

District 2 News and Notes

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June 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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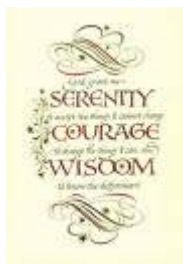
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Agenda for District 2 GSR Meeting June 2007

7:00 - 7:20

- Open-Moment of Silence
- GSR preamble
- Concept VI (Ryan)
- Tradition VI (Lana)
- Introductions
- April Meeting Minutes (Dawn)
- Treasurer's Report (Walter)
- Corresponding Secretary (Vard)
- Pre-Conference Workshop Report (Walter)

7:20 – 7:30

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

7:30 – 7:40

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

7:40 – 7:50

Old Business

- Election of two DCMs (Wade)
- Election of four Alt DCMs (Wade)
- Election of BTG Coordinator (Wade)
- Election of Newsletter Standing Chair (Wade)

7:50 – 7:55

New Business

- The Treatment Chair is stepping down.

7:55 – 8:00

- Open time for visitors

Tradition VI (Lana)

Tradition Six: An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

The sixth of our 12 Points of A.A. Tradition is deemed so important that it states at length the relation of the A.A. movement to money and property. This Tradition declares in substance that the accumulation of money, property and the unwanted personal authority so often generated by material wealth comprise a cluster of serious hazards against which an A.A. group must ever be on guard.

Tradition 6 also enjoins the group never to go into business nor ever to lend the A.A. name or money credit to any "outside" enterprise, no matter how good. Strongly expressed is the opinion that even clubs should not bear the A.A. name; that they ought to be separately incorporated and managed by those individual A.A.s who need or want clubs enough to financially support them. We would thus divide the spiritual from the material, confine the A.A. movement to its sole aim and insure (however wealthy as individuals we may become) that A.A. itself shall always remain poor. We dare not risk the distractions of corporate wealth. Years of experience have proven these principles beyond doubt. They have become certainties, absolute verities for us. Thank God, we A.A.s have never yet been caught in the kind of religious or political disputes which embroil the world of today. But we ought to face the fact that we have often quarreled violently about money, property and the administration thereof. Money, in quantity, has always been a baleful influence in group life. Let a well meaning donor present an A.A. group with a sizeable sum and we break loose. Nor does trouble abate until that group, as such, somehow disposes of its bank roll. This experience is practically universal; "But," say our friends, "Isn't, this a confession of weakness? Other organizations do a lot of good with money, why not A.A.?" Of course, we of A.A. would be the first to say that many a fine enterprise does a lot of good with a lot of money. To these efforts, money is usually primary; it is their life blood. But money is not the life blood of A.A. With us, it is very secondary. Even in small quantities, it is scarcely more than a necessary nuisance, something we wish we could do without entirely. Why is that so? We explain this easily enough; we don't need money. The core of our A.A. procedure is "one alcoholic talking to another," whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, not the alms. That does our work. Just places to meet and talk, that's about all A.A. needs. Beyond these, a few small offices, a few secretaries at their desks, a few dollars a piece a year, easily met by voluntary contributions. Trivial indeed, our expenses! Nowadays, the A.A. group answers its well wishers saying, "Our expenses are trifling. As good earners, we can easily pay them. As we neither need nor want money, why risk its hazards? We'd rather stay poor. Thanks just the same!"

Editorial by Bill W

A.A. Grapevine May, 1948

I don't know about you but my ego can't handle lots of money, tons of property, and well prestige? Let's just say I need to get down to right size. AA has taught me that HUMILITY is something that I want to work towards. Lana Young
Being a giver is the greatest gift I can give myself.

HUGS

Lana

GSR Meeting Minutes May GSR meeting 2007 (Dawn)

We opened with a moment of silence for the alcoholic who still suffers. Zack Read the preamble and Concept V. Andrew read Tradition V and the minutes for April passed. PICPC chair, Ryan, was unable to attend so Wade filled in and passed around a sign up sheet for the school on Alcoholism and urged us all to attend. Treatment chair, Deena, also was unable to attend but had someone stand in for saying they have been working very closely with the Treatment Centers. Walter did the treasurer's report and it passed. Walter also did the Pre-Assembly workshop report and announced that it will be held at the Dave Jones Center in Tooele, Utah. There will fliers available at the next GSR meeting and there is a committee meeting for this event right after the GSR meeting. We moved into the Old Business and Wade announced that we are still in need of two DCMs, four Alt. DCMs and BTG Coordinator. No one stood for these positions. The newsletter chair announced that she must step down and said she is more than willing to help out until the position is filled and furthermore willing to help the person willing to take the position. Zack stood for the position. Wade asked if there was anyone else willing to stand seeing how Zack already has three service positions, when no one stood, Wade asked the GSRs to take this back to there meetings and tabled it until June. We had many visitors from the Area and also a representative from Central Office. Doug the communications chair announced that there is a new option to get a meeting schedule on your phone. Andy the Area Chair urged everyone to attend the BTG workshop. Pete the Literature chair announced that there will be meetings every night at the University at 7:00 p.m. during the School on Alcoholism held June 25 thru June 29. Please come and support us. Wade also asked if we had anyone willing to chair the V.O.A. detox meeting, no one stood Andrew will continue. It was also mentioned that we need to get the GSR Orientation listed on the website as well as in the Central Office schedule. Then we closed with the Responsibility Statement at 8:10 p.m.

DCMC Report

DCMC (Wade)

Hi family,

My name is Wade J.D.C.M.C. Dist. 2 and I am an Alcoholic

This month I had the great pleasure of going to a Bridging the Gap Workshop in Fillmore, Utah. They had some speakers who were just released from prison, and they shared on how important it is for us to be responsible and do the things we say we are going to do, if we say we are going to be at a meeting it means a

lot to them that we make it. It was also brought to my attention that the days that wet drunks rolled into our lives without jail or a treatment center are few and far between. Thus the great need for Bridging the Gap is now. I've had the opportunity had the to attend some new meetings that are being started in District 2, and the treatment center clients want what we have and need help to get there. There has been a time in my life where I was behind bars wondering how I was going to change my life, and because of A.A. and people like you I haven't drank or returned to jail since.

Thanks for the life you have given me love in service Wade Jensen
D.C.M.C./District 2

DCM Reports

Andrew (sub-district C)

Hello everyone,

I don't have a lot to report because I've been a little bit of a slacker. I have attended the following groups since the post conference assembly: the basic young peoples group, the 974 group, an A.A. group and the new way group. The 974 group is in the process of electing a new GSR and the new way group needs some help with their Thursday night meeting at 8pm, they would really appreciate our support. My alternate Zack has taken care of the foothill group, since he was their GSR. I apologize to The Friendship Groups, The Magna Friendly Bunch, The Acceptance Group, The We Care Group, Group 2, and, The stone Wall Group. You will be seeing me or Zack very soon. I have volunteered to help Zack with the district 2 workshop which we will be planning soon. I have also been volunteering to chair the meeting down at the V.O.A. on a pretty regular basis, which has been one of the greatest blessing I could have been given, since that is were I got sober and was introduced to the program that has saved my life.

Thanks for letting me serve,
Andrew R.

Steve (sub-district A)

Hello everyone my name is Steve and I am an alcoholic. I have been able to attend most of my group's during the last month there are only a few I have missed. I was unable to go to Fillmore for the BTG workshop and am a little disappointed about that, I heard it was great. I will be getting to the rest of my meetings in the next little while. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Steve

Officer Reports

Archives (Lana)

Hey friends,

Archives has been looking for a new home. District 2 Archives has been growing over the last 6 months and needs more space than my small front closet can accommodate. Archives has had inquires made from two members from neighboring Districts to the south. They were interested in what kinds of things Archives collects and I hope that the information that they received was of help so that maybe they could find a member willing to become an Archivist in their District and find the joy of being of service at the District level. GSR's please let your groups know that we are accepting donations of any thing that pertains to Alcoholism or Alcoholics Anonymous. This includes Books, newsprint, pamphlets, old meeting lists, coffee mugs & T shirts from AA events or any other memorabilia. Thanks for your support and interest in helping me to fulfill my service commitment.

HUGS

Lana Young, District 2, Standing Chair, Archivist

Grapevine (Dawn)

Hello all, not much to report this month. I received a letter from the Grapevine stating that prices of subscriptions will be going up soon, so if you are getting close to renewal now would be the time to do it. I also have a display set up with a few books and CD's for sale if anyone is interested. Also I could still use some help getting out to the meetings in District 2 if you are interested in that just let me know. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Love and Light,
Dawn Marie

Newsletter (Dawn)

Once again my name is Dawn and I am an alcoholic. Unfortunately I am not able to hold this position any longer. I am finishing high school and it takes up a lot of time. Also the newsletter is very time consuming as well and I feel I must lighten my load. I am more than willing to help whoever stands for this position learn what it entails, and appreciate the opportunity to have served district 2 in this capacity.

Love and Light,
Dawn Marie

Literature (Zack)

Hello all,

If anyone attends meetings such as VOA detox, the Road Home, Salvation Army, Fellowship Hall, or UNI, it would be great if you could alert me to literature racks running low and especially items being in racks that should not be. Tony told me

there was a Cocaine Anonymous pamphlet in the Fellowship Hall literature rack. FYI: This should not be in an AA lit rack (see Tradition Five). I have new GSR packets available for anyone here tonite that has not received one or is a new GSR. Finally, Andrew and I will be hosting a workshop on the standing chair positions. If anyone would like to help out please let us know.

Easy Does It,
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

