

District 9 Business Meeting

August 2, 2009

District Officers present:

Gene A. DCM

Sam (member at large)

Phil W. Treasurer

Collette (member at large)

Laurie H., Secretary

The meeting was called to order with a moment of silence followed by The Serenity Prayer. The minutes of the July 2009 meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Bills were submitted for payment.

GSR Reports:

Larry, GSR, Friends of Bill W: 5 home group members no major changes to group.

Wanda, GSR Tuesday Promises: average attendance 15 people and the group is going well. Birthdays: Dave 3 months

Michael A., GSR., Sunday Morning Eye Opener: attendance 20/25 people. Birthdays: Misty 3 months

Bruce, GSR., AS Bill Sees It: meetings still picking up since move to the theatre and openings are going more smoothly.

Tim, GSR Sunday Big Book: attendance 25 to 30 people. The last party night 19 people attended. Birthdays: Michael 1 year; Hillary 19 years; Linda 21 years, Lawrence 13 years, Loren 1 year.

Dave, GSR Milton-Freewater Primary Purposes: no birthdays in July but group is going well.

Laurie speaking for Water Tower: the group is going well.

Gene A., Thursday Open Group: 2 or 3 new home group members, 10 people attending regularly.

Gene A., Touch on Feelings Group: 10 people attending the only smoking meeting in Walla Walla.

Committee Reports:

Activities: Sherry, Chair: Corn Roast coming up. Anyone wishing to help can contact Sherry: home phone 509-529-2550; cell phone 509-956-9803 or by email: sherryburrows@hotmail.com

Answering Service: Dyan, Chair: We received 28 calls- only one repeat call. Men on the list are answering calls well but the women on the list aren't answering when called.

Corrections: Gene for Don who is Chair: 4 people turned in packets to attend meetings at the jail and we're waiting for clearances. Bill and Gene are covering the Tuesday meetings in the meantime.

Treatment: Larry Chair: schedules were distributed for speakers at the VA treatment center.

Literature and Grapevine: Alice Chair: Alice submitted a report and her resignation from the chair position. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

Pink Can: Sally, Chair: absent \$30.00 was turned in by others.

Schedules: Larry, Chair: no changes in schedules to report.

DCM Report:

Shernie, Dawn and Gene attended the combined Area Quarterly in Spokane. There were three floor motions presented that will be voted on at the combined Area Quarterly in October. Gene will send out via email the exact language but the following is a brief summary of the motions:

Motion #1: To allow GSR's to vote at quarterly meetings as well as assemblies.

Motion #2: To combine the Quarterly meetings.

Motion #3: Not discussed.

New Business:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to have the Gratitude Banquet in November. La Von, Gratitude Banquet Chair requested help with setting up and cleaning up. We will be asking people to bring Teddy Bears again this year to use as decorations and then given to the Fire Department and Police Department. The bears are used to comfort children during traumatic situations. The arrangements for the Gratitude Banquet speaker are traditionally made by the DCM. Larry reminded everyone that there are three parts to an AA function like the Gratitude Banquet. They are: The Chairperson and helpers (service), the Activity itself (fellowship) and the AA Speaker (sharing the message). The AA speaker is central to the activity.

Gene reminded everyone that elections were coming up in October. Nominations will take place in September. Gene will be stepping down as DCM but is willing to take the Treasurer's position. When nominating people for the numerous offices check the qualifications for each position suggested in the Service Manual.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed. The meeting adjourned with The Responsibility Statement followed by The Lord's Prayer.