

*District 9 GSR Meeting Minutes: May 5, 2012***DCM JC F called the meeting to order at 6:35pm with the Serenity Prayer.**

JC introduced the guests Carol E and Fern W, co-chairs of the Pacific NW Conference. He asked GSRs if they would keep their reports brief in order to give them time to give a report on the conference. (*Secretary's note: Written group reports will be in the minutes in full.*)

ROLL CALL~

District Officers: DCM, JC F; Treasurer, Gene A; Secretary, Sherry B; alt Treasurer, Eddie P; alt Secretary, Ruth B *absent: alt DCM, Dawn B*

Groups: Early Birds, *GSR Alan D*; Sunday Morning Eye-Opener, *Alt GSR Gene A*; Sunday Big Book, *GSR Sherry B*; 12x12 (VA), *GSR Earl R*; As Bill Sees It (VA), *GSR Elaine F*; Water Tower, *GSR Colleen*; Touch on Feelings, *GSR Ruth B*; Language of the Heart, *rep Joe*; M-F Primary Purpose, *GSR Dave K*; DOG GONE MENS, *GSR Ron F*; Thursday Open, *GSR Dan T*
Absent: M-W VA, Tuesday Promises, Friends of Bill W, Saturday Big Book & Speaker

(*Rep indicates that the individual is representing the group as GSR for the purposes of this meeting but is not formally the GSR or alternate GSR of the group. An individual may represent more than one group for purposes of delivering reports, but may only vote on behalf of one group per meeting.)

Committee Chairs: Activities & Archives, *LaVon L*; Answering Service, Webmaster, Literature & Grapevine, *Gene A*; Corrections, *Glenna A*; Pink Can, *LaVon for Sally H*; Newsletter, *Sherry B*; CPC-PI, *Shernie F*; Treatment, *John C*
Absent: Schedules, Larry G

Reading of Minutes: Everyone said they had received the minutes. One correction from Shernie regarding the CPC/PI report:

Item 5. GSO is not going to change the 11th Tradition wording. That is a motion on the floor to be voted on at the national convention.

Motion made by Sherry, 2nd by Ruth, and passed unanimously to waive reading of the minutes and accept them as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Gene A handed out and read Treasurer's report. Discussion of financial report, which also included Literature, Grapevine, and Answering Service reports. Pro-Tel bill was \$30.00 for month w/ 18 calls total.

Motion made by Sherry, seconded by Gene and passed unanimously to accept reports.

Group reports for previous month:

1. **Early Birds:** verbal report from new GSR, Alan D
2. **Sunday Morning Eye-Opener,** alt GSR Gene A
 - a. Birthday: Melodie, 2-mo. Karen H, 13-yrs
 - b. Average attendance 18. Meeting 10:30am-noon Sunday with sweet rolls & coffee. Get there early.
 - c. Business meeting notes: 4 Home Group members, Pink Can \$9.75
3. **Sunday Big Book,** GSR Sherry B
 - a. Birthdays: Two 3-year birthdays
 - b. Attendance: Down a bit due to good weather
 - c. Upcoming Events: We are thinking about holding a potluck or other activity in late May or early June, probably at a park on a Saturday or Sunday.
 - d. Current Events: We are now holding business meetings as needed rather than at a specific date and time. Held meeting last Monday after the women's meeting and elected LaVon alternate GSR. Sherry can't travel due to work and health issues and LaVon will be representing our group at Assemblies and Quarterlies where GSR's can vote
 - e. Business Meeting Notes: We have a substantial amount in our prudent reserve right now and are in the process of deciding how much to hold back for GSR travel expenses to go to the next Area event that GSR's can vote at. We will be sending LaVon, new alternate GSR. After that is done, we will make a donation to District, Area and GSO according to our formula. We are still looking for an alternate Treasurer for Sunday Big Book, as well as new Home Group members, as always.
4. **12x12,** GSR Earl R:

- a. No birthdays reported. Attendance averages 8/14. Meeting as usual.
5. **Water Tower**, GSR Colleen: Verbal report by Colleen.
6. **M-W VA**, *absent. No report.*
7. **Touch on Feelings**, represented by LaVon L. GSR Ruth B sent written report:
 - a. Birthdays: Two 60-day, one 18-mo, one 2-year. Attendance averages 12-18.
 - b. Upcoming events: BBQ. Meetings going well; all have individual topics.
8. **Language of the Heart**, GSR Larry G sent a written report.
 - a. No birthdays, attendance 18, no events or notes.
9. **Tuesday Promises**, *absent, no report.*
10. **As Bill Sees It**, GSR Elaine F:
 - a. Birthdays: total.
 - b. Attendance averaged 25.
 - c. Current events: Pink Can: \$15.08, picked up by LaVon..
 - d. Business meeting notes: No business cards at meetings, help w/greeters, set up & clean up, chairing, desserts, treasurer.
11. **Saturday Big Book**, *absent, no report.*
12. **M-F Primary Purpose**, GSR Dave K.
 - a. Birthdays: Eddie P had 25 years. Attendance: 12/18.
 - b. No events or notes.
13. **DOG GONE Men's Group**, GSR Ron F.
 - a. No birthdays. Attendance was 3-5.
 - b. Upcoming Events: Pig Roast.
 - c. Business Meeting Notes: when written report submitted, please print as stated (addressed to District Secretary)
14. **Thursday Night Open**, GSR Dan T.
 - a. Birthdays: One 9-month. Attendance steadily increasing, 20+.
 - b. No events. Business Meeting Notes: not showing names at District; continuing to evolve our format.
15. **Friends of Bill W**, *absent, no report.*

Committee Reports;

1. **Answering Service, Gene A:** Paid Pro-Tel \$30.00 for April and \$18 for May. Each call is charged \$0.50.
2. **Activities, LaVon L:** report from Fern & Carol regarding PNC.
 - Area 92 was asked to host the Conference because Walla Walla was centrally located. Next year's will be put on by the Oregon Area and will be held in Pendleton, also centrally located. The Senior Center gave us an excellent deal, and costs in general are lower in Walla Walla than Spokane or Tri-Cities.
 - Area 92 is responsible for putting the Conference on, although Gene is Treasurer for the Conference and LaVon the Hospitality Chair.
 - Discussion of costs to registrants. The marathon meeting is free to anyone, but guests must register (\$15 without meals) to attend the panels. There may be some scholarships available for those who really can't afford the registration fee. Deadline to register for meals is June 15, but the conference registration will be open until noon on Saturday.
 - We will need volunteers to set up and clean up, greet attendees, man the registration desk and hospitality room, and chair the marathon meetings. LaVon will make a sign-up sheet for volunteers to sign.
 - New flyers are available at the website for people to register for the golf scramble and motorcycle ride on Sunday.
- **Fern and Carol also brought up the LaVina anniversary that will be held July 28 and 29 in Pasco. Continuous translation from Spanish to English will be provided.**
3. **Archives, LaVon L:** nothing new.

4. **Corrections, Glenna A:** Glenna resigned from the position, effective immediately. Take back to groups that this position is open and encourage those interested to attend the next District Meeting.
5. **CPC-PI, Shernie F:** no report (nothing new)
6. **Treatment, John C:** gave a verbal report.
7. **Literature & Grapevine, Gene A:** all information is on the Treasurer's Report regarding literature orders and sales. Gene has books available.
8. **Pink Can, LaVon L:** LaVon is standing in for Sally H, who is recuperating from surgery. LaVon turned \$133.21 in to Gene at this meeting. Final tally will be on next month's Treasurer's Report.
9. **Schedules, Larry G:** *absent*. We still have plenty of schedules. If you need any, see JC or LaVon.
10. **Newsletter, Sherry B:** We finally have a report in this month's newsletter!
11. **Webmaster report, Gene A:** PNC has new flyers available on their website to register for the Sunday activities at the PNC. There is going to be a golf scramble and a motorcycle ride on Sunday.
 - o District 9 website: <http://gander1.dyndns.org/d9/>
 - o Area 92 website: <http://www.area92aa.org/>
 - o Pacific NW Conference 2012 (PNC): <http://pnc1948.org/>
12. **DCM report, JC F** read the Traditions Checklist adapted from the AA Grapevine website (www.aagrapevine.org)
 - **Tradition One: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.**
 - o Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
 - o Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
 - o Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
 - o Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
 - o Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
 - o Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
 - o Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?
 - o Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
 - o Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
 - o Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

13. **Alternate DCM report, Dawn B** is absent and sent no report.

Old Business: no old business not already covered

New Business:

1. Gene made a motion that we share expenses up to a cap of \$50 with District 4 to host a Delegate's Report in Kennewick on Saturday, June 30. Please take back to your groups and we will vote at the June business meeting.
2. Gene asked if GSR's would like to receive the Area Newsletter by email & got a positive reaction. Gene made a motion, Sherry 2nd, to do so. The newsletter can be accessed on the web at: <http://www.area92aa.org/newsletter>
3. Sherry brought up the annual 4th of July BBQ and potluck. LaVon will begin looking for a place and Sherry will print last year's flyer so we can make changes. More discussion at the June meeting.

Next business meeting will be held Sunday, June 3, from 6:30-approximately 8:00pm.

7th Tradition was taken and meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM with the Lord's Prayer.