

District 25 Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Attending: Colleen, Diane M., John Ste., Ken R., Rita D., Phyllis F., John P., Paul B., Christopher L., Chris B., Candy S., Cort H., Randy H., Miles B.

Opened the meeting by reading "Legacy of Service" in the service manual

Stated the "I am Responsible" Declaration

Concept of the month, CONCEPT 5 (followed by sharing around the room): "Throughout our world service structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered."

- The value of moving slowly when making group decisions. Substantial unanimity (not passing a motion unless it has 2/3 vote or "substantial unanimity") vs. a simple majority vote.
- Hearing the minority opinion and allowing for a second vote if the minority opinion changed member opinion.

Tradition of the month, TRADITION 5 (followed by sharing around the room): "Our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help the alcoholic still who still suffers."

- Can't transmit what you don't have. Quality of sobriety; not quantity.
- Concern about primary purpose and shares around drugs: my primary purpose is that I am drunk. If something runs a newcomer out the drink will drive them back in.
- Religion and spirituality: some people are staying sober without a spiritual belief. Experience shared of bringing a bible to a commitment and being told to leave it home. "The bible didn't keep you sober"; "religion is for people who don't want to go hell and spirituality is for people who have been there and don't want to go back."

Roll call and group issues:

- Wister Group – Candy S, GSR: No group issues.
- God News Group – Chris, GSR: No updates.
- Top of the Hill – Paul, GSR: No group issues.
- NOMADS – John P., GSR – No group issues.
- Osceola – Phyllis, GSR – Group is celebrating its 31st anniversary on May 21 from 1-3pm at Unitarian Church of Germantown.
- West Oak Lane – Rita, GSR; Ken, AGSR – No group issues.
- Conscious Contact – John Ste., GSR - No group issues.
- Sunshine Group – Donna, GSR – Having a Gratitude Meeting on Sunday, June 12th.
- Bottom of the Hill Group – Colleen, secretary announcing for GSR not in attendance - Group is celebrating its 10th anniversary on Saturday, May 8th from 6-8pm at Saint Paul's church.
- Early Morning Group – Cheryl, GSR – No group issues.
- Roxborough Group – Cort, DCM – Group is hosting a Memorial Day picnic on Sunday, May 29th from 12-4pm at Gorgas Park – near gazebo.
- Day by Day – Miles, GSR – No group issues.

Read from Service Manual: Chapter 8: About conference committee.

- General service conference: Week long meeting for delegates, includes sharing sessions and separate committee meetings. Cort, our DCM is on the Corrections committee.
- GSO focuses on United States and Canada (as opposed to being truly international). Other countries create their own version of GSO. Each year one representative from another country's service board attends the conference and goes home to report back.
- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) asked to be an observer next year.

Treasury Report, Candy:

- Distributed treasury report.
- Clarified that rent for the district meeting is \$75 per quarter.
- Bank statements are for previous month. Discussed online bank statements and the need for the online banking password.

Secretary Report, Colleen: Minutes from April accepted.

ADCM Report, Randy:

- Went to April and May PI meetings.
- In contact with DCMs from districts 26, 27, 28, and 60 to plan combined district workshop.
- Memorial Day alka-thon at 4021, starting at 9pm Friday and going through weekend.
- North Philly meeting celebrating 53rd anniversary on April 27th from 7-9pm.

Web Servant Report, Deanie via Cort: Deanie maintaining website. Might be back at district meeting soon because schedule is changing.

DCM Report, Cort: Distributed report, accepted.

Old Business: None

Discussed old and new business. Concern about running out of time. Discussed lack of GSR attendance and visitation committee. Suggestion about adding item to plan New Year's alka-thon this year. (This was discussed before and decided to bring it up in August.)

New Business (to be added as old business for next meeting – might need to make adjustment to agenda in order to get to these)

- District inventory
- Visitation Committee
- Flyer for District Committee meeting