

AA District 9 Minutes November 9, 2025 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by stand-in DCM, Margue with the Serenity Prayer

Tradition of the Month: Margue reads 11th Tradition and shares about how she was interviewed for Good Evening Portland, she gave her name, that she was recovering from alcohol and was in a 12 step program. She was amazed at how appealing people found carrying the message.

Roll Call: Margue-DCM & GSR, Rose- Secretary & GSR, Steve- Treasurer, Alt Secretary- Gene, Charles, GSR & Co-Chair, Carolyn- GSR, Lauren- Alt-GSR, Ken-GSR, Cory- GSR & Co-Chair, Janet-GSR & Chair, Barbara- GSR & Chair.

Officer Reports:

DCM- Margue asked Barbara to present: Barbara attended the recent Fall Assembly online- primarily to cast a vote on how to make a motion from our group conscience of voting yes. The process was very enlightening and lovely to hear about it. The motion passed resoundingly. The assembly was not just about the vote but also rotation and the whole process was interesting not to mention amazing to see everyone supporting each other. Barbara reported on our 90th Birthday event and its success which several other attendees mentioned as well. Minutes will be coming out. Barbara will send out who was voted as delegate.

Margue spoke about potentially increasing the DCM budget to \$500.

Treasurer- Steve: We had one 7th tradition donation for \$30.00 from Touch on Feelings and I reimbursed Janet \$60.18 for printing costs and a gift card for the standdown, both of which were CPC expenses. Our current Banner Bank balance is \$3,392.87. Janet motions to approve, Gene seconds, all approve.

Secretary: Margue asks for a motion to approve October minutes, Cory motions, Ken seconds, all approved.

GSR Reports:

Sunday Morning Eye Opener- Janet: Sunday at Son Bridge at 10AM. Attendance-14 newcomers-,0 coins given-0. Read & discuss 12x12.

Night Owls- Cory:

Saturday night at 8:30PM at FCC. Attendance- 6, newcomers- 0, coins- 1 (2yr-Brittany). Pink can distribution not yet turned in- \$15+

Language of the Heart- Ken:

Tuesdays & Thursdays at noon. Attendance-14-15, newcomers- 2, coins given- 3.

Touch on Feelings- Carolyn:

Attendance- Friday- 15, Monday- 5, newcomers- few, coins given- some. Gratitude has been topic.

Wed Night 1st Step- Shernie: Wednesday at VA Community Bldg from 7-8:30PM. Attendance-5-6, newcomers-2, coins given- 0. Focus on readings and first step sharing.

Thursday Night Open- Charles:

Thursdays at 7pm. Attendance- 20, newcomers- 3, coins- 4. Last Thursday of the month is Bday night with cake/pie/cookies. Format- open mtg, in person, English, chair topic of choice.

Monday Women's Meeting- Barbara:

Monday at 6pm. Attendance- 22+, newcomers- 4, coins- 4 (2-90day, 1-18mo, 1- 35yr-Lydia). Reading Plain Language Big Book. Discussion of Pink Can at business meetings.

As Bill Sees It: Margue:

Attendance- 4. As Bill sees it will be located at St Paul's on Catherine St starting 1st Sat in Dec.

Water Tower- Alt- Margue:

MWF at Noon. Attendance- 20, coins- several.

Committee Chair Reports:

*If any committee chairs want to write down advice for next chair, would be greatly appreciated!!!

Literature- Barbara:

No budget for literature at a district level. Passing on GV info via email, they do need our support, makes for a great present or contribution to the group.

Activities- Alt-Charles: They gathered for the last time today to finalize the Gratitude Banquet, and it is coming together great, with gratitude slips to be written and read aloud, games and a picture wall theme, amazing silent donation and 50/50. Discussion of suggested prices on silent auction items to be voted on in new business. Volunteers are still needed for clean-up crew so please share with your group and encourage them to sign up. This will be a meeting format. Cory will be on the mic informing people what is going on. Only people with food handlers permits are allowed in the kitchen so people bringing in casseroles, etc. will be directed to hand it to the appropriate people. There will be snacks before the main meal that starts at 5:30. We are using reusable plates so please do not throw them away as we can use them for NYE event. Cory will be chair of NYE event. Cory also has ideas of Spring Fling.

Archives- Shernie: Small display- photo album theme, since we have not done photos for years, Shernie bought 2 disposal cameras to capture memories of the evening.

Tech & Schedules- Gene: Everything is up to date on website, has schedules if needed. There have been questions about the website not being secured but that is just because we don't take payment on our website and it would be an additional \$100 to add that feature. Budget for next year should be about \$450 (\$400 for schedules and \$50 for website).

Answering Service- Cory: Received a text from someone who answered a call on the answering service asking about if the 12pm at SonBridge meeting was still on for that day. Cory replied he did and the guy from the hotline did attend.

CPC/Treatment/PI Committee- Janet: I will be putting together a hand over package, outlining our CPC/PI activities, contacts and any printing templates.

I will be planning a get together for CPC/PI members that have been involved over the last two years, and the new committee chair and interested members taking over. Due to the fast-approaching Holiday season I will probably leave this until January.

Barbara adds that she contacted the UB again, this time in person about having our QR code or some information about AA in their PSA section, he said he would email information and has yet to do so.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Barbara asks about the Pink Can and if we give the money to Marc M? Answer is yes. Groups send money in to Steve/Treasurer. He gives money to Marc who buys books then gives a receipt back to Steve. Groups can decide whether to donate at a local level (which includes the penitentiary and treatment centers within our district) or donate to the area. Discussed it would be nice to distribute to Women's centers as well. Thursday Night Open has a QR code that gives Pink Can to Area and then a Pink Can that is specifically passed around for Walla Walla. There are also free envelopes you can get from GSO for individuals to use to donate to GSO (maybe the amount of years sobriety they have as a suggestion).
- Gratitude Banquet- Group Conscience was that we put a suggested minimum of 1/3 the price of silent auction items.

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

Meeting closed with the responsibility statement.

Minutes by Rose H, Secretary