

**AA District 9 Minutes**  
**March 13, 2023 Meeting (amended)**

ROLL CALL: Present -Richard B., Louise, Ben, Marc, Gene A., Kari I., Shernie, Chris, Janet, Margee, George K., Kari B., Terri C.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m. Alt. DCM Richard B. presiding.

OPEN SERENITY PRAYER

TRADITION OF THE MONTH: The group then read Tradition One, and took turns reading the ten questions about the Tradition according to the checklist version from the Grapevine. Concept 10 was then read.

OFFICERS REPORTS: The February 12, 2023 minutes were reviewed by Kari I. secretary. By motion made by Gene and seconded by Louise, the minutes were approved as corrected. There was no written agenda for the current meeting.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Ben H., Treasurer. Ben reviewed expenses and answered questions. He closed the account at WaFed and opened a new account at Banner Bank, as approved by the Board at the previous meeting. The second signatory on the account, Secretary Kari I., has not yet been added to the account. Ben also purchased 40 Big Books, 40 "As Bill Sees It" books and 20 12 x 12 books for the new groups at the Penitentiary, as approved at the Board at the previous meeting, using Pink Can account balance. It was pointed out that in the future, literature should be purchased from GSO to avoid paying sales tax. By motion made by Gene and seconded by Terri, the Treasurer's report was accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Chairman Rick was not present.

Answering Service: Jen F. was not present.

Archives: Shernie said not much was new.

Corrections: Chair not present.

Grapevine: Gene said nothing new to report.

Literature: Shernie said five books were sold.

Treatment: Louise said literature was sent directly to treatment program at her request.

Web Tech: Janet, webmaster, said she updated the minutes on the website. She submitted a budget request for Tech for the year.

ALT DCM REPORT: In lieu of DCM Report, Richard B. gave an update on his activities. He will be in Ephrata at the upcoming committees meeting and will be attending a pre-conference meeting in Lewiston, ID in April.

#### GSR REPORTS:

Sunday Morning Eye Opener: Gene said average attendance is 12; format is 12 x 12 Discussion. Several birthdays were recognized, 11 years for Janet and 25 years for himself. Both people were congratulated by the group.

Thursday Night – Chris, nothing new although the Thursday night meeting has seen a large increase in attendance recently.

Monday Night Women’s Group – Louise said nothing new to report.

Wednesday Night First Step – Shernie W. – the meeting is being returned to the VA where it began. They are waiting to learn what the masking requirements are if any. WNFS was held at the VA for 25 years.

Watertower – Margee – average attendance is 20; there have been 4 newcomers. One birthday was 34 years; there were several monthly coins awarded.

#### NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEES:

Rent payment to SonBridge: Gene asked if we’ve paid rent to SonBridge for 2022; Ben said no, we haven’t paid the \$100 for the use of the room for the year. Gene moved that we pay SonBridge \$100 for 2022, and that we should pay the same amount at the end of 2023. Louise seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The Treasurer was directed to pay SonBridge \$100 for 2022 rent.

Hot Topic List: Richard B. suggested that everyone look this over. There was a discussion about decision-making in AA.

Cooperation with Professionals: It was discussed whether to discontinue use of an AA pamphlet that quoted the Bible. GSRs were asked to get group conscious about discontinuance of the pamphlet.

Corrections: Whether to sponsor inmates was discussed.

Grapevine: It was agreed that the Alternate Delegate to this meeting should get the same materials as the Delegate does.

Literature: There is a proposed Plain Language version of the Big Book. It would replace some archaic language with simpler words that someone with a 5<sup>th</sup> grade education could understand. Marc said the Plain Language version supplements the Big Book, it does not replace it. GSRs should obtain group consensus about whether this should be used. In addition, the "Too Young" pamphlet continues to be under review.

Public Information: It has been suggested that public service announcements about AA be posted on platforms such as Instagram and other social media to spread the word about AA and how to get in touch with it. A discussion followed as to whether it was "attraction" or "promotion."

Treatment and Accessibility: This will be addressed at the area level. District 9 was asked to weigh in on this (different from the Hot Topic issues). Richard B. summarized for the group.

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

- Kari Isaacson, Secretary