

District 2 News and Notes

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August 2007

Meeting at:
Wasatch Presbyterian Church
1625 South 1700 East
Salt Lake City, Utah



GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with General Service Conference and the World of A.A. We realize in the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups as a whole

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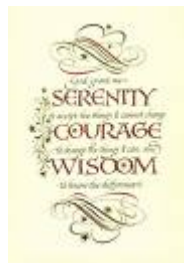
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**Agenda for District 2 GSR Meeting
June 2007**

7:00 - 7:20

- Open-Moment of Silence
- GSR preamble
- Concept VII
- Tradition VII (Tony)
- Introductions
- July Meeting Minutes (Vard)
- Treasurer's Report (Walter)
- Corresponding Secretary (Vard)
- Pre-Assembly Report (Walter & Rebecca)

7:20 – 7:30

- DCMC report and DCM reports
 - 1- Wade
 - 2- Andrew
 - 3- Rebecca
 - 4- Steve
 - 5- Sara

7:30 – 7:40

- Officer Reports
 - 1- Archives (Lana)
 - 2- Corrections (Tony)
 - 3- PI/CPC (Ryan)
 - 4- Grapevine (Dawn)
 - 5- Newsletter (Shar)
 - 6- Literature (Zack)

7:40 – 7:50

- Old Business**
 - Election of two DCMs (Wade)
 - Election of four Alt DCMs (Wade)
 - Election of BTG Coordinator (Wade)

7:50 – 7:55

- New Business**
 - Election of Recording Secretary (Wade)

7:55 – 8:00

- Open time for visitors

Concept VIII (Zach)

'The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.'

Tradition VIII (Andrew)

'Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional, but our services centers may employ special workers.'

**GSR Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2007**

Sara L. chaired the meeting.

Meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the reading of the preamble.

Vard M. presented on Concept VII and Tony S. presented on Tradition VII.

Introductions. Rebecca H. read June's meeting minutes, there was a motion to accept minutes, it was seconded, and then the motion passed. Walter C. did the treasurer's report: he stated that the group contribution list is now in alphabetical order; there was a motion to accept report, the report was seconded, the motion passed. Vard M. gave corresponding secretary report: he asked that everyone sign the attendance roll and provide him with any updated group or GSR information. Walter C. gave an update on the Pre-Assembly Workshop: the committee has met several times, the facility has been secured; Pete G. is making flyers; caterer has been found and will meet that week to confirm; they are currently seeking speakers for event; and volunteers were still needed. Wade J. gave the DCMC report: he stated that a Budget Committee needed to be formed and Vard M., Rebecca H., Lana Y. and Walter C. volunteered to be on the committee; he invited Standing Chairs to participate and give feedback to Budget Committee if they wanted. Andrew R. gave DCM report: he stated that he had a few more groups to attend; he is working on the next district workshop; he will attend the next business meeting for the New Way group. Rebecca H. gave a DCM report: she has been busy working on Pre-Assembly Workshop and encouraged others to encourage attendance. Steve C. gave DCM report: he stated that because of his work schedule he had not attended many of his meetings; he reported that the Salvation Army meeting really needed support and to spread the word. Sara L gave DCM report: she talked about the importance of the 7th Tradition; she brought up the subject of GSR orientation and that it should occur at 6:30 on the last Thursday of the month—a half hour before the GSR meeting. Lana Y. gave the Archives report: she reported that a storage closet was flooded and a portion of the archives were damaged; Wade J. proposed to spend \$300 to send the Archivist to the National Workshop, motion was seconded, motion passed. Tony S. gave the Corrections report. Ryan gave the PI/CPC report: he stated that it is a pleasure to serve and gave a recap on the School of Alcoholism. The Grapevine report was read off page 9 of the

Newsletter. Shar C. gave the Newsletter report: she asked that if anyone had suggestions for the newsletter to let her know; she asked that all District officers have reports to her by the 3rd Thursday of the month; she stated that she copied July's newsletters at her work because she had trouble printing them at Central Office. Old Business: Nobody stood for open DCM positions, tabled until next month; nobody stood for open Alternate-DCM positions, tabled until next month; nobody stood for open BTG position, tabled until next month, Wade J. volunteered to fill in temporarily. New Business: Leann from the Area 69 Communications Committee stated that the committee has been working on a video power point presentation for the prison system and that they were looking for men to volunteer their voices for the presentation, 5 people volunteered to help out after the meeting; Renae H. the Area 69 Corrections Chair stated that she has contact information for 5 inmates anticipating release and who were looking for AA contacts; Ron from Central Office stated that any flyers we have can now be put on the Central Office website, they also need help disseminating information to District 12 and Spanish translators are needed. Motion to close, it was seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer Report (Walter)

Attached at very back of newsletter

Corresponding Secretary Report (Vard)

Hi, my name is Vard and I'm an alcoholic. I am currently serving as the District 2 Corresponding Secretary.

As always, I am in the process of keeping all the District 2 group and GSR information up to date.

I've created a sign-in sheet that will help me track attendance and stay organized a little bit better. Please sign it as it goes around the room.

Are there any new GSRs? If so, please see me so you can fill out a "Group Information Change" form so I can get your contact information. I also have a copy of the District Guidelines for new GSRs or anyone else who needs them.

For the old GSRs, if you have a second could you please check my master group list to be sure I have your correct group and contact information?

To the DCMs, if you visit a group and they have either no GSR or a new GSR, please pass the information along to me. If you need any "Group Information Change" forms, I have plenty I can give you to take to your groups.

Thanks for letting me serve!

Vard

Pre-Conference Workshop Report (Walter & Rebecca)

DCMC Report

DCMC (Wade)

DCM Reports

Andrew (sub-district C)

HELLO FRIENDS, SINCE THE LAST TIME WE MET I HAVE ATTENDED THE UNI MEETING TO TRY AND HELP THEIR GSR WITH A PROBLEM THEY WERE HAVING; I ALSO HAVE ATTENDED THE ACCEPTANCE GROUP. DUE TO CONFLICTING SCHEDULE'S MY ALTERNATE ZACK HAS REALLY STEPPED UP AND HAS BEEN A HUGE HELP. HE SERVICED THE STONEWALL GROUP THIS MONTH. I STILL NEED TO GET TO GROUP 2; IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THAT GROUP YOU WILL BE SEEING ME SHORTLY. ZACK AND I HAVE ALSO LOCKED IN A TIME AND LOCATION FOR THE DISTRICT 2 WORKSHOP. IT WILL BE OCTOBER 20TH AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ON 8TH SOUTH AND 13TH EAST. I ATTENDED THE WORKSHOP IN TOOELE AND MET WILL WADE AND THE OTHER DCM'S TO DIVVEY UP THE REMAINING GROUPS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN GETTING SERVICED DUE TO THE VACANT DCM POSITION, SO I HAVE A FEW MORE GROUPS TO SERVICE THIS QUARTER.

**THANKS FOR LETTING ME SERVE,
ANDREW R.**

Rebecca (sub-district B)

Fellow Members:

Rebecca Hunt here. DCM district 2

Tooele greeted us with open arms this weekend. Thank you, for your sharing, cooperation, and fun. I was on the communication round table. It seems that we all have more to learn about reaching out to the newcomer. If love and tolerance are our code, awareness and sensitivity to the nuisances of the first day's sobriety are so important to remember. The newcomer is most often so afraid and in a fog. It is imperative to remember to reach out, but to reach out gently. Each person is different, to be sensitive to things like...maybe just a smile. We talked a lot about body language. If we sit in the rooms with our arms crossed and a frown, most likely it will scare off the newcomer;

Ask-it -Basket is always so revealing for me as a new DCM. If I want to see more people in service; it is so important to put my diplomat hat on. Experiencing someone with a spirit of fun makes joining the service arena so much more accessible.

I met new friends that will be with me for life. The intimacy moments in the kitchen with the hospitality crew showed why I do this work. I talked with people about how to dive into the money issues in my groups. Money can be a sensitive area. It came up in many areas of service this weekend. My experience of having more responsibility this time would be reflected in both the learning curves. First money issues are always talked about with committee members; also get line item accountability for the caterer, no matter what they say. If they can't provide a breakdown, go to someone who will provide you with the details. Trust is always much easier, when money is accounted for one paper. Even then, spending is questioned. So the group conscious again saves the day and the naive new service sentient being.

We did a recapitulation exercise in our round time. It is a great thing to do for the simple facts and words are changed dramatically when a sentence is pasted to more than one person. By the time our words got back to the first statement, it was a completely different set of words. NOT one word was the same. This shows me that having a one on one conversation is so, so important, to clarify any confusions.

Thank you for letting me serve. Thank you Pete, Walter, Steve and Wade for continuing to support with your love and tolerance. Thank you Shirley for taking me back to being a woman in sobriety. Thank you Pete for your beautiful spiritual Sunday.

**Love to all,
Rebecca**

Steve (sub-district A)

I'm Steve C. and I serve as a DCM for Sub. #A. I have been to about half of my groups. Some are struggling and I will get back with you next month to give you further reports. Thanks for letting me serve in this capacity.

**May God bless you till then.
SteveC.**

Sara (sub-district E)

Officer Reports

Archives (Lana)

Hi friends, Archives here. What a month it has been here in the world of District 2 Archives. As you all know, because you voted for it, District 2 is sending me to the National Archives Workshop in SEPTEMBER. I am so excited about my service commitment and I usually try to do 110% on preserving our history. You should get a real chuckle out of my latest escapades. Never let it be said that Archives is a boring job. What a shock, I got after driving there on Sunday and called the # on the flyer that I had right in front of me? Only to find out that I showed up a month early. I really have been turning my life and will over to my Higher Power...HONESTLY!!! Guess I needed a vacation. Just goes to show that even with some time in the program, life doesn't always come off the way we have it planned. I got the opportunity to laugh at my self and share some of my joy of being of service to God, the district, and to my fellows with the latest perils of Pauline, tie me to the tracks, the trains a-coming. Check back next month with a full report on how the workshop in SEPTEMBER goes.

Thanks and I really mean that for letting me be of service.
Lana Young, District 2, Archivist.

 **HUGS LANA**

Corrections (Tony)

Working with the jail on a new pod that has open up for meetings, trying to find a time that will best work for our group. Was able to meet with a person in Tooele, others need to redo their beginning class with the jail to be reenter able. Found the person who takes meetings to Cornell. Need to get with her to give her big books. Thanks for all of your support from the pink cans. The person who I wanted to share at my Corrections Workshop is now in prison. I'm looking to find someone else. Everything is finally failing into place.

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District 2 Corrections Standing Chair

PI/CPC (Ryan)

Grapevine (Dawn)

Newsletter (Shar)

Hello all,

My name is Shar and I am your alcoholic Newsletter Chair. Thanks to everyone that had suggestions that would add to the Newsletter. I've added a list of the AA groups that are being represented at the GSR meetings. This way you can see if you GSR is attending and if not then you can address that in your home group.

I apologize that I was unable to attend the Workshop in Tooele, unfortunately had to work but I hear it was awesome.

Just wanted to say thanks to the DCM's and Standing Chairs who got their reports to me on time; it made it so much easier to get the newsletter put together. Thank you for the opportunity to serve; it kept me sober this week! ☺

Peace Out ☀
District 2 Newsletter Standing Chair
Shar

Literature (Zack)

Hello all,

Tony informed me the rack at fellowship hall had fallen into disrepair again, and so I have been working on getting that stocked accordingly. Additionally, I have ordered racks for the VA and the VOA and am working with emissaries there to get the people that go to meetings there the literature they need. I was able to attend the preassembly workshop and must say thank you to those in the District that helped set that up. Finally, I am working with Andrew towards getting the workshop on district standing chairs setup. We have reserved a place for Saturday, October 20th from 9am-1pm, the First Baptist Church on 777 S 1300 E kitty-corner from East High School. There will be refreshments. If there are new GSRs here in need of service manuals please see me after the meeting. Thank you for letting me serve.

Zack

Responsibility Declaration:

*I am Responsible
When Anyone Anywhere*

*Reaches out For Help...
I want the hand of A.A. Always to
Be There and For That...*

I am Responsible

