \$60. In 2023 I would estimate that we will need to prepared for the cost of 4 schedule reprints. Each print in 2022 was \$168.80 each batch of 500. Therefore, for the Technology committee the budget is \$735.20. Janet, Respectfully, Webmaster District 9" The group discussed the recommendation to have 4 reprints of the schedule – it was agreed that this was a little excessive.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Budget: Richard moved that the standing committee chairs prepare sub-budgets for their programs, anticipating needs for 2023. These should be sent to the Treasurer who will prepare a budget based on these figures for review by the Board. These should be submitted by the March 12th business meeting. Marc seconded the motion. It was approved.

Standing Committee Workshop: The next of these meetings is in Ephrata in March, announced Gene.

District 9 Guidelines: Richard had volunteered to redraft these guidelines. He shared finances with Ben. He asked everyone to look these Guidelines over in the next 10 days and get back to him. He asked everyone to “reply all” when making comments. There are significant changes in this new draft. The final draft should be on the March 12th agenda for approval. He noted that he won’t be at the February 12th meeting of the Board.

DCM REPORT: Judy gave the DCM report, summarizing her experience of 2022, her first year as DCM. She had previously emailed a copy of her full report to everyone before the meeting. She announced that this year she probably won’t be able to attend the quarterly meetings as she did last year. She thanked Richard for volunteering to cover these meetings this year. All applauded Judy for the great job she is doing as DCM.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

- Kari Isaacson, Secretary