

# ***DISTRICT 7***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

December 3, 2019

Joey S opened the meeting at 7pm with the Serenity Prayer

Attendees: Steve P, Joey S, Fred, JeanneMarie B, Jen F, David V, Crystal H, Bob J, Jackie K, Shawn, Hilde, Breana, Spencer, Jeri R

Joey's phone (Samantha) read the November meeting minutes, submitted by Jen. JeanneMarie motion to accept minutes as read. Seconded by Fred and passed unanimously

### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Crystal (for Debbie B)**

October beginning balance \$1567.18 plus \$256.22 donations and no debits for ending balance of \$1823.40

November beginning balance \$1823.40 plus \$250.50 donations and no debits for ending balance of \$2076.90

Fred motioned to accept Treasurer's report as read. Steve P second. Passed unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Information – JeanneMarie** Doing well. Several new contacts this month

- Dan from the Daily Courier called about an interview on alcoholism and AA. She has pulled a collection of literature together (with input from Steve P). Joey is available to participate as well. Jen added, there is an old article on AA in Grants Pass on the wall at Central Office if that would be useful. Jeri suggested the book "AA in Oregon" as a historical reference.
- Matt from Oregon Youth Authority called for soft cover Big Books. They have a good program with 2 people bringing meetings. JeanneMarie donated 10 books.
- Steve P was elected Area 58 Public Information South Chair at the November assembly. One of his first activities will be to attend a workshop on "Presentation meetings in High Schools".

**Intergroup – jen F** Please announce Holiday Marathon meetings in your groups. Signup sheets on the bulletin board at Hi-Lo.

**Treatment – Joey S** Meeting facilitators needed for On Track morning meetings – Monday, Thursday and Friday 8-9. Current facilitators have been in the position for about 2 years – they're ok with retaining the position but should rotate out. ADAPT would like an AA panel meeting. CRC has not responded – Hilde is looking into this.

### **DCM REPORT –Joey S**

Joey's first assembly as DCM. No bills passed. Steve's "At the microphone" motion was declined.

## **GSR reports**

**Women's Stronger Together – JeanneMarie** All good. Attended the November assembly with 2 new GSR's, saving on expenses. Exciting experience.

**Looking Forward – Jeri R** Doing fine. Added a "Safety in AA" statement in the meeting preamble - intention that all should feel comfortable and welcome and to see homegroup members with questions or concerns. That is followed up with a show of hands for homegroup members.

**Illinois Valley Groups - Bob** All 3 Groups doing well, however attendance is down slightly (normal for this time of year). Preparing for the 12 step workshop starting at the end of February.

**Safe Haven – Jackie** Average attendance 15 -20 people. Attended November assembly and struggled with the new GSR school. She tried to share with her group, but the business meeting was replaced with dinner.

**Turning Point – Spencer** Group doing well. Attended November assembly for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, and the new GSR school. Found the 1<sup>st</sup> concept and roll call voting interesting.

**Next Gen – Fred** Attendance rising which is typical for this time of year. New Chairperson.

**Easy Does It – David V** No NEW chaos. Thanksgiving eve may have been record attendance with 62 people. Attended November assembly and his 5<sup>th</sup> GSR school. He too reported that the format is confusing.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Big Book donations for treatment facilities has been launched with flyers, web and newsletter announcements. 3 books collected at Central Office. Jeri asked about the validity (and ethics) of donations for treatment facilities that "have money". Discussion around the state and possibly federal ruling that AA is a religious organization and as such cannot provide funds for literature etc. Crystal brought up the point that the recitation of the "Lord's Prayer" in meetings tends to substantiate the religious argument. Hilde said that CRC purchases books and clearly marks them as CRC property but they disappear.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Secretary open position. Crystal read the working guidelines for the position. Roll call resulted in only Breana being available. Breana read her service resume, left the room as the group discussed and was unanimously voted in.
- JeanneMarie motioned for district to fund the cost of 3 soft cover Big Books for OYA. After reviewing the earlier treasurers report, motion passed unanimously. JeanneMarie to contact Debbie for the funds.
- Joey requested we start a tradition of a DCM notebook and requested \$10 funding. David motioned, JeanneMarie second, passed unanimously. (Steve may have a binder)

- Joey noted a perceived barrier for people volunteering for treatment committee due to no budget and requested a literature budget of \$25. Crystal noted that District has no formal all-inclusive budget. She may be available to help with an adhoc committee to gather input from all committees to develop a budget. Carryover for January meeting.
- Crystal proposed initiating an ACCESS committee for District 7. From Area 58 website: *Access issues apply to all alcoholics who have difficulties participating in AA, whether those barriers are mental, physical, geographic, cultural, ethnic, spiritual or emotional.* Guidelines will need updating. David suggested partnering with District 16. Sarah M from area is a resource. Crystal Motioned, JeanneMarie second, passed unanimously.

Fred moved for the **MEETING TO CLOSE AT 8:15PM.** Meeting closed with the Responsibility statement.