

AA District 9 Minutes

August 11, 2024 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by DCM, Ben with the Serenity Prayer

Tradition of the Month: Ben read the 7th Tradition

Roll Call: Ben H- DCM, Rose H- Secretary & GSR, Margue- Alt DCM & GSR, Janet S- CPC Chair & GSR, Gene A- Alt Secretary & Technology/Schedules, Tyler, Rick- Activities Chair, Steve H- Treasurer, Josh-Answering Service Chair & GSR, Shernie- Archives Chair & GSR, Michael- GSR & Chris-GSR

Officer Reports:

DCM- Ben:

Has been in contact with Lewiston & Tri-Cities regarding joining their GSR school when they will have one.

Treasurer- Steve H:

1. \$62.24 reimbursement to Barbara for 4th of July in the Park.
 2. Received a \$29.22 Pink Can cash contribution from the Sunday Night Big Book group.
- Motioned to approve by Josh, 2nd by Rick, all approved.

Secretary- Rose:

June minutes approved.

GSR Reports:

Early Birds- Michael D.

Meet at 6:30 AM at Son Bridge seven days/week. The business meeting is Wednesday after District 9 meeting at 6:30am. Average Attendance 5-10, newcomers- 1, coins given- 40 year and 31 year. District contributions \$28, Sonbridge \$180 and \$27 to Area 92 & GSO. Two questions from group members Are nurse practitioners' part of the professional outreach? Yes. And can EB meeting be listed daily on meeting schedule? Likely not due to space on schedule.

Wednesday 1st Step- Shernie

7-8:30PM at Sonbridge. Steady 5 attendance, Pink can \$15.No business meeting.

Touch On Feelings- Josh:

Meets Monday and Fridays at 7:00 PM. About 7 birthdays. Average attendance is from 4-10 Mondays and 10-15 on Fridays. Activity- 3rd Saturday each month- bowling.

Sunday Morning Eye Opener- Janet S.

Meet on Sunday at Sonbridge at 10:30 AM, business mtg is the last Sunday of the month at 9:30AM. Average attendance-15, newcomers-2, coins given- 6mo & 26year. 2 X 12 discussions.

Water Tower Group- Margue-

M, W, F at noon. Birthdays-2, attendance- 15. Activity- fun picnic with 13-20 members.

Friends of Bill W: Rose H.

Meet on Saturday at FCC at 9:00 AM. Attendance is 5-10. Bus Meeting last Sat/mo.

Tues Promises: reported by Ben

Meet at FCC at 7:30PM Tuesdays. Ave Attend 5-10. Birthdays- 90day and 8mo.

Night Owls- Chris R.

Business mtg last Saturday of every month at 8pm. Birthdays- 1mo & 10mo. Attendance 5-6, max 14. They have been getting a lot of good feedback from Daily Reflections and reading the book The Passage came from. At least two Christian Aid members per week.

Committee Chair Reports:

Activities- Rick:

4th of July Freedom Celebration Potluck was a success- collected \$80 and total cost was \$305, about 30-50 people, meeting was great, and fun was had! The Gratitude Banquet is next event on November 9th, same venue as last year would be ideal.

Answering Service- Josh:

- Finalized the list of phone numbers with about 23 members included and sent it to Dan. Dan will send Josh literature for people answering calls to use. Josh doesn't have a date for when the list will go live but will update us when he does.

Archives- Shernie:

Safe and warm, no additions or subtractions.

Corrections- No current chair, Ben DCM reported:

The prison meeting ebbs and flows, not a lot has changed (about 20 attendees in Pioneer and 5 in West Complex). They could always use more books and volunteers. No response from Ron on Juvi update.

- Action Item- Ben will email regarding which books would be most useful.

CPC/Treatment/PI Committee- Janet:

- Joined Area CPC Google meets July 3rd. We heard from CPC chair in D8 how she organized an event in her District. Good advice on lessons she learnt and how members who took part dealt with any personal anonymity concerns.
- July 4th Event at Pioneer Park: We had a total of 13 members involved. We had 2hr shifts and on each shift, there were 2 AA members. Our Booth looked great! We had a selection of pamphlets; schedules and we gave out cold water. Water had our QR code on the bottle and the "AA at a Glance" leaflet and pamphlets had our link to website on them. It's hard to judge how "successful" the event was, but we did get passers by slowing down as they passed to check out who we were, we did have some passersby take a few leaflets, and many enjoyed the water. Janet believes those who took part enjoyed being part of this service work and saw value in the time working the booth together perhaps with another member they didn't know so well. We had one guy who came over to the booth to thank AA for giving him his daughter back. He shared with us how his daughter had come into AA, and it had changed her life.
- Joined Area CPC meeting on August 1st. Janet joined the PAI workshop at 6pm and area CPC followed at 7.30. The workshop was very informative describing in detail how agenda items get to be voted on. AA Member-AA Group-Home group Conscious-District-Area-Delegate-GSO-Trustees. The reason the Area CPC joined was we wanted to find out how we as Area CPC request an addition to the CPC workbook. One District saw that an addition to the template letters to professionals covering Judges would be helpful.

- CPC committee met earlier today. We discussed lessons learnt on the past event, and plan what we should do in the next 6 months (focus on schools).
- We have water left over, presently stored in Barbara's basement. Rick could use this for the next event, and maybe reimburse the General fund from activities.

Technology & Schedules- Gene:

Let Gene know if anything is missing from the webpage. Find a meeting app is not current, but contact has been made to correct this. Gene asks for a blank check for schedules because we need to order, and he is uncertain of the current price. The price prior was \$185.13 for 500 schedules.

- Action Item- Correction on Thursday Night meeting: 7-8pm and change name to Thursday "Night"

New Business:

7th Tradition Flyer- Ben would like help with a flyer to share with groups stating where contributions go. Encouraging members in the group to give more due to increasing prices of coffee and lack of general funds. Are we able to use Venmo or PayPal for individuals to send money straight to district if they wanted?

Janet motioned to move literature funds to general funds. 2nd by Shernie, all approved.

District Inventory- Suggested to ask groups for feedback regarding progress from district inventory and report back to district.

Ask your groups about Workshops they would like to see from district is we could have one here.

Preamble on schedules- currently our schedule has the old wording stating, "men and women" rather than the new and GSO approved language of "people." Ask your groups what they would prefer to be on the schedule, and we will vote on wording next month at the district meeting so that we can print schedules with our group approved preamble.

Thank you all for your support and efforts to carry the message.

Meeting closed with the responsibility statement.

Minutes by Rose H, Secretary