

District 2 – Area 68 Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, February 9, 2020 @ 2:00pm

Location: 1142 Eikel Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130

Attendees: **Marie M.**, DCM, **Tony C.** - Alt-DCM/ GSR Wimberly Group, **Cheryl B.** - Secretary, **George T.** – Treasurer/GSR New Braunfels Group, **Millie R.** - Grapevine Chair/ reported for GSR Dam River Group, **Connie H.** - Treatment Chair, **Sunshine C.** - Newsletter Chair, **Rusty C.** – Webmaster Chair, **Karen U.** – Women’s Solution Group, **Paul M.** – GSR Spring Branch Group, **Donna K.** – GSR River Group, **Tom V.** Alt GSR River Group, **Daniel H.** – GSR Into Action

Opened meeting with the with Serenity Prayer. Introductions were done while roster was passed.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

SECRETARY

No minutes from January meeting due to not having a secretary.

Alt. DCM

Attended the 2020 SWTA 68 Winter Workshop in Port Aransas. Specific sessions attended included Archives and Accessibilities.

Tony is working on annual picnic, have identified a venue more centrally located for our district to best serve all groups.

TREASURER

George provided copies of the treasurer’s report that included both YTD and January income/expenses. Group contributions totaled \$742.43 and CFC \$223.50. Expenses for the month totaled \$484.89 which included DCM, website and PO Box expenses.

Millie R. requested funds to purchase a 2-year subscription to Grapevine to provide to jails and institutions as needed. *Connie H. made a motion to approve which was seconded and approved.*

CFC CHAIR

No Report – Pegge not present.

NEWSLETTER CHAIR

Sunshine gathered information to complete the February District 2 Newsletter. Provided printed copies for group and committee member handouts. She continues to gather AA related resources for future newsletters. Reminded the committee to email her newsletter items that may be useful such as upcoming events, workshops, AA short stories, group news, etc.

PI/CPC CHAIR

No Report – Bob not present.

GRAPEVINE CHAIR

Millie R. announced that Grapevine has a limited time book offer. Single book & sets are \$17.25, and shipping is free. Requested GSR's to ask their groups if someone wants to be a grapevine rep. Provided a reminder that the cost of a one-year subscription is \$28.97 and a two-year is \$54.00. Suggested groups get a subscription or members get one for themselves to support Grapevine. Reminded the committee that Grapevine supported only through subscription/book sales.

TREATMENT CHAIR

Connie mentioned that Windmill Ranch needs an AA meeting. They also need people to help residents work the steps. Andrea R. volunteered to get more information.

Announced an upcoming event Taking the Message, a training session to learn how to take the AA message into treatment facilities on Saturday, February 22nd from 1-3pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Loop 1604 in San Antonio. Andrea R. and Brandie J. would be attending.

Connie asked all the GSR's to check with their groups to see/confirm if any of the groups are taking meetings into treatment centers or jails.

ARCHIVES CHAIR

No Report – Monica not present.

WEBMASTER CHAIR

Rusty received permission from Harry to have access and update the website. He and Casey are due to go over the procedures to make changes and update the website. Web address is www.area68district2.org

Upcoming plans include focusing on going through the website and making appropriate changes. Asked committee chairs to provide reports in a PDF format. Indicated that he and Sunshine would continue to work together on both the website and newsletter.

GSR REPORTS:

Dam River Group – Mille R. said their group is growing, announced they hosted a celebration for life for Ann and that they have also started a Big Book study group on Tuesdays at 2pm.

Wimberly Group – Tony C. stated he attended the Area 68 Winter Workshop; they have a new meeting on Tuesday nights at 6:30; Tradition and Concepts study group is still going but needs member support.

Women's Solution Group – Karen U. reported that the meeting is well attended each week with around 40 women and that the meeting has a group conscience scheduled for the third Saturday of each month. Next meeting will discuss meeting process of passing the calendar. She attended the Winter Workshop on behalf of the group. Since attending Karen has been reminding group members to get a home group and participate in group consciences because everyone has a voice. Group sent \$300 to GSO this month.

Spring Branch Group – Paul M. announced meetings are going well and have good attendance. Had a New Year’s Eve party in January but there are no plans currently for future events. Submitted \$240 in contribution to District 2 for the month of January.

River Group – Donna K. announced they nominated a new chairperson to lead group conscious and business meetings; formed a committee for a July 4th outing and tossing around ideas for some workshops. They also formed a committee to monitor and help with returning phone messages. Contributed \$100 to CFC in January.

Into Action Group – Daniel H. announced they have a speaker meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month; they have meetings 7 days per week @ 6:00pm with Thursday being a BB study and Sunday 12&12 study. They also have meetings on MWF @ noon. Contributed \$30 District 2, \$30 to Area 68, \$30 to GSO and \$10 to Inter-Group in the month of January.

New Braunfels Group – George T. announced that Wednesday BB Study is 55 people and growing. The 7pm meetings are going and getting more newcomers. The NB Group is starting a Venmo account to make it easier for people to make donations. Contributions \$323.95 District 2 and \$98.50 CFC in the month of January.

[End of GSR reports]

OLD BUSINESS

Decided last month that District 2 would host 3 workshops for 2020 and that topics would be determined in February. After some discussion, proposed topics included:

- Treatment
- What to Look for in a Sponsor (help with picking)
- Public Information
- Service Workshop
- Promote Spanish Speaking Group
- Technology Workshop.

Winners

1. Sponsorship – Hosted March 8th
2. Treatment – Hosted June 14th
3. Service Work – Hosted September 13th

Voted that workshops would be hosted before the district meeting from 1pm for 45 minutes.

Tony C. provided a minority opinion that the District would normally conduct workshops after the District meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

District 2 meeting schedule – proposed to change the meeting dates for April and May due to Easter holiday and Mother’s Day. **New Meeting Dates are April 5th and May 3rd.**

District 2 Summer Picnic – Tony C, Alt.-DCM identified a venue, Rio Vista Park in San Marcos for the event. He visited the park and took pictures. Explained the cost to rent the large pavilion is \$65 for the day and that there is adequate parking. Only drawback is that no NO charcoal is permitted therefore gas grills would need to be brought in. Date selected for the event was Saturday, May 23rd.

There was some lengthy discussion about having the event on a holiday weekend due to crowds and conflicting schedules. Voted to investigate availability on alternate Saturdays, May 9th, May 30th and June 9th. Tony to report back at March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 4:15 p.m.