

District 25 Meeting Minutes April 5, 2016

Colleen, Jack, Paul, Rita, Diane M., John Ste., John Sta., Rick P., Dan S., John P., Candy S., Miles B., Chris B, Cort H. = 12 GSRs; 1 DCM

Opened meeting with reading of 3rd Legacy of Service

Read Concept 4 –“Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.”

Shares around the room

- Getting the hang of aa service structure – went out to pre-conference session- discussing issues passing on to delegate represent certain areas of country
- Trustees – non-alcoholic and alcoholic NERASSA new general manager shared experience –every area gets representation. Trustees provide a diff perspective. Everybody has a voice. Different levels of members – general goa to reach for consensus. Wise way of approaching a group that has no organization.
- Read long version – checks and balances – they tried it the other way when trustees had ultimate authority—even let staff members who are not alkies sit on the board meeting. Trustees get to vote, delegates and so do certain staff members.
- Many people there for the first time. Representative was there to get our feelings on issues which she would take to the general conference. Was a learning process throughout the day. Imminently fair.

Tradition 4 – “Each group should be autonomous, except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.”

Shares around the room

Question from member – My meeting is picking up commitments without going through intergroup. Is this OK?

- Each group can do whatever they want. The group has an option to take a meeting somewhere, but it is probably better to go through intergroup because there can be problem of one group *sustaining* the commitment. Personal experience with hosting a meeting for a year and a half but life changes forced him to stop and there was no one to pick it up. Intergroup could help keep this from happening.
- Personal experience of early sobriety in rural area. Small hospitals would occasionally call clubhouses, etc. to ask for a meeting to be brought to their facility. An individual who happened to answer the phone could decide to do it but it was decided by that clubhouse if a person did this more than 6 times then it had become a commitment.
- Personal opinion shared: Do not believe that this is breaking tradition.
- There are areas where there is no intergroup. In those instances, the district takes on a lot of the roles of the intergroup. We do have an intergroup which has expertise and organization to handle commitments.

Roll Call

- Chestnut Hill Step (Rick) - Anniversary Tuesday May 3rd 61 years 7pm food, fun, and fellowship; speaker at 8pm.
- Conscious Contact (John Ste.) Group started a women's meeting at 11:45 am Saturdays.
- Sunshine Group (Diane) – We moved to Saint Luke's at Germantown and Coutler streets. Handicap accessible.
- West Oak Lane (Rita) Friday April 22nd from 7:30 – 9:30 First exchange group with the young people group from Atlantic city – they are coming to West Oak Lane on May 6th
- BOTH (Jack – new GSR!) Group 10 year anniversary Saturday May 7th . 6pm for food, fun and fellowship; 7pm for speaker.
- Good News Group (Chris B.) – Meetings are picking up. Voted to close the 8pm Friday meeting – lack of attendance. Information on SEPIA meeting list is incorrect – there has not been a Saturday meeting at 8pm for several years. Tuesday 7:30 is now Big Book meeting no longer the Joe and Charlie tapes.
- Day by Day (Miles) No group issues.
- NOMADS (John P) No group issues.
- Hands of Hope (John Sta.) No group issues.
- Steps 3/7/11 (Dan) No group issues.
- Top of the Hill (Paul) No group issues.
- Wister Group (Candy) No group issues.
- New GSR Packets were given to new GSRs

Read from AA Service Manual page S57 - second half of chapter 7

- Summary of conference procedures flyer – describes Roberts Rules. Generally speaking the general service conference follows Roberts Rules of Order, and proceeds on as informal a basis as possible consistent with the rights of all concerned.

Meeting minutes – Colleen, Secretary

Corrections to March minutes:

- Both Candy and Cort were present but not listed at top of page.
- Sunshine Group has moved. Minutes said they had not moved.
- Multiple GSRs named John should be clarified in minutes – March minutes were missing one GSR named John.
- Discussed not having names at top but only having them listed in roll call. Secretary will try to do both (keeping names at top and listing them for roll call section) for now and see how that goes.
- Secretary meeting minutes accepted with corrections.

Treasury report – Candy, Treasurer

- \$75 for 3 months. Available funds after distributions is now \$647.02
- Asked for clarification about cash donations. Cash collected at meeting shows up the following month as well as on the donation sheet. Cash part of starting balance but not separated out. Asked to have the cash number on the report. – Report Accepted.

ADCM report tabled due to absence

Web Servant has not sent a report – tabled

DCM report - Cort

- NERASSA report
- Area meeting report
- Pre-conference sharing session report
- Events coming up
 - General service conference – April 17-23
 - Area Quarterly meeting – June 12th
 - Mini Assembly & Delegate Conference Report 2 – June 26th

Old Business None

New Business None

Suggestions for future new business:

- Could consider doing a district inventory.
- Could consider creating an Officer at Large position.
- Could discuss: How GSRs report to their group – Example, do you type the minutes and hand out at your group?