

District 37 Business Meeting

February 23, 2021

District 37 Website: aarecoveryd37.org

Area 72 Website: area72aa.org

Attendees: Julie, Cindy, Sarah, Karin, Barry, Sonny, Lauren, John, Eugene, Stan, Kale, Jeff, Brittanie, Skip, Mike, Morgan

Opened with Serenity Prayer at 7:00

Introductions: New GSR's/Visitors? None

Reading Tradition 2- Stan

Reading Concept 2- Sonny

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve, approved with below amendment

Amendment: Skip- Clarification: "This would be utilization funds outside of AA."

Treasurer's Report- Karin sent and reviewed treasurers report- no questions. Motion to approve- approved

GSR Sharing-

Sarah- LBL: Attendance steady, Oxford House and Lifeline attending regularly. A lot of newcomers from treatment popping in. GSR bootcamp was really helpful and learned a lot. I love about my homegroup, setting/atmosphere and authenticity (we share from our heart).

Karin- A New Morning: Still doing Zoom every morning. Have between 40-60 every day (long-term sobriety and newcomers). I love about my homegroup: it's like family, everyone is very welcoming whether you are new or HG member.

Jeff- Fireside: Everything is going well. Doing Zoom. I like getting to know my group better.

Kale- Welcome Home: Sundays on Zoom. Nothing major/exciting. Last week we had 20 people, above average. I love about my HG, feels like family. I like doing the BB study and age range...pretty diverse. Appreciate all the points of view.

Eugene- Lewis River Group: What I love about my HG- we support each other, stay in touch in and outside of the meetings.

Brittanie- Keep Coming Back: Zoom- on average 10-20. I love the vulnerability; being able to see the same faces is really comforting.

Mike- Hockinson: Only doing Zoom, HG member got COVID and shut down for 2 weeks. Opening back in person on March 2nd. I love about my HG- it's a family feel...nobody takes themselves too seriously

GSR Sharing Continued...

Morgan- Hope Dealers: Zoom and in person. No other changes. What I like about my HG- like a family, we really hold each other accountability...love that that's what we strive for.

DCM Report- Julie: Safety Meeting Feb 26th had great attendance and went really well. Hope we can do again, found it to be really helpful and robust Q&A at end. Kudos to Charlene for putting together. I want to propose that on our webpage we do a little chat on our district. Really want to get groups involved in our district. I send a newsletter to area so something similar monthly. We can rotate who gives an update- lets discuss in new business. More new business- got a call from Alt Chair for our area, she wondered if we wanted to put in a bid for PNC (200-250 people) for 2022. District 7 interested in joining so we would work together.

Alt DCM Report- Sonny: Review events- Upcoming GSR university Feb 24th and Feb 26th. PRASA on Friday and Saturday (March 5-7).

Committee Reports-

Open: Accessibility, Young People

Absent: Corrections

Archives- Lauren:: Attended qtrly...didn't understand everything but appreciated the respect and passion they have. Our area archivist has been at it for decades- one unique position where someone stays. Going to area storage unit next week with District 7 chair then our storage unit (shared with District 7)- we are working towards digitalizing everything. Come up with a plan- where to start, what we have, etc. We are doing a committee meeting- please announce at meetings that we are having our first meeting on March 10th at 6pm on Zoom. Anyone interested can come check it out.

Corrections- Sarah (sub for Liz: Spoke with Larch contact. No visitors and no word on when we can get back in. Only 10 people cleared to go in. No new backgrounds at this time. Still have money from hat and benie fundraiser. Waiting to place an order when we are close to going back in. Next talk I will bring up idea regarding pen pal. District 7 is starting one with Clark Jail. A nice alternative since we can't attend in person.

Grapevine- Sarah: Attended qtrly- Virtual history of AA, \$12 (info in chat). Received link for free online books for newcomers (pdf version). Grapevine has it's annual carry it on message right now. Anyone not able to get to meetings or zoom, you can do a gift subscription for them so they can get/stay connected.

PI/CPC- Stan/Skip: Taking baby steps but making progress. Attended joint qtrly meeting...over 60 people, nice attendance. Continued discussions with District 7, no chair for either committee. Also, been in discussions with Mike M (former chair) and received materials. Skip- Stand did a good job summarizing.

Committee Reports Continued...

Registrar- Barry: Directed questions to attendees on correct info. Everyone looks like they have their district email setup. Any changes let me know. Julie suggested to follow-up on some names on list and remove anyone not involved.

Treatment- Sonny (Sub for Missy: Recovery Village going well. Lifeline Mens, going well. Lifeline Women's, rough start but getting straightened out.

Web- John: Safety workshop was outstanding. Had an action item to include minutes and treasurer reports...under reports tab. Will be listed by month. Registration renewal, Karin and I figured out it was a solicitation email, not an actual bill. Renewal is 19.47 for the next year. Renewed and Karin will reimburse me.

Note to Chairs from Julie: This is a good time to think about who an Alternate Chair could be to help with the Spirit of Rotation. Would like to see all chairs with an alternate. Love seeing all the work with District 7!

Old Business-

1. Go back to home group to see what groups prefer on October Assembly: zoom or Hybrid:
 - a. Kale- Welcome Home: Zoom for first one then moving forward a hybrid (pending safety)
 - b. Morgan- Hybrid for those that can attend. Zoom for those that can't
 - c. Brittanie- Zoom, thought that would be the most inclusive option
 - d. Mike- Zoom
 - e. Jeff- Hybrid if possible. Zoom if not
 - f. Eugene- Zoom
 - g. Sarah- Hybrid- a great opportunity to show meetings how it works. Plan B, Zoom.

New Business-

1. Young Persons Chair- Cindy volunteered for Chair. Brittanie volunteered for Alt. Both nominated and voted in
2. Accessibility Chair- Charlene had to step down. Great service opportunity. Please spread the word. Sonny suggested Barbara (who just happened to be nearby) and she volunteered. Nominated and voted in.
3. Open Positions- Only alternates needed
4. Julie- Motion to put in bid for PNC for 2022- motion approved

Meeting Closed with Responsibility Statement at 8:12