

District 2 – Area 68 Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, March 8, 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, **Paul M.** – GSR Spring Branch Group, **Donna K.** – GSR River Group, **Tom V.** Alt GSR River Group, **Daniel H.** – GSR Into Action, Bob L., **Harry H.**, Alt. GSR Buda Group, **Don S.** GSR Buda Group, **Monika H.** GSR Dam River Group

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

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

SECRETARY

Passed out copies of the minutes. Minutes were approved with the following suggested changes, add the DCM report from the newsletter, correct report for the Dam River, and update workshop date for Sponsorship.

DCM

Marie held a quick vote to confirm the committee meeting should stop at 4pm regardless. All agreed.

Not a lot to report this month. They are now taking reservations for the assembly in Sand Antonio take out your fliers and get your room booked. Looking forward to having our first workshop this weekend. Thank you all for service.

Alt. DCM

Annual picnic date is set for June 6th at Rio Vista Park Pavilion in San Marcos. Asked Area Delegate, Michael P. to speak about service and Keith K. of Luling. Still looking for Alonon speaker. There is an idea and interested of having a 2vs.2 basketball competition. He asked Stacy M. to cook and said she would I will need someone to be responsible for the food committee.

TREASURER

George provided copies of the treasurer's report that included both YTD and February income/expenses. Group contributions totaled \$301.79. Expenses for the month totaled \$204.50. *A made a motion to approve the treasurer's report which was seconded and approved.*

CFC CHAIR

Pegge reported that the CFC area Conference meeting in Corpus the weekend of 2/22 was very informative and beneficial. There was a panel of ex-con's that stated how important it is for us to keep bringing in meetings. Committee needs more female volunteers to take a meeting into Comal County Jail at 8pm. Pegge said she could help to get people cleared. and would like Grapevines sent to jails.

NEWSLETTER CHAIR

Sunshine gathered information to complete the March District 2 Newsletter. Provided printed copies for group and committee member handouts and emailed to distribution list. 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

Proposal to call professionals who spoke at the 2019 PI/CPC conference to determine if they have AA literature racks. If not, ask if they would like one. Committee has approved distribution of racks and will provide literature to fill them. Connie pointed out that the rack at the probation office is not being refilled.

GRAPEVINE CHAIR

Millie R. notified the group that they can receive complimentary Grapevine and LaVina material for an AA group event. Encouraged groups to get a grapevine representative or a subscription. Reminded that committee that individuals can give gift certificates. In general, sales still need to be boosted.

TREATMENT CHAIR

Connie made copies of the treatment committee workshop flyers for San Marcos group, Wimberly Group, NB Group. Brandi attended a seminar in San Antonio on the Do's and Don'ts on how to take meetings into rehabs. She made a list of rehabs in our district so they will be contacting them to see if they are covered after committee approves. Learned about an APP called Sign-up Genius that shows what group is covering what treatment center. Committee needs a list from all groups on what treatment facility they are attending and when. Next Treatment committee meeting is 12:30pm @ 4/5/20 at 24 Club.

ARCHIVES CHAIR

Monika reported that she is continuing to gather material. Next committee meeting March 27th – email copy at home will bring next month.

WEBMASTER CHAIR

Rusty updated the trusted servants and monthly meeting page as well as added an events calendar page. He changed the district 2 meeting page by deleting old PDF and added PDF from Hill Country Intergroup's district list. He noted that any meeting update should be directed to intergroup at 512-444-0071. He also added a page to Intergroup HCIA.

Rusty noted that there are three pages for contacting, District 2, CFC, Grapevine and PI/CPC chairpersons with questions, comments, and/or help that he's still working on. Rusty has asked all of the GSR's to check the meeting listing and make sure the information is correct. If not, please contact HCIA and give your corrections. Once that is done, he can update the site. FYI, 4 subscribers were added last month to the website. Statistics: we had 2254 visits; average is 1942. Committee meets at Rusty's house regularly. Web address is www.area68district2.org.

GSR REPORTS:

Buda Group – Don S. reported that the group moved to a new location at United Methodist Church, 302 Elm Street in Buda, TX. They are growing and have established a group conscience meeting each month. They have had a meeting schedule change: Noon meeting everyday but Sunday. They Started a women's group at 10:30-11:30am on Saturdays and a newcomer group started on Thursday from 7-8pm. Donated \$47.00 to CFC.

Courage 2 Change – Michelle B. said they had a group conscience meeting last month and voted in a new GSR, Treasurer and Secretary. They are working on some upcoming events. Mentioned they have had lots of newcomers and good results with getting them connected with sponsors and staying in the solution. Reported that they have a Wednesday night 12&12 Study at 6:30pm.

Dam River Group – Monika H. said they had a group conscience meeting. Mentioned the funeral details for a group member that had passed and that she will be attending the Area 68 Pre-General Service Conference Assembly in March. Reported that their group needs help with emotional sobriety and what the responsibility of the chairperson is for a group conscience meeting. Monika said their Thursday book study is going well and that a couple of members have volunteered to take meetings into prison.

Wimberly Group – Tony C. stated that attendance at the group conscience has fallen off again. They are in hopes this trend will change soon with the Area Assembly coming up. They have one group conscience next week where any questions or concerns will be voted on.

Women's Solution Group – Karen U. could not attend but Connie 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. A decision made at the last group conscience was to send GSR and alternate to Area 68 general service conference.

Spring Branch Group – Paul M. did not have much to report. Mentioned there is a picnic being planned for May 30th.

River Group – Donna K. stated that they were planning a 4th of July camp out. She brought up an issue to the committee regarding the use of land lines. They have one, that is restricted for long-distance use, for their group so they can receive calls but they cannot return calls that are not in the 512 area code. She asked if other groups have similar issues.

Into Action Group – Daniel H. announced they have a birthday night on the last Saturday of the month and speaker meeting on the second Saturday of the month. They have a group conscience on the third Thursday of the month. Currently have a full group committee. Donated \$30 to district, \$30 Area, \$30 GSO and \$10 to intergroup.

New Braunfels Group – George T. announced mentioned attendance to meetings: birthday night has 100+, the Big Book Study consistently has 50+, and the beginners meeting is 30+. The group is doing what they can to support the local jails and local treatment centers. They have successfully transitioned the group treasurer to Donna F. and Laurie B. is the alternate.

[End of GSR reports]

OLD BUSINESS

Moved Sponsorship Workshop to April 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

GSO Guidance regarding COVID-19 – Marie read recommendations that was put out from the GSO that suggested that groups and committees take measures to social distance, eliminate food sharing and other measures to reduce the transfer of the virus.

Pre-General Service Conference Assembly – Marie encouraged as many GSR's as possible to attend and to review the proposals to be voted upon.

District 2 Picnic – Flyer was presented and approved.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 4:00 p.m.