AA District 9 Minutes

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

Tradition of the Month: Ben read Tradition 5

Roll Call of Officers: Ben-DCM, Rose- Secretary, Steve- Treasurer, Gene- Alt Secretary

Officer Reports:

<u>DCM- Ben:</u> Ben will start attending Tri Cities District meetings.

<u>Treasurer:</u> It was a quiet month with the only transaction being reimbursing Ben for his trip to Montana for the Area Meeting in the amount of \$155.19. Our ending balance as of today at Banner Bank is \$3,110.41. Motion to approve by Gene, Seconded by Barbara- all approved.

Secretary- Rose:

Motion to approve March minutes by Janet, 2nd by Gene-all approved.

GSR Reports:

Monday Women's Meeting-Barbara:

Monday at 6pm. Attendance- 15-20, newcomers-3, coins- 3-5. We're a book study- rotating the AA literature.

Early Birds- Brian:

Daily at 6:30am. Attendance- 6, newcomers- 2, coins given- 0. Group has lively, intense discussions surrounding AA book topics and much is mentioned about our Higher Powers help delivering the poor drunk from drink.

Night Owls- Cory:

Saturdays at 8:30PM. Attendance-8, newcomers-2, coins given-1 (18mos) and 1 (5 mos). Open discussion.

Touch on Feelings- Alt Gene

Attendance- 10-20, coins given-2 (13ys & 41yrs).

Thursday Night Open- Charles

Thursday at 7pm, Attendance- 25+, newcomers-4, coins given-6. Birthday night on last Thursday of the month.

Water Tower Group- Mike

MWF at noon, Attendance- 21, newcomers-2, coins given-3 (2- 3yrs & 1mo). District Contribution of \$100.

Sunday Morning Eye Opener- Janet S.

Sunday at Sonbridge at 10AM. Attendance-12, newcomers-1, coins given-1 (60 day). Read & discuss 12x12

Language of the Heart- Ken:

Tuesdays & Thursdays at noon. Attendance-10, coins given-1

Spiritual Toolbox- Ron

Attendance-5+, coins given- 2

Tues Promises: reported by Ben

Tuesday at 7:30pm. Attendance-6-10, newcomers-0, coins given- 2. Strong attendance by regulars

Friends of Bill W: Rose H.

Saturday at 9:00 AM. Attendance- 11, newcomers- 1, coins given- 1 (24hrs) & 1 (2mos).

Committee Chair Reports:

<u>Activities: Alt Charles-</u> 4th of July is coming soon, will be similar to last year's event and will likely do a meeting again. Noted that we need to reserve Wildwood Park.

Answering Service: Cory

Ben notes that Dan is very impressed by working with Cory on answering services. Cory says that the current list of people willing to answer calls is 5 women and 15 men. Will be getting a template from Dan, not really a script so

much as potential topics. A small error where French was being used as the auto answer has been fixed. Both Charles and Josh have received a call asking for a meeting or a ride.

Archives- Assumed safe.

<u>Corrections: Ben-</u> Area Chair is looking for Bridge the Gap contacts. Also thought about treatment Bridge the Gap. Need volunteers at State Pen, Ben will send out flyers about volunteering. The email on the schedule for corrections has changed, Teresa is currently in charge, but Tonya is the rep. If you want to become a volunteer, you just need to fill out forms and take a couple hours of training.

Juvenile Justice – Fridays at 4pm needs volunteers as well. If you are interested, you can go to the front desk to fill out forms and then they will fingerprint you, then you can volunteer.

CPC/Treatment/PI Committee- Janet:

Had planning meeting with Area CPC chair: Lori, Ben and Charles using Google Meets April 2nd. The minutes from meeting: (Next meeting May 21 st 7-8pm)

Planning Meeting for June Standing Committee Workshop: (June 21 st SonBridge)

Meeting was a Google Meets Virtual Meeting:

Present, Ben H D9 DCM, Janet D9 CPC Chair, Lori Area CPC Chair, Charles Alternate Activities Chair. Meeting 7-8pm.

Lorri was asked what the Area chairs will expect as far as set up. (Expect up to 50 attendees) Suggested that we have tables arranged around the outside of the room, that will allow Area Chairs to display their "show and tell" items: Literature will bring literature, Archives will bring various displays, Area Tech Chair will need access to power ect.

Tables for the AA members could be placed in the center. The idea will be that members can browse the tables and learn from the Area chairs about each Service Position.

During the time each Area chair will be called on to give a short description of their work. Time for questions from the floor allowed. Ben as DCM will introduce each Chair.

Our Theme for the day is a birthday party and will decorate and have food available that reflects that. But at the same time, we are considering How we come together to serve CPC.

Some initial ideas for the area chairs: There are 9 Area Chairs.

- CPC: include how anonymity fits into the CPC work
- Archives: How has CPC work evolved from the early days?

Refreshments:

Coffee/water available throughout the day. (10.30-3.30)

On arrival suggested that we provide muffins & fruit

Lorri asked if she could bring the birthday cake: It was suggested we do have 2 candles: 90 and these at some point can be blown out by the member present with the longest sobriety and the member with the shortest.

D9 will ask our groups to either donate funds or sign up to bring food: Sandwiches, finger food, cookies, Ice cream, Janet will ensure a sign-up flyer to pass around is produced ASAP.

Area chairs will be asked to bring a wrapped Birthday gift, and at different points Ben will announce winners of a raffle for the gifts: (members will be given raffle tickets on arrival: do members pay for the raffle?

Charles shared a poem that we all thought would be good to have at the event.

We should have a donation can on the food tables.

<u>Literature-</u> Charles loaded up on literature. Let Charles know if you are in need because he has the information to get literature at cost with free shipping.

<u>Technology: Gene-</u> Schedule is updated on the website. Gather info from your groups and report back to Gene if we need more schedules printed yet or not. Please notify Gene for any website or schedule changes.

Old Business:

Tri-Cities- Emotional Sobriety- Ben will find out at TC district meetings.

New Business:

If anyone is interested in the Area Newsletter, email: $\underline{\text{newsletter@area92aa.org}}$

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

Meeting closed with the responsibility statement.

Minutes by Rose H, Secretary