

District 25 Meeting Minutes January 5, 2016

Attending: Colleen, Paul, Jim D, Deanie, Ray C, Mike C, John P, Bill H, John S, Tanya T, Cheryl C, Dan S, Rita D, Miles B, Rick P, Randy H, Cort H, Phyllis, F, Candy S, Chris B - 16 GSRs (2 outgoing), 1 DCM, 1 ADCM, 2 visitors

Opened meeting with reading of Legacy of Service

Recited the I am Responsible statement

Concept 1 “Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.”

- Foundation of all concepts
- Bill and Bob were concerned about AA after they passed
- Concepts help keep a balance. Groups have a voice.

Tradition 1 “Our common welfare comes first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.”

- In 1955 Bill and Bob relinquished control of AA
- Simplicity is the only thing that works (simple but complicated)
- Foundation for rest of traditions

Roll Call and group issues

- Wister Group having anniversary at 7pm on March 12, 2016 at 6637 N. 11th street
- Good News Group still struggling with attendance but has been trying several new things – made some changes to the meeting schedule.
 - Tuesday meeting is now Step 1,2,3 meeting
 - Thursday at 6 is now a speaker meeting
 - Friday 6pm is now a Living Sober meeting
 - Friday 8pm is now a “God as I understand Him” meeting
- Top of the Hill – Paul is new GSR (Welcome Paul!) Meeting has seen a lot of newcomers lately.
- 3-7-11 Dan is new GSR (Welcome Dan!) Meeting is looking for their group history. Would like to go to SEPIA and provide their history. Group has been meeting since 1996
- Conscious Contact has a new women’s meeting at 12 noon on Saturdays.
- Early Morning Group changed the format for the Monday Topic discussion: Now they take 3 suggestions for topics from the attendees of the meeting.
- West Oak Lane has still not been able to get their meeting’s time change updated on the SEPIA website. (Tanya is going to steering committee meeting and will let them know)
- Day by Day had a question for district: Why was there no Alka-thon this year?
 - No one put it together in time
 - This is not typically a district responsibility but we will discuss the issue in August.

Read from Service Manual – Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need

Secretary Report, Colleen. Meeting minutes from December approved

Treasury Report, Jim.

- Jim found a deposit from January 11, 2015 for 276.35
- Jim is stepping down as treasurer. Thank you for your service Jim!
- Need new treasurer – will add to New Business

ADCM Report, Randy.

- Randy went to zone, PI meeting:
 - Bus ads are up.
 - PI asking each of 5 liaisons to go to libraries and ask if they have a Big Book. If not, and if they would like one, PI will provide. Randy suggests that as a district we take park in this in our district.
 - Comments from group: Older big books are worth a lot of money. Maybe this is why they are being stolen from libraries
 - Has anyone checked book stores?
 - Possibly suggest the libraries make the Big Book a reference book.
 - Also, if you are at your primary care doctor and you are open with your sobriety, ask them if they would like a newcomer packet. PI will follow up to provide them once you identify them.
 - Some issues with the new website: PI will come out with a video to show how to access the new SEPIA site. (Deanie will add this video to our D25 site).
 - General comments: Question about ADCM role in going to Intergroup meeting. The history is that the ADCM for D25 used to go to the Grapevine meeting each month. That meeting had become inconsistent and “dysfunctional” and after reviewing it for a month, we voted to stop having our ADCM attend and instead attend the Intergroup Phila. Zone Public Information committee.
 - Question - The Grapevine meeting is back up and running now so shouldn't we have representation there?
 - Question – Didn't we vote that ADCM would take charge of keeping AA literature stocked at the District 9 Health Center on Cheltenham Avenue? Former GSR, Michael B volunteered to keep that health center stocked but he has since stepped down from district.
 - Phyllis volunteered to take this over. Thank you Phyllis!
 - Concerns expressed: Intergroup is a separate entity and not a part of the service structure that the district is part of.

Web servant report, Deanie.

- Deanie is stepping down as GSR but willing to continue on as web servant however, she cannot make the meetings. Will provide report.

DCM Report, Cort.

- District 25 workshop was great, thanks to all who participated. Discussion about takeaways from the workshop that we could think about for the future.

- EPGSA will be in Gettysburg this year.
- General Service Office not in good shape financially. They are working to restructure themselves to be more cost effective. (Clarification – Area finances are fine)
- Thanks to Randy for chairing the meetings for the past few months!

Old Business – None

New Business:

1. The workshop took in \$80, what should we do with this money? TABLED
2. Treasurer position open – Candy will stand. Is unopposed and is voted in. THANK YOU CANDY!!!
3. NERASSA – Funds needed to send DCM and ADCM.
 - a. ADCM will not go in order to save money
 - b. To send DCM alone will cost 554.00. Our available funds are 597.75
 - c. APPROVED to send DCM to NERRASSA