

## AA DISTRICT 9

### September 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 pm at SonBridge by Ben H., interim DCM

**ATTENDING:** Ben H, Barbara H, Janet S, Louise, Gene, Walt, Craig B, Rick, Chris R, Shernie, and observers Charles, Josh

**OPEN:** Serenity Prayer

**TRADITION OF THE MONTH:** 9 “AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

Ben shared that he thought the recent ad hoc committee to organize the upcoming D9 Inventory was a great example of this Tradition in action and was grateful to be a trusted servant on the committee which he hoped would be a fun and informative day and create greater unity in the district.

**CONCEPT OF THE MONTH:** not read

**ROLL CALL FOR OFFICERS:** Ben H, interim DCM, Treasurer and Barbara H sitting in for Kari I, Secretary

**GSR’s present** – Ben H, Louise, Gene, Walt, Craig B, Rick, Chris R, Shernie

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the August 13 meeting were approved, seconded, carried.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Ben H. presented his report and, after reiterating that \$150 for the D9 Inventory would be used for expenses including an appreciation gift for the facilitator, the motion to approve was seconded and carried.

#### **GSR REPORTS:**

Ben H Tuesday Night Promises – Meeting time and place as listed on website, business meetings as needed, average attendance 5, 1-2 newcomers, no coins given, no 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition or Pink Can contributions given, format is open topic/usually Daily Reflections.

Walt E Thursday Night Open – Meeting time and place as listed on website, business meetings 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, average attendance 15, 2 newcomers, 6 coins given, no 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition or Pink Can contributions given, format is AA approved literature.



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Chris R Alt. GSR Night Owls – Meeting time and place as listed on website, business meetings last Saturday @ 8:30pm, average attendance 3, 2 newcomers, no coins given, no 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition or Pink Can contributions given, format is Daily Reflections, BB, 12x12, As Bill Sees It, discussion. One of the newcomers is coming regularly now.

Shernie Wednesday First Step – Meeting time and place as listed on website, average attendance 2, 1 newcomer came from Goldendale, no coins given, no 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition or Pink Can contributions given, format is discussion, lots of sharing. Has begun process of “spirit of rotation”.

Gene A SMEO – Meeting time and place as listed on website, business meetings 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9:30 am, average attendance 3, no newcomers, no coins given, no 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition or Pink Can contributions given, format is 12x12 discussion.

Louise Monday Night Women’s - Meeting time and place as listed on website, business meetings as needed, average attendance 10-15, 1-2 newcomers, no coins given, no 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition or Pink Can contributions given, format is BB/12x12 and discussion.

Rick/Mon and JC, Alt./Fri Touch On Feelings – Meeting time and place as listed on website, business meetings as needed, average attendance 10 Monday, 30 Friday, 4mo and 7mo coins given, no 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition or Pink Can contributions given, format is topic and sticks. November will be switching to Rick’s home. Newcomers often come from VA, young people, they like the food!

Craig Early Birds - Meeting time and place as listed on website, business meetings not listed, average attendance 5, 1 newcomer, 2 coins given, 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition \$15.40, Pink Can \$12 contributions given, format is discussion.

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

**Activities – Rick:** Discussed D9 Inventory day. Rick will supply plates, napkins, hot and cold cups, coffee and water, and a few sodas leftover from 4<sup>th</sup> Of July picnic. Will look through condiment inventory boxes at Presbyterian church for creamer, sugar.

**➡ Reminder to GSR's to tell their groups to bring finger food snacks, nothing using utensils.**

NOTE: After the meeting Rick and ad hoc committee agreed that there's no need to buy water in plastic bottles, instead Barbara will bring pitchers from home for tap water and a bag of ice. Rick will confirm any additional set up and clean up help but Ben, Janet and Barbara committed to coming early and helping with clean up, as well.

Rick is starting to think about November Gratitude banquet and potluck. Will ask Bill if we can use the Presbyterian church again. Planning on having a raffle and silent auction again to raise money for next year's event. He will make a flyer and begin soliciting volunteers to help with this event.

**Archives – Shernie:** Everything is stored and stable/protected.

**Answering Service – Jen/Ben:** Ben took one call.

**Corrections – Ron:** not present to report but Ben, Chris reported that they, as well as Marc and Ron, bring meetings to both. Questions came up for future discussion about whether we want to create an H/I chair (hospitals and institutions) and are the current institutions (JCC, prison) getting updated literature and Grapevines.

**Literature – Barbara:** Passed out the current inventory for GSR's use. Posed a question to the group to think about – Do we need to be storing inventory here? It seems to her that it's a lot of money to be sitting on that might be used more effectively for outreach. She is willing to continue as we've been doing and/or place orders for people needing help, otherwise might groups order their own more expeditiously through the Tri Cities Intergroup office or GSO? Discussion included the issue of paying taxes and higher shipping vs. currently only paying list price of books. Barbara will look into the process of ordering through Tri Cities Intergroup, do they ship, if not how do we get the books from them, what are the costs, etc. and report back next month. She welcomes further input for consideration between now and then.

**Grapevine/Pink Can – Gene:** mentioned that the Pink Can is currently in place for funds earmarked specifically for literature in prisons, separate from and in addition to the Literature funds.

**PI/CPC/Treatment – Louise:** needs more literature, will order.

**Web Tech – Janet:** plans on placing another meeting schedule order soon.

**Inventory Ad Hoc Committee (IAHC) Report – Janet:** see attached report submitted and read to group. Handed out final 5 questions with group's questions included and the motion to approve was seconded and carried. She asked that GSR's report back to their groups about the questions and encourage their meeting attendees to come to the D9 inventory.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ben reminded everyone to remind their groups that there will be an election of new D9 officers and committee chairs in October. Ben submitted his name for consideration for DCM.

**➡ GSR's please continue to announce at your meetings about the upcoming rotation of service for:  
DCM and Alt DCM (Anyone who has been a GSR in AA, anywhere, before qualifies to serve.), Treasurer, Secretary, and all committee chairs.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Election of new officers and committee chairs

Motion to close approved, Responsibility Statement said.

Meeting closed at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara H (sitting in for Kari I)