

District 2 News and Notes

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September 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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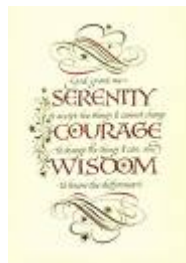
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Agenda for District 2 GSR Meeting September 2007

7:00 - 7:20

Open-Moment of Silence
GSR preamble
Concept IX (Zach)
Tradition IX (Chad)
Introductions
August Meeting Minutes
Treasurer's Report (Walter)
Corresponding Secretary (Vard)
Fall Assembly Report (Zach)

7:20 – 7:30

DCMC report and DCM reports

- 1- Wade
- 2- Andrew
- 3- Steve

7:30 – 7:40

Officer Reports

- 1- Corrections (Tony)
- 2- Treatment Chair (Chad)
- 3- Newsletter (Shar)
- 4- 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

7:55 – 8:00

Open time for visitors

Concept IX (Zach)

“Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.”

Tradition IX (Andrew)

“A.A. as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

GSR Meeting Minutes**August 30, 2007**

Sara L. chaired the meeting. Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the reading of the preamble. Zach K. presented on Concept VIII and Andrew R. presented on Tradition VIII.

Introductions. Sally read July’s meeting minutes, there was a motion to accept minutes, it was seconded, and then the motion passed. Walter C. stood in for Vard M. as corresponding secretary and asked if everyone signed the attendance roster & passed around a volunteer form for the Pre-Conference for Vard. Walter then proceeded with the treasurer’s report: He said the checkbook is balanced for July. There was a motion to accept the financial report, it was seconded and passed. Then Walter made sure everyone had a copy of the proposed budget for 2008. There was some discussion on the budget. Sara mentioned moving an additional \$50 or \$100 from Corrections to Literature. Shar said the Newsletter Chair may only need \$100 as long as Central Office can accommodate the printing of the district newsletter. Lana said the cost of storing Archives is \$270/year and that a \$300 budget is sufficient. Sally said she thought we should increase the hotel/gas budget items as much as we can because with the budget as small as it is it only allows for a select few to attend our service assemblies. The DCMC Wade asked the GSRs to bring the proposed budget back to their groups to get their input on the budget, which would be voted on at the September GSR meeting. Walter then gave a brief Pre-Assembly report, saying it went well, it was fun, they learned from it and even came out ahead financially.

DCM reports. Andrew R. said that he has been attending his groups and has had help from his alternate, Zach. He looks forward to getting to some new groups that were assigned to him over the workshop. Rebecca H. said she had a great time at the workshop in Tooele and learned some valuable lessons from her experience there. Steve C. said he’d been to about half of his groups this month and will report more next month. Sara L. said she was able to get to some of her groups and that she could use an alternate.

Officer reports. Lana Y. gave the Archives report: She reported that she went to the National Archives Workshop, but no one was there because it's not being held until September. She is eager to attend and give a full report-back in September. Tony S. gave the Corrections report. He is looking for a person to speak at the Corrections workshop, because the person he had asked is now in jail. He is working to find a meeting time for a new pod that has opened up for meetings. Shar C. gave the Newsletter report: she thanked everyone for their suggestions for the newsletter and announced that she is now printing the AA groups that are being represented by a GSR/Alt-GSR at the GSR meetings. Zach K. gave a Literature report saying he has ordered literature racks for the VOA and the VA and is on top of keeping the rack at Fellowship Hall full. He also offered any new GSRs to get a copy of the service manual from him following the meeting. Chad gave the Treatment report. He said he is working on getting to groups in various treatment facilities and should have more to report next month.

Old Business. Sally stood for an open DCM position, but then stepped down because she is currently a GSR in our district. Both Sally and Shar stood for alternate GSRs, and both were elected. No one stood for the BTG position; Wade J. will continue to fill in temporarily.

New Business. Dawn G. had to step down as Recording Secretary of the district. Zach K. stood for the position and was elected.

Open time for visitors. The secretary of the Fall Assembly hosted by district 10 was in attendance; Jeff brought registration forms and said anyone can pre-register for \$10 or pay \$15 at the door. He also mentioned that rooms are \$69.95/night (regularly \$110). Ron from Central Office said the picnic was a success. He asked GSRs to get feedback from their groups about going to debit/credit cards, rather than just using cash at Central Office (and mentioned someone had tried to rob the Central Office, but got locked in the building). The cost shouldn't be very much and this would mean less cash lying around and more accommodating to visitors. He also said that the copies of the district newsletter will not be a problem any more. Sally mentioned a Colorado Convention that weekend.

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. 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 2 Guidelines for new GSRs or anyone

else that 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

Fall Assembly Report (Zach)

Hello all,
My experience at the Fall Assembly started with a cherry Danish from the hospitality room that made the whole day worthwhile. We now have a new Area Treasurer and Grapevine chair. The proposed budget was approved as written. Wade volunteered District 2 for the 2009 Fall Assembly bid, but we were defeated by District 11. Charlie, our Area registrar, showed everyone the online "Fellowship New Vision" database, used to track existing meetings and their GSR's. An Alt DCM from the Spanish-speaking District 12 told us, via translation, of their goals to help the still suffering alcoholic via H&I and CPC. Several motions passed concerning self-support of the area archives committee. All of the area guidelines passed as written, but I was hoping - and it kind of looked like - there might be a fistfight over the gas mileage hike. Finally, a motion passed shifts the February preassembly workshop and the pre-conference assembly forward each a week. Thus, now pre-conference assembly will be the first week in April. If you have any questions about the details of the assembly, don't hesitate to ask.

Thanks for letting me serve.
Zack

DCMC Report

DCMC (Wade)

DCM Reports

Andrew (sub-district C)

HELLO FRIENDS, NOT TOO MUCH TO REPORT. I AM STILL CHAIRING THE DISTRICT'S VOA MEETING EVERY SUNDAY, WHICH HAS HAD GREAT ATTENDANCE. ZACK AND I ARE FINALIZING THE DISTRICT 2 WORKSHOP, WHICH WILL BE OCTOBER 20TH AT 9AM. I WAS INVITED TO ATTEND THE FOOTHILL GROUP'S BUSINESS MEETING ON THE 19TH. IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE TO WATCH THE GROUP CONCIENCE WORK, AND TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE PASSIONATE ABOUT THE TRADITIONS AND FOCUSED ON HOW TO BETTER CARRY THE MESSAGE OF AA. THEY REALLY MADE ALOT OF CANGES IN A NEW DIRECTION FROM THE WAY THEY ELECT THEIR TRUSTED SERVENTS, QUALIFICATIONS OF TRUSTED SERVENTS, TO CREATING NEW POSITIONS. I WILL BE ATTENDING THE FALL ASSEMBLY THIS WEEKEND IN PARK CITY AND WILL BRING BACK ALL THE INFORMATION I CAN FROM THAT.

THANKS FOR LETTING ME SERVE,
ANDREW R.

Steve (sub-district A)

I'm Steve and I'm a DCM for District #2, Sub-District A. I'm very grateful to be of service. I've been to about half of my meetings. I've been very busy at work so I've been slacking in my meetings but all is well with the few I've been to. My work is slowing down so I'll be picking up on the rest of my meetings with in the next month. May God bless you and be with you till next time.
Steve

Officer Reports

Corrections (Tony)

Dear friends,
I have received a new pod at ADC that is open 7 days at week. Need volunteers for this opening. New Security Pass processor is being started at ADC. Need to get with youth volunteer at Cornel at about getting application for access and give her books. Last month was the 1st time 4A received a meeting as far as I now. Thanks to all the groups for their pink can contributions.

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District 2 Corrections Standing Chair

Treatment Chair (Chad)

Greetings District 2,

Not much to report in treatment this month. So far I have only made contact with the Haven director. It is my intention before the next GSR meeting to make contact with and develop a working relationship with the appropriate person at Salvation Army. Steve has asked me to assist him in finding speakers for the Friday night speaker meeting there (NOTE: this is not an official AA meeting). If anyone involved in treatment centers meetings deserve assistance with anything or would like to talk to me about concerns or ideas they have, please contact me. I am here to serve!

Love and Light,
Chad Nielson

Newsletter (Shar)

Newsletter is going fine. I haven't run across any issues so far. Central Office is doing our printing for us, so no worries there. I have received many great ideas for the newsletter and your suggestions have been greatly appreciated. Thanks to all the DCM's and Standing Chairs who got there reports to me on time, it makes my assignments easier. If I could just re-iterate that I need all reports by the DCM meeting on the second to the last Thursday of every month. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Peace Out ☀
District 2 Newsletter Standing Chair
Shar

Literature (Zack)

Hello all,

Thanks to Pete G, our Area literature chair, I acquired four new literature racks to be placed in facilities in need. So far I have placed three of these in VOA women and children's center; the Sunrise metro apartments; and VA's North Star unit. Andrew and I are finalizing arrangements for the district workshop on October 20 from 9am-12pm. Each district servant will speak on the experience and purpose of their position. We encourage everyone to come.

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

