

**District 9 Business Meeting
February 10, 2008**

District Officers Attending:

Gene Alexander, DCM
Tami, Alternate DCM
Philli- Woodland, Treasurer
Laurie Hannan, Secretary
Robbie G., Alternate Secretary
Dyan, Past DCM
Rita, Past Secretary

Also present

Steve A., Handbook Chair
Sheri, Alt. GSR Sun. Big Book
Alice, Literature & Grapevine
Nancy, member at large
Rick, member at large

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:40 pm. The officers and GSR's introduced themselves

Minutes of January 2008 District 9 Business meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. (Corrections: There is no AA meeting on Saturdays at the Juvenile Detention Center. They meet on Wednesday at 3:15 pm. Language of the Heart Group has an average attendance of 25 to 30 people on Tuesdays and Thursdays.)

Treasurers Report:

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Bills of 11.28 were submitted to the treasurer for payment. There were no contributions.

GSR Reports:

Robbie G. **Sunday Morning Eye Opener**, has an average attendance of 25 people. Birthdays last month included Matt 8 years, Connie 6 months and Doug with 9 months.
Bruce, **As Bill Sees It**, has an average attendance of 18-24 people and the meeting is going well. Birthdays: (3) three months; (1) four months; (1) 8 months; (1) 24 hour.
Leroy S, **Touch on Feelings Group**, 9 people attend regularly the meeting is going well. Birthdays: Nicki 1 year.
Jerry, **Water Tower Group**, has average attendance of 18 people, the meeting is well attended. Birthdays: Bill 11 years; Gary 1 year.
Earl, **Sunday Afternoon 12 Step Study Group**, 1 to 7 people attend.
Kate, **Sunday Big Book Groups**, has an average attendance of 18 people, but has had as many as 32 people at meetings. Birthdays: Kate 6 years.
Craig Alternate GSR, **Early Birds Group**, the meeting is going well has an average of 4.5 people per meeting. Birthdays: Steve B. 1 year.
Sally Harris, **Language of the Heart Groups**, very lively very well attended meeting with 25 to 30 people attending daily. No birthdays to report.
Dave, Alternate GSR, **Milton-Freewater Primary Purpose Group**, average attendance of 15 people. Birthdays: Jim O. 4 years; Brandon 90 days.

DCM Report:

There will be a Joint District Pre-Conference Workshop on March 2, 2008. Districts 4, 7, 9 and 18 will meet in Waitsburg. All District 9 GSR's are urged to attend. Issues to be discussed (see attachment). GSR's are asked to take the conference issues back to their home groups to get a group conscience.

Committee Reports:

Activities: Larry is absent and Rita turned over notes on last years activities. Rita gave a brief report on the New Years event. Dyan reported that 42 people stayed until midnight. The VA people were very helpful with decorating and clean up including the stain on the carpet that didn't appear to be a problem with VA management.

Answering Service: Jim D., absent. Gene reported 29 phone calls came in this month. We need to update phone volunteer list.

Archives: Kate spoke with Larry who will transfer the material to her next week.

Corrections: Jerry reported on an upcoming workshop (see attachment). Because of changes at the Penitentiary the meeting location requires about a ¼ mile walk. Women are welcome to attend the meeting. More volunteers are needed for this once a month meeting.

CPI/PI: Mike S., absent

Pink Can: Sally reported and deposited \$107.50 collected from the Pink Cans in the District. Pink Can money buys books, literature and Grapevines for the institutions and jails in District 9.

Schedules: Dyan will take over as chair. Please notify her of any changes in meeting locations/times.

Treatment: There is no chair for this committee.

Literature/Grapevine: Alice has taken over as Chair. The books and literature are in her possession. She can be reached for orders at 509-301-3579.

Old/Unfinished Business:

Filling of vacant positions

Gene reported Lavon volunteered to take the position of Alternate Treasurer. Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept Lavon Alternate Treasurer for District 9.

Treatment chair is still open.

Handbook Discussion:

Steve A: "Every DCM has been ambushed by discussion on a District 9 handbook. District 9 has never had a handbook. Homegroup members will write this handbook. Send suggestions to sja@bmi.net."

All handbook proposals will be discussed next month.

990 N IRS Form Discussion:

Dave, Alternate GSR Milton Freewater Primary Purpose Group has been attempting to report electronically and has not been successful. He is in touch with the help line of the IRS and will report on information he obtains at the next meeting.

New Business:

Letter from First Congregational Church

Gene read a letter from the 1st Congregational Church (the building in which District 9 hold their business meetings) requesting an increase in rent.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to:

Increase the rent paid by District 9, to the First Congregational Church to \$15 per month.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that:

We as GSR's of District 9 take a group conscience at our home group business meetings that every group should pay the place they are meeting remuneration.

Crosstalk:

Leroy noted that in the past few months there has been an increase in crosstalk in meetings. GSR's are asked to remind their home groups that cross talk should be discouraged. People should feel safe in AA meetings.

Birthday Announcements at District Meetings

Tami noted that many people were unaware that their AA Birthdays were announced at District 9 business meetings and placed in the minutes. She asked the purpose of this practice.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that:

The GSR's get an informed group conscience from their home group business meeting about whether members wanted their AA Birthdays announced at District 9 meetings and published in the minutes.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed. \$19.30

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer.