

## AA District 9

### April 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDING: Richard B., Marc, Kari I., Shernie, Chris R., Janet, Andrew

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 pm Alt. DCM Richard B. presiding.

OPEN SERENITY PRAYER

TRADITION OF THE MONTH: Andrew read Tradition Two. The group then read the checklist questions about Tradition Two from Grapevine. The first questions were discussed in depth. Richard B. took the opportunity to apologize for his part in the heated discussion at the March meeting. The group then read Concept Eleven.

ROLL CALL: Richard B., Alternate DCM, Kari I., Secretary, Janet, Technology Committee Chair and Webmaster and in absence of GSR representing SMEO, Shernie, Chair of Archives Committee and of Literature Committee, GSR of Wednesday Night First Step, Chris R., GSR of NightOwls, Marc M., representing Thursday Night Open. Andrew was a visitor.

OFFICERS REPORT: Secretary's Minutes – it was noted that few people received the minutes of the March 13, 2023 meeting. It was also requested that the minutes be distributed earlier than at present. At present minutes are sent to the DCM for distribution, sometimes early, sometimes late. Kari I. agreed to send minutes to the webmaster for distribution, the Alt. DCM and the DCM in the future. Kari I. read the minutes out loud. The minutes were amended in two places. The minutes were approved as amended based on a motion made by Janet and seconded by Shernie.

Treasurer's Report – Richard B. presented the report in absence of the Treasurer Ben H. Most of the group had received the financial report prior to the meeting. There were no comments. By motion made by Janet and seconded by Marc M., the report was accepted as presented. Kari I. will reach out to Ben H. to see when she might meet him at the bank to sign the necessary papers as second signatory to account.

ALT DCM REPORT: Richard read his report about District 9 to the pre-Assembly meeting last weekend. It summarized the many improvements and activities of District 9. He gave a copy of his report to the Secretary.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives – Shernie said it is stable. She is still trying to figure out how to get the penitentiary material to Spokane to the larger Archive.

Literature – Shernie said it is time for her to step down from this role. Due to changes in her life, she does not have time to keep up with requests for literature, and finds the record keeping unnecessarily challenging. She officially resigned from this role. After a discussion about the technological challenges the recordkeeping presented, it was agreed that although she has resigned, she will continue until replaced. Richard will consult with DCM Judy M. about her replacement.

Technology/Webmaster – Janet has had to print new schedules. She said she will serve out her rotation which ends at the end of 2023, and that someone should replace her. Being webmaster is not difficult, she said.

#### GSR:

Night Owls – Chris R. reported that one 30 day coin was given recently; things remain pretty constant. Three people usually attend.

Wednesday First Step – Shernie is GSR, but has not been able to regularly attend lately. There is an alternate she recruited who has been leading it (Charles). She recently received her 21 year coin. The group congratulated her. She has been in touch with the VA about returning to the facility after several years' absence due to Covid. The Directors at the VA are focused on how having AA onsite would be of assistance to people in residential treatment program. Richard offered to help Shernie communicate with the VA. They will work together.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Budget: Richard said committees were asked to submit the amount needed for their committee for the budget. He recognized that only Technology/Webmaster had done so; he is waiting for the rest of the committees to do so. Once approved committees will have be able to more easily achieve their missions since they know how much money is available to them. All donations would be combined

into one fund rather than receiving donations earmarked for specific purposes, leaving the amount to be spent up in the air. This relates to the Proposed Guidelines. Both the Current Guidelines and the Proposed Guidelines request committees to submit budget requests. Richard suggested that discussion of the Proposed Guidelines be delayed until the May meeting agenda due to the small number of people in attendance today. It was noted that a quorum for decisions is 6 GSRs. He suggested that it would more productive to approach the Proposed Guidelines with an attitude of “How would these work?” rather than “Why will these not work?” He also suggested that in the next few months Literature should be discussed. Janet, representing SMEO, said she had a motion that the GSR of SMEO had requested be made although he could not be at today’s meeting. It was agreed that it was best to wait until the GSR could attend and make the motion directly. Marc M. moved that District 9’s interpretation of the spirit of rotation is that no one serve more than three consecutive rotations of two years each, or six years total, of any office in the District. The motion was seconded by Kari I. Shernie then moved to postpone discussion of this motion until the May 2023 Meeting. It was seconded by Janet, and approved by the group.

Pre-Conference Assembly: Richard offered to review the report at the meeting, or to send a summary by electronic means. It was agreed to circulate his written summary by electronic means.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>, not the usual second Sunday which is Mothers’ Day (5/14). Kari I. said she will be unavailable to attend that meeting, and someone else will have to take minutes. Richard said he would find a replacement. Kari I. committed to continuing as Secretary should the group elect her to do so after the end of this her first rotation at the end of 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari I.