

AA District 9 Minutes

February 11, 2024 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm by DCM Ben. We opened with the Serenity Prayer.

ROLL CALL: Present – Ben H., DCM, Treasurer, Steve, Treasurer, Kari I., Secretary, GSRs Barb H., Rick, Josh, Charles W., Janet, Shernie, Michael. Committee chairs who aren't GSRs attending were Gene A. (webmaster and schedules, alt secretary) . Thad, a visitor, also attended the meeting.

TRADITION: Ben read the 1st Tradition.

OFFICERS REPORTS: Ben H. reviewed the 2023 financial report since he was Treasurer at that time. He said none of the donations received after 1/1/2024 were on the report. They will be on the next report. Gene asked a question about the ending 2023 balance which was reported as a negative \$18.12. There was a discussion about this issue with all acknowledging that there is sufficient funds and that the next report will be more complete. Ben then gave the DCM report – he attended online new DCM training webinar. He has been in touch with Jim at the Area office to receive the complete training. Ben will update the schedule soon.

GSR REPORTS:

Early Birds – Michael said gave two reports, one for December 2023 and another for January 2024. Early Birds' business meeting is the Wednesday after the District 9 meeting. Early Birds meets daily from 6:30 to 7:30 am. In December average attendance was 3 to 8 people with 2 newcomers that month. Two coins were awarded. Format is daily reflections, Big Book, 12x12 and/or a topic from a member. Donation was made to GSO in response to the appeal for donations. In January average attendance was 3 to 6 people with no newcomers. District contributions are made quarterly. One Big Book was sold. Another member volunteered for meeting set up. Michael issued him a key for Son Bridge. The group contact Kitty at Son Bridge administration to update them with information Early Birds' leadership and schedule.

Touch on Feelings –Josh H. is GSR. Business meetings are held as needed. Attendance is generally 12 on Mondays and 22 on Fridays. They celebrated two birthdays recently – one for 2 years and another for 9 months. Their format is topic/share.

Wednesday Night First Step – Shernie reported that 7 people attend with 3 newcomers. They gave out 5 coins (no further information).

Night Owls – No report

Sunday Night Big Book – No report

Thursday Night Open - Charles W. said the business meeting is the third Thursday night at 8 pm at First Congregational Church. It meets there on Thursdays at 7 pm with average attendance of 20 with 3 to 4 newcomers. There were 30 people however last week. Six coins were given (no further information). Format is open "English – in person – topic of choice by chair." They made a \$25 donation for New Years Banquet.

As Bill Sees It – No report

Watertower – No report

Sunday Morning Eye Opener – GSR Janet said the business meeting is the last Sunday of the month at 9:30 am. The group meets at Son Bridge at 10 am. Average attendance is 12; there were two newcomers. Coins given

in January were a 27 year coin for Bill and 39 years for La Von. The group gave Area \$50 and GSO \$50 . Format is 12x12 book then sharing, and about God as we understand Him.

Monday Night Womens' Group – Barb said the group meets Monday Nights at 6:00 pm at St. Pauls. Average attendance is 20; there were 3 new comers. Coins were awarded that month (no further information). District contributions were \$195.95. \$146.96 was donated to GSO and Area 92. Format is either Big Book or 12x12, then sharing.

Toolbox – No report

Tuesday Night Promises – Ben said business meetings are held as needed. Its regular meetings are at First Congregational Church on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Average attendance is 6 with 1 to 2 new comers. Coins were given for 60 days (1) and 30 days (1). Format is daily reflections or open.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Activities: Rick said the New Year's Eve party and potluck had a good turnout. \$415 was received in donations; \$232.38 was spent on it. There was a 50/50 raffle and the winner donated their share back to District 9.

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 set up a display at the New Years' party and it was well-received.

Corrections: No report.

Literature: Barb distributed a current inventory list and asked GSRs to take a photo of it and share it with their groups. There is one hardcover Big Book remaining. She also shared that Grapevine has an audiobook in several languages (Spanish, French, English) on meditation that is available.

CPC: No report but is being merged with Treatment.

Web Tech: Gene said he has a few schedules left. A new one will be printed March 1st. It can be mailed in a PDF format; he will add it to the website.

Juvenile Justice: No report

Treatment: Janet said Louise gave her information in the handoff to her. Janet shared that Oxford House was closing or had closed. She saw Christian Aid Center, Hope House and Comprehensive. The women's program at Christian Aid Center would welcome women to attend their meetings on site which are held on Sunday afternoons. Also their program needs volunteers to escort women to appointments since it's a residential program with rules about leaving the premises.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Finances: Ben said there was insufficient funds to send him to the Area meeting so he will participate virtually. This will allow the District's general fund to grow in 2024. Ben addressed the question that Gene had asked earlier in the meeting about 2023 ending balance. Gene asked for a monthly accounting from District. Ben said the monthly details are in the report and he can print for Gene. Thad said a Big Book had been purchased and turned in the \$10 paid.

- Answering service: Ben asked for four volunteers to share this ongoing duty. No one is chairing it and the former answering service went out of business. We need to have someone to respond to calls so the hand of AA is there when someone reaches out. If several people were on call at a given time frame then each call is likely to be answered. The responsibility for covering this could be rotated. Each call costs \$.01 a minute after first 15 minutes. Dan in Area could design schedule or signup sheet. Michael asked if the shifts would be daily (24 hours) and Ben said yes. Josh suggested we take this to members – the more people involved the better. He asked whether there was training. Gene said there used to be a “yellow sheet” that addresses this but that most callers just want to know meeting options. Thad said in Seattle most of the questions asked of callers were “Are you going to drink today?”, “Are you going to a meeting today?”. Janet said a brief sheet of “how to’s” would be helpful to volunteers. Ben moved that we change to this answering service set up and Barb H. seconded it. The motion was approved. Charles volunteered to be one of the people on the call list.

NEW BUSINESS:

- CPC: Janet said Treatment and CPC should be combined. She’s willing to take it on. Janet moved to combine CPC and Treatment committees, Gene seconded it. The motion was approved. Janet attended a meeting of CPC and will attend a March 16th workshop on the topic. She distributed a handout.

A matter for discussion: Gene said a recent letter received from a blogger named Marjorie who volunteered to write articles for our website. We discussed this offer. We concluded that she should reach out to Grapevine.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was adjourned at 7:36 pm following the Responsibility Statement.

- Kari I., Secretary