

AA District 9 Minutes

April 14, 2024 Meeting

ROLL CALL: Present – Margie B., Alt. DCM, Kari I., Secretary and Alt GSR, Steve H. Treasurer, Jen, GSR, Gene A, webmaster and Alt Secretary, Barb H., GSR and Chair, Literature, Shernie, GSR and Chair, Archives, Janet S., GSR and chair, Treatment/CPC, Chris, GSR, Charles, GSR, Michael D., GSR, Rose, alt GSR and visitor

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm by Alt. DCM Margue.

OPEN SERENITY PRAYER

TRADITION OF THE MONTH: Margie read the 4th Tradition

OFFICERS REPORTS: Steve H. presented the Treasurer's Report as of the end of March. He reviewed expenditures (\$35 to reimburse DCM Ben L. District related expenses) and donations of \$52 and \$28.81. By motion made by Barb and seconded by Jen, the Treasurer's Report was approved. The group then reviewed the minutes of the March 10th meeting. By motion made by Barb and seconded by Jen that minutes were approved. Shernie said she did not receive the minutes and therefore abstained from voting on its approval.

DCM Report: There was no DCM report.

GSR REPORTS

GSRs then gave reports of their groups for the month of March:

Watertower – Margie B. said it meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday noon to 1 each week at WW Presbyterian. It'd attended by 17 to 27 people; last month a coin for 8 months was given.

Monday Night Women's Group – Barb said on average 20 women attend this meeting on Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 pm at St. Paul Episcopal Church. Business meeting is held 2nd Monday each month. The group gives to District each quarter. Last month there were two 3-month coins, three 2-month coins, one for 7 months, one for 11 months and a coin for 28 years were given.

Wednesday Night First Step – Shernie said the group meets at Son Bridge from 7 to 8:30 pm; business meeting is held as needed. Six people come on average. Two coins were given last month (length of time not noted). Format is First Step readings and sharing.

Early Birds – Michael said many Vets attend this meeting. Its held at Son Bridge. Last month two coins were given, one for 1-month and the other for 3 months. Distribution to District is made quarterly. He noted that one member has a service dog that can be distracting. He asked for feedback from other GSRs.

Thursday Night Open – Charles said the group meets the third Thursday of the month at First Congregational Church. On average 25 people attend. There were six newcomers in March. The group donated \$50 to District to help DCM Ben L. get to Area meeting. See Committee report (below) for information about Activities and District Guidelines Ad Hoc committees of which he is alt. chair and chair, respectively).

Night Owls – Chris said the group meets at First Congregational Church on Saturdays at 8:30. There were four regulars and two newcomers last month. One coin was given. Their format is standard – the Big Book.

Friends of Bill W. – Rose reported the group meets Saturdays at First Congregational Church – ten people attend on average. The last Saturday of the month is a speaker meeting. 10 people come on average. There were no newcomers or coins given last month. She shared that last month their bank bag was stolen. As a result they are opening a bank account so their funds will be safe.

Sunday Morning Eye Opener – Janet S. the group meets at SonBridge at 10 am on Sundays; business meeting is held last Sunday of the month at 9:30 am. On average 14 to 15 people attend; last month there were a couple of newcomers. A coin was given for 3 months. Their format is 12x12 and sharing.

As Bill Sees It – Jen said it is on Saturdays with usually 14 people attend; business meetings held as needed. Last month there was one newcomer. Two coins were given, one for 2-months and one for 7 months. Their format is As Bill Sees It.

COMMITTEES:

Archives – Chair Shernie said no report.

Literature – Chair Barb said her March report is largely unchanged from that of February. Barb made a motion to donate the remaining \$400 worth of inventory to CPC/Treatment committee to use. Rose seconded the motion. A discussion followed. During the discussion Shernie volunteered that she has 20 Big Books that belongs to her group that will be better used by the District's Literature Committee. After further discussion, the motion to donate all of the remaining inventory of literature to CPC/Treatment Committee to use.

CPC/Treatment – Chair Janet S. said they attended two Area CPC meetings via GoogleMeets in the past month. Other outreach by the CPC/Treatment committee will be to restaurant workers, doctors, the local Drug Free Coalition, among others. She said Jen is specializing in Bridge the Gap (following treatment period). May 19th is the next meeting. The Area's CPC group will meet next month. Janet S. will join them. Janet made a motion that \$50 should be given by District 9 to CPC/Treatment for additional AA pamphlets. It was seconded by Barb. During the discussion Kari asked if there was sufficient funds in the budget for this. Steve H., Treasurer, said there was. After further discussion the motion was approved.

Webmaster – Gene will update website for April. He said he is the speaker for April 13th As Bill Sees It meeting (1 p.m. at Son Bridge, preceded by a potluck luncheon at noon). He asked GSRs to send him any changes for posting. He's updated the number that people can call for information. The meeting schedule is online as well as printed. Rose noted that the Saturday morning Friends of Bill W. group meets at First Congregational Church meets 9 to 10:30 am rather than 9 to 10 am.

Activities – Alt Chair Charles made a report in absence of Chair Rick. He said Rick won't be here for the 4th of July annual event at Wildwood Park. The annual holiday event is a potluck with games and activities. Charles will handle set up. He received several helpful suggestions and reminders about how this has worked in the past. He was thanked for stepping up to ensure the 4th of July picnic which is always popular. Charles asked for help in organizing this event.

Ad Hoc Committee on District 9 Guidelines – Chair Charles said the group will meet the first Sunday of the month at Son Bridge at 6:30 pm.

Webmaster – Gene asked GSRs to let him know if there are any changes to the schedule. He prints schedules when needed. He makes sure there are enough printed schedules in each of the buildings

where meetings are held. He noted it cost \$185 to print the last batch of schedules. Charles suggested that District 9 committee meetings be added to the schedule. Gene suggested that it be done in pdf form – he will post them under Announcements Section.

OLD BUSINESS

Answering Service – Margie asked if there were any volunteers. Gene said he has a list of volunteers which he'll give to Josh when he sees him.

NEW BUSINESS

CPC/Treatment – Chair Janet said there was one new piece of business. The Area CPC chair asked Janet S. and Ben L. if we would host a workshop on this topic in 2025. She will have more information on this opportunity for service at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alanon Unity Picnic – Barb said this will be held Sunday June 2nd at Rooks Park Shelter. She has a flyer to share. She suggested GSRs take them to their meetings. People are encouraged to bring a dish; the main dish however is provided. Bring the whole family. There will be a “tacky auction” which sounds like fun.

Corrections – Chris said he was at the prison on April 27th. The prison groups are a service opportunity (one has to pass a background check). He encouraged volunteers to help there by sharing their strength, hope and experience.

Question – What is the difference between AA Scheduled and AA Endorsed events? Shernie asked as she has lost the distinction between the two. A discussion followed. Margue B. reminded everyone that everything in AA is a suggestion – there is no such thing as a sanctioned AA event – a meeting is a meeting. Barb said these gatherings are for fun and fellowship – to increase unity among us.

Veterans' Groups at VA – Charles said there isn't a meeting for Vets. He has approached the VA to schedule a meeting there. There was a discussion about holding meetings in a venue where alcohol is served. Kari said some of the churches groups meet at do serve alcohol at times (beyond communion!). Barb said there aren't any AA guidelines on this. Gene was in favor of meeting wherever one can if it will help people especially if it is cost free!

There being no further the meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari I., Secretary