

AA District 9 Minutes

December 10, 2023 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm by DCM Ben

TRADITION: Charles reads the 12th Tradition. Ben then called for a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

ROLL CALL: Present – Ben H., Interim DCM and Treasurer, Steve, Treasurer elect, Kari I., Secretary, GSRs Gene, Margue, Michael D., Tyler, Kevin, Charles, Chris, Shernie, Jen, and Kevin. Committee chair Barb H. (Literature) also attended. Jim H., a guest, attended. were Barbara H. (literature), Janet (Technology and webmaster), and Marc (Area Corrections). Committee chairs who are also GSRs were Activities (Rick), Treatment and Accessibility (Louise). Josh, who is a GSR elect, also attended the meeting.

OFFICERS REPORTS: Ben H. reviewed the Treasurer's Report. He reviewed recent revenue received and expenses paid. Michael D. moved and Kari seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Minutes of the November 12, 2023 meeting were reviewed. By motion made by Ben and seconded by Jen, the minutes were amended to elect Margue as Alt. DCM.

GSR REPORTS:

Touch on Feelings –No report

Wednesday Night First Step – GSR Shernie reported that six or eight people attend; the meeting continues as it has for some time ("status quo").

Night Owls – GSR Chris said on average attendance is three people; no coins have been awarded in the past month.

Sunday Night Big Book – no report

Thursday Night Open – Charles W. said it meets at FCC at 7 pm on Thursdays. Business meetings are the third Thursday of the month from 8 to 8:30 pm. Average attendance is 20 people; there was 1 newcomer. There were seven birthdays in December; eight coins were distributed last Monday. Format is daily reflections and Big Book Topic.

As Bill Sees It – GSR Jen reported that 10 people attended the most recent speaker meeting where Kari presented last Saturday. Three coins were distributed. There is a speaker meeting once a month; the remaining meetings the topic is As Bill Sees It.

Watertower – Kevin aid a lot of coins were given in the past month; a total of \$65 was donated the previous week by attendees. They meet at noon on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays at First Presbyterian Church at First and Birch. Average attendance is 20, with a couple of newcomers in the last month. Business meeting is last Friday of the month. Topic is Big Book, carrying the message to still suffering people.

Sunday Morning Eye Opener – GSR Gene said it meets every Sunday at SonBridge at 10 am. Average attendance is 12 people; the number of newcomers varies. Business meetings are held 4th Sunday of the month at 9:30 am, just before the regular meeting starts. Format is 12 x

12 discussion. A coin was given Heidi for 7 months. He welcomed Tyler as the GSR elect for SMEO.

Monday Night Womens' Group – Barb (GSR elect) reported on behalf of GSR Louise. The 2nd annual Holiday ornament exchange social event will be held Monday December 11th

Toolbox – no report

Early Birds – Michael D. is the new GSR and Treasurer for this group. The number of attendees ranges from two to eight. It meets daily. One coin was given. The late Craig B. was able to transfer bank account and card to Michael before he passed away. Craig B. is very much missed. His funeral is December 16th at First Congregational Church.

Tuesday Night Promises – GSR Ben H. said average attendance is 6 people including 1 to 2 newcomers. Two coins were given in October, both for 30 days. Format is Daily Reflection or topic of choice. They meet at FCC from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Business meetings are held as needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Ben in the absence of chair Rick, he wanted to remind everyone of the New Year's Eve party. Gene reminded everyone that SonBridge donates use of the big room to AA. Charles asked for bingo prizes for the event.

Answering Service: Ben reported that the number of calls has been low. The answering service charge was only \$2.80 (based on volume of calls).

Archives: Shernie said she sets up a display at each event and will do so for the New Year's Eve party.

Corrections: No report.

Literature: Barb said there was no report for December. Gene said he received \$60 worth of books from her. Barb will update the inventory. She did talk with the AA Bookstore in the Tri-cities about buying back inventory. They want a 20% discount on everything so she suggests we spend down what we have. She also reminded the group that this store does not charge sales tax or shipping. The District has maybe \$700 worth of inventory left. Gene suggested sharing that inventory with treatment centers and other like places. Charles asked for the current price of a Big Book. Ben said the price is written in the books themselves.

CPC:

Web Tech: Chair elect Gene said he has schedules. He's now webmaster – to reach him please continue to email District 9's webmaster (webmaster_aa_a92_d9@outlook.com)

Juvenile Justice: no report

Treatment: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Activities – New Year's Eve party. Important that people volunteer to stay and clean-up after the party. Shernie asked how was the Archives table at the Gratitude

Dinner (she was unfortunately ill and could not attend). Everyone said it went well – that the Archives exhibit looked good. Ben also reported that Gratitude Dinner speaker Jason was surprised and very grateful to receive the \$300 for travel expense.

- District Elections – Ben said there are several open positions. GSRs were asked to take this to their groups as we did in November.
- District Inventory Follow-up – Ben said he will schedule on Googlemeets. He was waiting to hear from Janet to finalize arrangements.
- GSR Training/Orientation – Charles suggested a school for GSRs. Ben spoke with our Area leader, also named Benjamin, about it. He said the training probably won't be offered til March or April 2024. There's a good chance it will be virtual. Gene said the most recent training is on the webpage and is probably very similar to the one to be offered in 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Roberts' Rules of Order – Ben said he has a simplified version of Roberts Rules of Order, a suggestion and action step that came out of the District Inventory. He is going to use beginning in 2024. One change to the written rules is that the Secretary cannot vote, so the Rules were modified to reflect this.
- Speakers' Programs – Shernie said more local people should be asked to speak. Barb said the speaker for the New Year's Eve party is local.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned at 6:36 pm.

- Kari I., Secretary