

District One Meeting Minutes for September 08, 2011

Frank called the meeting to order at 6:31 with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Shelley read the GSR Preamble and Dwight read the Twelve Traditions. There was one new GSR – Shelley W. from Sunday Morning Serenity. No interested AAs. Frank welcomed Charlie G. Assembly Chair and Wade J CPC from Area 69. Those in attendance: DCMC, 2 DCMs, 8 GSRs with 2 excused, Secretary, Treasurer excused, Corrections, Intergroup Logan, Intergroup Ogden excused and Treatment excused. Sue called the roll and read the minutes from the August District meeting. The minutes were approved with a motion from Cliff and Steve 2nd.

Intergroup Logan – Erin –

Intergroup Ogden –

IGR Meeting September 14th 2011

Our meeting opened with a deep sadness that our beloved DCMC, Frank B., would not be in attendance. Even the Cactus wilted melancholy. But we manned up and began our gathering with a moment of silence for the “*still suffering alcoholic*” at 6:31PM. Jan read our Fellowships Traditions, and, in honor of our Fellowships 7th Tradition of self-support, a container was passed, and thirty dollars was secured, a stilted amount for our sparse gathering. Mike L. read the CO Financial Statement, Twiggy read the Minutes from last month’s Meeting, and Bob read the CO Report. Cathy R. District 1’s DCM, standing in for Frank, read Frank’s prepared statement from the back of our agenda. Cathy did an admirable job ... but Frank’s shoes are difficult to fill.

The Steering Committee positions were broached but a long Fall’s silence filled the room, as leaves drifted quietly to the floor.

Mary L. caught us up on the Central Office Event.

Bob told of a “new” pamphlet, “*A.A. For The Alcoholic With Special Needs,*” and said it would, hopefully, be available in October. Bob also said that the CO rent had increased by \$15.05, an annual event that transpires each fall as the geese begin leaving.

The meeting was then closed with our Serenity Prayer and handholding, which all in-joy in their own way.

Cathy, on here way out, flustered over if she should or shouldn’t touch the Cactus to sooth their angst, left her water bottle ...

Corrections – Gunnar – I had an email conversation with the Sherriff of Rich County early last month. Basically I was touching base to see if I could get any literature to his jail. He was grateful for the contact but didn’t seek any literature.

I spent \$67.00 of my budget on eight 12 & 12s.

While I was with Bob in Central Office, I asked him to put an announcement in the Pass It On to seek donations of literature as well as an announcement to get some women to volunteer to go into the jail. This announcement will appear in the next Pass It On.

Bob also shared with me a juicy piece of news: He said the Fall Fellowship committee plans on donating 5 cases of Big Books to the jails.

I sent a private face book message to one of the guys on the committee asking that diversifying their order to include some different literature.

He told me he would take that to his committee.

Even though the pink can drive is losing steam, the Tuesday Roy Beyond the Horizon group gave over \$25 towards our cause.

I sent another email to the woman in charge of programs at Weber County Jail to see if she had a date for the next orientation for new volunteers. I am still waiting for a response. In our last communication, she said there should be an orientation in September.

Grapevine - Paul – Not Present

Treatment/Bridge the Gap – Scott H. – Excused, no report.

Treasurer – Teddie

Good Evening My Fellows.

Last month the 7th tradition basket collected \$25.00. Four groups sent contributions this past month for a total of \$124.62. Contributions totaled \$149.62, which I deposited into the District One Fund bank account.

As you can see, \$544.40 has been paid out. These expenses include \$15.00 to the BC Alano Club for rent and \$60 to the Central Office in Ogden for services. Printing expenses to Sue C. was \$2.40. \$67.00 to Gunnar for BTG Mileage, and \$400.00 defrayment to Cliff. The checking account now has \$13.92 above the \$2000.00 prudent reserve. Please share with your groups that District One greatly appreciates their support.

Thank you for allowing me to serve District One. Teddie

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Kate and Gunnar 2nd.

Elections were opened for 3 DCMs, 6 Alt. DCMs, C.P.C., Literature, and PI Chair Positions. – Chris H. stood for PI Chair, qualifying himself. He was voted in unanimously. Thanks Chris.

PLEASE TAKE THIS BACK TO YOUR GROUPS.

Old Business –

Frank gave a short summary for the 2012 Post-Conference Committee. Charlie will get a packet for Frank. And Frank has a couple of choices to check into for the venue.

Region Forum Report – Cliff -
Pacific “Additional” Regional Forum
August 19-21, 2011

Amazing!!

With a weeks notice I planned a trip to Woodland Hills California and walked into the Orientation for first time attendees 5 minutes late.

Amazing!

This was my first Forum. There were 723 attendees and 373 of those were first timers.

The first Forum was in 1975. They were called “Mini Conferences” with the purpose of improving communication within the fellowship, brining the Conference experience to AA members through out the US and Canada. There are 8 regions in the US and Canada, each region could schedule a Forum every two years. In 2008 the “Additional” Forum was added to each region every eight years. At the same time “Local” Forums were added, up to 3 per year for cultural, accessibility and population needs.

The beginning of the Forum Friday there were introductions and presentations by Ward Ewing class A Trustee (non alcoholic), Rod B. class B Trustee (alcoholic) and Adrienne B. GSO staff. During that first day I was just amazed at the selfless service and passion for AA service our Trustees’ and the GSO staff have. The love and passion I felt, I thought of the countless hours of service work to insure the survival of AA and its principles. The service to groups and members to continue to carry the message of recovery from alcoholism.

I understand why alcoholics serve AA, but I am amazed and grateful at the service and passion of class A Trustees (non alcoholics).

There was a video "Markings on The Journey" that was a condensed history of AA. Amazing.

Saturday there was presentations from the Grapevine Board Director Nancy Haynes, Grapevine Executive Editor Ami Brophy and the La Vina Editor Irene Donoso. They stated that the Grapevine will continue to be in print format and not replaced with the currently available digital format (A Rumor). The Grapevine has gone through deep staff reductions.

There are 16 books, CDs and calendars available from the Grapevine. The web site has had many new added features I was unaware of and I am a subscriber. New stories daily on home page and search by topic. There is an " I-Say" section where you can start conversations and make comments. The Grapevine does not accept donations but does have a fund for subscriptions for those in need. Do our Corrections, CPC, Treatment committees have subscriptions for their service work? E-Book should be out now and all books in the future to be in this format.

There were presentations. Special needs- Identifying Current changes, Right of Decision & Appeal-Concepts 3&5, Why Not Be Self-Supporting Through Voluntary Contributions? AA History- Boring or Incredible Spiritual Journey, The Changing Culture of AA, Varieties of Spiritual Experiences.

There were presentations from AAWS Board Director Andrea Bathwell and GSO Manager Phyllis Halliday on finances.

There were facts and figures on what it cost GSO to provide services to each group. An annual contribution in 2010 of \$6.29 per member or \$137.10 per group would have allowed GSO to be fully self supporting. If we all practiced the Birthday plan would that would make us self supporting as well. Our primary purpose, to carry the AA message, contributions are simply a means to accomplish this .

I was made aware of the fact that AA lost the copy rights to the first and second addition of the Big Book. Copy rights are monitored very closely now. GSO no longer opposes the use of the AA Circle/Triangle Symbol.

There was a Forum Workshop on Inventory. Generating Enthusiasm for a Group Inventory, Inventory-Beyond the Individual and Group, After Inventory. There were workshops. Group Inventory-Where's the Focus, District Inventory-How When and Why, Home Group-Maintaining a Welcome and Safe Place, Rotating Leadership, The Twelve Concepts, AA Grapevine-Today, Area Inventory-How When and What Happens After, Twelve Traditions-Applying Principals to Local Matters, Anonymity in Digital Age-Impossible or Not, Carrying the Message to the Elderly Community, Newsletters/Bulletins in AA, All About La Vina.

Sunday there was an Ask-It-Basket and a sharing from past Trustees and closing remarks by Ward Ewing. Amazing!!

Cliff D.

Frank also gave a report on the Pre-Assembly Workshop.

New Business –

Wade J.- Area C.P.C. – Talked about his position. He also said Area 69 appreciates donations. Please let groups know their appreciation.

Open Discussion – GSR’s – Time was opened for discussion. Erin mentioned that some AA publications are now available for E-readers. And to be aware of who gets the profits from sales.

Coming Soon

☞ Next DCM Planning Meeting – B.C. Alano Club - September 08 07:45 pm.

☞ Next District Meeting - BC Alano Club - October 13 06:30 pm

☞ Fall Assembly September 23-25

Meeting was closed at 7:30 pm with the Responsibility Statement.

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