

AA DISTRICT 9

July 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDING: Ben H, Barbara H, Janet S, Walt, Chris R, Shernie, Gene, JC, Rick, Marc, Louise, Ron

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm at Sonbridge

OPEN: Serenity Prayer

TRADITION OF THE MONTH: Chris R did a great job presenting Tradition 7 “Every AA Group ought to be fully self-supporting declining outside contributions” with a perspective on how D9 has an opportunity to be more fully self-supporting of each other.

CONCEPT OF THE MONTH: Not read

ROLL CALL FOR OFFICERS: Ben H sitting in this meeting for DCM position vacated by Judy last week and Treasurer, Barbara H sitting in for Kari I as Secretary

GSR’s present – Ben H Tuesday Promises, Walt E Thursday Night Open, Chris R Alt. Night Owls, Shernie Wednesday First Step, Gene A SMEO, Ron O Spiritual Toolbox and reporting for Dawg Pound/Waitsburg, Louise Monday Night Women’s, Rick and JC, Alt. Touch On Feelings

Janet S Technology Committee Chair and Inventory Ad Hoc Committee (**IAHC**) Secretary, Marc M Area Corrections Committee

MINUTES: Except for a few minor typos noted, the minutes were accepted as written.

TREASURER REPORT: Ben H presented the June report. Expenses were \$173 primarily for printing of new meeting schedules, ending balance of \$2070.10. Motion to accept approved.

Motion to have Ben be interim DCM until the new DCM is elected in October unanimously approved.

GSR REPORTS:

Ben H Tuesday Promises – most info same as last month with 3 coins given.

Walt E TON – most info same as last month with a 6 mo., 8 mo. and 5 year coin given.

Chris R Alt. GSR Night Owls – meets Saturday at FCC Saturdays at 9pm, business meeting 8:30 pm last Saturday of the month, avg. attendance 3, newcomers 3, 3mo coin given, Format: Daily Reflection, As Bill Sees It, BB, 12x12, open discussion.

Shernie Wednesday First Step – most info same as last month, 5-15 attendance, 30 and 60 days coins, First Step related format

Gene A SMEO – most info same as last month, 2 newcomers, 2 incentive coins, \$25 ea. to D9 and Pink Can.

Ron O Spiritual Toolbox - most info same as last month and reporting for Dawg Pound/Waitsburg - most info same as last website, 10+ attend, format is Daily Reflection.

Louise Monday Night Women’s - most info same as last month, 2 newcomers, some coins given.

Rick/Mon and JC, Alt./Fri Touch On Feelings - most info same as last month w/ 3 newcomers, 1, 2, 8 mo coins given, \$100 books purchased.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

Activities – Rick: Picnic was a great success! 40+ people came. Cost was approx. \$247. Sold \$64 worth of Bill W plants. Lots of games, good food and some festive fun 4th outfits.

Archives – Shernie: Display at picnic was well received, many people enjoyed looking at the photo albums and identified some unknown names. Archives are in a safe storage atmosphere.

Answering Service – N/A, position vacant?

Corrections – Ron: Seeking help for Juvenile Justice, Meeting time changed to Friday's at 4. Some apps have come in for penitentiary, waiting to get clearance for them. (Later in the meeting) Ron mentioned he'd spoken with some parents of kids at JJC who'd like to attend AA meetings, so he sent them the meetings schedule.

Literature – Barbara: Met with Shernie to get books and guidance on inventory record keeping/ordering. Discussion on the 12x12 cassette packet – to Archives? Gene offered to first convert to thumb drives for ease in distribution, then the packet will go to Shernie for Archives.

Grapevine/Pink Can – Gene: Grapevine subscription for penitentiary renewed. Marc sent 6 GV's to pen recently. Can subscription for JJC be renewed as well?

PI/CPC/Treatment – Louise: Will order more pamphlets for treatment center. Confirmed that VA will now hand out pamphlets (had been sitting on their shelf for a while).

Web Tech – Janet: New batch of schedules printed and handed out to GSR's.

After the print Ron O. notified a change to the Juvenile Justice Center AA Meeting day. It has changed from Wednesday to Friday at 4pm. The Website was updated as necessary.

➡ **GSR'S – PLEASE MAKE THAT CHANGE ON YOUR GROUP'S SCHEDULES BY HANDWRITING THE NEW DAY/TIME IN of Friday at 4pm.**

Inventory Ad Hoc Committee (IAHC) Report – Janet:

The IAHC was formed following the June Business meeting. At that meeting a motion was made by Barb H. and approved to create a committee to organize a special meeting for the District 9 officers and GSRs to address the recent past district conflicts by taking its own inventory in a process led by an outside facilitator. Immediately Ron and Ben volunteered to join Barbara, and on June 14th., in an email to all GSR's and District Officers, Janet asked to join the committee as well. Barbara had been given the name of our Area 92 Chair, Benjamin G, by our outgoing DCM, Judy M, and had contacted him prior to setting the first meeting date. Benjamin was very enthusiastic and more than willing to assist in our inventory planning and facilitating, as he has done numerous times for other groups and districts in his role as Area 92 Chair, so he kindly volunteered set up an electronic Google Meets meeting for June 21st with the IAHC.

1st meeting of the IAHC: (June 21st) Benjamin G, Ben H, Janet S present. Prior to this meeting Benjamin sent us pertinent reference materials, primarily "The AA Group" pamphlet ([P-16 - The A.A. Group ... where it all begins \(aa.org\)](#)), which has a list of suggested questions that might be asked at a group inventory, as well as questions and outcomes of another District's inventory as an example, which was very useful.

Ben H volunteered to be Chair and Janet S Secretary of the committee. It was agreed that District 9 GSR's, officers and any AA members be invited to a day event (date and place TBD) and to limit questions to no more than 5 (allotting 30 min. per question).

2nd meeting: (July 2nd): Hosted by Barbara with Janet S, Ben H and Ron O present. Working off the "The AA Group" Pamphlet list of possible questions, the aim at this meeting was to consider which questions were of primary importance for this first inventory (considering other inventories could and hopefully would be held in the future to discuss other questions).

3rd Meeting: (July 5th) Benjamin G set up another Google Meet meeting, Ben H, Janet S, Barbara H present. We reviewed the suggested questions we had culled from the July 1st meeting.

➡ **Using the "The AA Group" Pamphlet list of possible questions or questions of the group's choice, we are inviting GSR's to go back to their groups to discuss and bring back one question they would like to see included at the Inventory. Please bring these to the August District meeting.**

The Committee will be finalizing questions during August and presenting everyone with those questions approx. 1 week prior to the inventory day to allow for thoughtful consideration. Next, we talked about the procedure for the actual inventory. Benjamin G, our Area 92 Chair will facilitate the inventory day. At the inventory each of the 5 questions will be discussed for approx. 30 minutes each, all IAHC members will take notes. After the inventory those notes will be compiled and presented back to the district to serve as a guide for determining action items by the D9 members, moving forward.

Tonight, we would like you to save the date of September 17th for the District Inventory.

Location, time and details to follow.

Discussion followed –

Motion passed to hold Inventory on Sunday Sept. 17

Rick, Activities Chair, offered to coordinate and fund the food for the day and will work with the IAHC on that. A motion for other expenses, I.E., any needs for Benjamin G, venue charges, etc. will be requested by the committee to Ben H, Treasurer was passed.

Gene asked that the start time on Sunday be after the SMEO mtg that's held from 10-11:30.

Few at the meeting (approx. 3-4) have ever participated in an inventory so this will be an exciting first for our trusted D9 servants!

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion to table Guidelines discussion until after the D9 Inventory is held. Approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marc asked who will attend the Area meeting July 14-16 in Pasco? Marc plans on driving there and back Friday and Saturday. Ben may or may not be able. Ron volunteered. Marc, Ben and Ron will discuss.

Election of new DCM/Alt. DCM positions in October – A discussion was had about who can serve as DCM/Alt. clarifying that first one must have served as a GSR. [F-12 Your D.C.M. District Committee Member \(aa.org\)](https://www.aa.org)

➡ **GSR's announce at your meetings, beginning now, about the upcoming rotation of service for DCM and Alt DCM. Anyone who has been a GSR in AA anywhere before qualifies to serve.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara H (standing in for Kari I, Secretary)