

Meeting Minutes for District 7:01/05/2021 Minutes prepared by Brianna M.

Meeting started at 7:03 PM with Serenity Prayer.

Attendance: Joey S., Brianna M., David V., Crystal H., Jackie, Kim H., Steve P.

Joey reviewed a brief description of concept one.

Past meeting minutes read by Brianna for December District 7 meeting. Jackie made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report:

Mary not present. Joey reported that him and Mary went to WAMU bank and started a new bank account. She gave them a check for the deposit, and they gave instructions on how to move forward with the old account. Crystal can go into that bank and ask for past records for audit purposes. Crystal will have to get the funds to transfer to the new account. Crystal contacted Mary and advised her to let her know what she needs Crystal to do and she will be happy to help. Joey would like Crystal to request the past records for 2020 statements so District can do an audit.

Treatment committee: No report given.

JOCO Intergroup: Report given by Steve. Intergroup meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7pm by zoom only. Central office still closed to foot traffic. Appointments can be made. Steve is unsure how marathon meetings went and there has not been a recent meeting yet to find out current events.

PI Committee: No report given.

Sunshine Committee: No report given.

GSR Reports:

Women's Safe Haven: Report given by Jackie. Still meeting by Zoom. Attendance was 25 people at tonight's meeting. Things are going well. There were new people at tonight's meeting.

The Turning Point Group: Report given by Kim. The group voted that the meetings are by Zoom only now. They are in the process of getting together and doing a group inventory.

Old Business: The bank account discussed earlier. Steve's idea about advising the public that A.A. is still open. They have not received any ideas at this time. Joey wanted to confirm if anyone has contacted the newspaper and there was nobody that took on this task. Brianna will call the local newspaper to see if they have the updated A.A. information in their advertisements.

New Business: Joey has been meeting with DCMs and they are discussing A.A. groups using churches for meetings because churches are exempt from current COVID restrictions. There are questions if this is okay because this may affect A.A. as a whole in the future. This is conflicting because it may affiliate A.A. with religious organizations. Joey wants to open floor for discussion on the matter. Crystal wants to know if GSO has been contacted to discuss this issue. Joey has tried and he is waiting for a response. Joey said it is being left in Area and District to talk about it and see if any action needs to be taken. Crystal talked about how the number one

importance is people being sober, but it can seem like A.A. is affiliated with religion if they are holding meetings in church facilities during this time. Joey fears this may cause more division in the groups and District. Crystal suggested reaching out to Madeline, Vera, or Ann. Steve said A.A. can hold meetings anywhere. He said it could cause controversy and cause problems if there tries to be a handle on this. District does not handle the meeting the list. Crystal said Madeline is really plugged into A.A. as a whole and may have already heard about this issue. Crystal talked about autonomy except when it affects A.A. as a whole, but it would be challenging to police that. She said maybe looking at it from a different lens and instead of thinking of how to handle the groups, find a different solution. Joey clarified that he does not want to handle the groups, he just wants to have a discussion of how District should handle the matter if there are any questions. Jackie discussed how she goes to a live meeting in a church and they follow the churches COVID guidelines but still hold their group to the A.A. traditions. She said there were people who were hesitant on attending a meeting at a church, but they stayed. Joey said there is not a problem that A.A. is meeting in churches, it is the concern that A.A. will be affiliated with religion because they are still attending in churches when the rest of the locations that A.A. groups would meet are closed. David discussed the traditions and how the COVID restrictions differ in different areas. Joey said there were a lot of DCMs that fear discussing this topic because it is controversial. It is everyone's responsibility to look at the traditions and steps, but this can affect A.A. as a whole. Joey said this may never get brought up again and that would be fine. He said if you do not feel comfortable talking about this on the group meeting and want to talk to him about it, you can contact him and discuss it privately. Steve said the issue he sees is you cannot have a wedding in a church and count that as a religious event. Churches have exemptions because they are religious affiliation but A.A. is not and this could be a criminal act because A.A. is not exempt from the restrictions. This could be bad for the A.A. name if this gets out publicly. Joey would like Crystal to get him contact information for the people she discussed that he could reach out to about this issue.

No further business. Jackie made a motion to close the meeting. Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting closed at 7:48pm with Responsibility statement.