

District 37 Business Meeting

May 25, 2021

District 37 Website: aarecoveryd37.org

Area 72 Website: area72aa.org

Attendees: Julie U, Lauren A, Bridget S, Skip, Sonny W, Stan, Kale P, Barbara, Jeffie, Karin H, Brittanie C, Matthew M, Jesse W, Tom S, Sarah, John L

Opened with Serenity Prayer at 7:00

Introductions: Bridget- remote community chair for Area, Jesse- Area 72 accessibility chair

Reading Tradition 5- Stan Reading Concept 5- Skip

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve and approved

Treasurer's Report- Karin: Took in \$157 this month, received two checks. Received \$22 for pink can. Only one expense- archives. Checking balance is \$1,658.57, prudent reserve \$2,793.81. There is a YTD comparison between 2021 and 2020 on the report she sends out. Down 25% for the year. Motion to approve by Matthew, 2nd by Stan- motion passed.

Jesse report-Accessibility works to make meetings accessible to people. Most people think of those with disability- wheel chair accessible, parking, lighting, etc. Makes sure people can get into and participate in any meetings. Also work with different languages including ASL. Portland intergroup has a great deaf access committee. Also work to make people of different cultural backgrounds feel comfortable- are there LGBTQ, secular, etc. Are children generally accepted and is that labelled? Making sure to help people use technology.

Bridget Report-Got sober in 1986 in Kodiak, AK- remote committees are near and dear to her. Powerpoint presentation- Informal remote communities committee started in July 1993. July 1996 first remote communities conference was held. Remote community- any community to which it is difficult to carry the message because of language, culture or geography. Certain cities in our area, prisons, jails, homeless, military installations, treatment, native American populations, no/minimal technology or internet access, etc. Individualized needs in each district. Cooperates and communicates with the other standing committees, like PICPC, accessibilities, etc. What can we do in our district- identify our remote communities, cultural awareness, reservation/tribes? Military/first responders? Homeless advocates? Cultural centers? Interpretation services? Develop resources- develop "regions" within WWA72, develop/maintain list of volunteer people willing to sponsor, mentor, phone buddy people in remote locations, develop libraries of resources such as grapevine, speaker tapes, books/literature which can be mailed out quickly. Need volunteers!!
RemoteCommunities@Area72aa.org.

GSR Sharing

Kale- Welcome Home: Sunday group, meets at 3 on zoom. Typical members, 10-12 people. Starting to consider getting back in person, looking for other options since meet at hospital. Open to suggestions.

Brittanie-Keep Coming Back: Meet Friday night at 7. Currently 100% remote, have homegroup member poking around trying to find a place to meet in person. Either hybrid or full in person- will talk more at business meeting this Friday. Attendance has dropped a ton.

Mathew- As Bill Sees It: M-F at noon, one in person meeting on Thursday at resource center. Were limiting attendance to about 10 people, hasn't been a problem. With new guidelines, could change.

Sarah- Battle Ground AA: Meets at Centerpoint, M, W, Th and F. Friday will probably stay as zoom, but other 3 days are in person. Huge room, no limit as far as they know. Put chairs in circle 6 feet apart and wear masks

Jeff- Fireside: Hybrid, anywhere from 15-40 people in person. Thinking about maintaining zoom meeting and buying equipment instead of borrowing it. Will discuss at next business meeting.

Karin- A New Morning: Just went back to in person. Back at the church. M-F at 6:45 am, S, Su at 7:30 am. Also have zoom still going. Between 40-60 people still split between both platforms. At next business meeting will investigate possibility of doing hybrid.

Tom- Men's Fireside: Trying to get active at district again. Meet M, W and F all on zoom. Probably won't be back in person for at least another month.

Stan (substitute)- Ridgefield: Not the GSR, but got sober there. Just learned yesterday they approved the Ridgefield group to do in person as soon as they come up with safety guidelines. AA is the first and only outside organization they're allowing. Stan requested suggestions for safety guidelines from other groups so he doesn't have to recreate the wheel. Meetings should start no later than July 1st.

DCM Report- Julie: Delegate report will be given twice, flyer included in Julie's email. Also copied and pasted email from alternate delegate who loves doing GSR and DCM training. Asked by people out of Florida to do some more training- This Sunday 3-4:30, and some future Sundays in June.

Alt DCM Report- Sonny: Round Table event on June 5th, ask for GSRs to be there- for the transition into hybrid meetings. Questions and answers to help groups do it. Workshop on June 20th for using google drive and emails.

Committee Reports-

Open: Grapevine/Literature, Registrar

Absent: Aliz- Corrections, Missy- Treatment

Accessibility-Barbara-Committee is working with Jesse to go through the accessibility workbook a few pages at a time. A lot of new chairs because it's fairly new, been very helpful. Focus is coming up with ways to reach out to meetings. Hoping John's blog will help get the word out and see what people's accessibility needs are.

Archives-Lauren- Scanning going great, trying to collect group histories, please send if you get any. Committee meets 2nd Wednesday.

Corrections-Aliz- Not present

Grapevine-Open

PI/CPC-Stan/Skip- attended quarterly two weeks ago. Talked about AA being introduced to high schools. Think they may be able to get some interest in the north county area. Met with former PICPC Mike and got some really good info. Original intent was to work with D7, but no one in it, so will just try to do mass distribution for all meetings in Vancouver area. Looking for someone who is creative to help make the brochure. Julie has a program that will help, she just needs to content. Skip- don't have tech skills to rearrange the brochure. Want it less busy.

Registrar- Open

Treatment-Missy- not present

Web- John- In the process of updating website with two new open positions

Young Persons- Brittanie (stand in for Cindy)- second committee meeting on May 2nd. Visited cornerstone with Wilson, inquired if they'd be interested in designating one meeting YP specific. Voted for Friday. Plans on attending hope dealers business meeting as well. Next meeting is Tuesday June 1st.

Old Business-

- Talked about meetings to support, want to go to Lewis River on Saturday.
- Sonny wrote last district blog. Lauren will write next blog

New Business-

- Open positions- anyone interested in registrar or grapevine/literature?
- Last month was mentioned about meeting in person- took poll, most are comfortable but not all. Julie wants to wait til everyone is comfortable. Also threw out meeting somewhere in Salmon Creek instead. Stan suggested Cowlitz fire or fairgrounds, both are free.
- Can we do hybrid district meeting? Julie will reach out to Maryland and see what that'd look like

- Next month is PNC June 26-28

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Closed with Responsibility Statement at 8:16