

District 9 GSR Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2012

DCM JC F called the meeting to order at 6:30pm with the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call:

District Officers: DCM, JC F; Treasurer, Gene A; Secretary, Sherry B; alt Secretary, Ruth B

absent: alternate DCM, Dawn B; alternate Treasurer, Eddie P

Groups: Early Birds, Dan T; Sunday Morning Eye-Opener, Gene A; Sunday Big Book, Sherry B; 12x12, Earl R; Water tower, Bill L; M-W VA, Shernie F; Touch on Feelings, Ruth B; Language of the Heart, Larry G; Tuesday Promises, Ken R; As Bill Sees It, Elaine F; DOG GONE Men's Group, Ron F

absent: M-F Primary Purpose, Thursday Night Open, Friends of Bill W, Shadow Group

Committee Chairs: Activities & Archives, LaVon L; Answering Service, Literature & Grapevine, Gene A; Corrections, Glenn A; CPC-PI, Shernie F, Pink Can, Sally H; Schedules, Larry G; Newsletter Editor, Ruth B

absent: Treatment, John C

Treasurer's Report: Gene A handed out and read Treasurer's report. Discussion of report: none.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept report.

Minutes of previous meeting were read. Corrections to minutes:

1. DOG GONE group report; issues from last year (at the Men's campout) were **not** with another group.
2. Karaoke at New Year's Eve party was Dave S, not Rick
3. Correction to financial report from Gratitude Banquet income: \$137.50 (half of 50/50 raffle) went to activity fund, \$108.50 (7th Tradition) went to general fund
4. Pink Can total in minutes not the same as total in Treasurer's report. Sherry & Sally pointed out that minutes report what Sally give to Gene at the meeting, so minutes are NOT incorrect, even though they don't match Treasurer's report. Some money is given to Gene by meetings separately, accounting for inconsistency.
5. Correction to Roll Call; Shernie was here and not listed.
6. Correction to Roll Call format. Names were listed without offices or group affiliations. Only need to report District officers, committee chairs, and GSR's or other Group representatives, as per DCM.
7. Correction to date of minutes. Minutes should reflect the current date. Minutes are not report of previous month. From now on, minutes will be dated only as to the date the meeting is held and will not reflect previous month.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept minutes as corrected.

Group reports:

1. **Early Birds**, GSR Dan T. Verbal report.
2. **Sunday Morning Eye-Opener** represented by Gene A. 20 average, birthdays Will P, 18 years & Kelly S, 1 year. Business meetings as needed.
3. **Sunday Big Book**, GSR Sherry B. Friday 35, Saturday 15, Sunday 12, Monday women's 20, Wednesday women's 8. Birthdays-Steve A 13 years & La Von L 28 years. Solvent and all meetings functioning. We are still trying to interest more people in getting involved in the Home Group. Business meetings are usually last Friday after birthday meeting. Saturday and women's meetings are discussing possibility of breaking away and forming their own Home Groups. Elections were scheduled but have been tabled until this is resolved.
4. **12x12**, GSR Earl R. Verbal report, 6-10.
5. **Water Tower**, GSR Bill W. Verbal Report.
6. **M-W VA**, represented by Shernie F. Group has no GSR at this time. Verbal report. Monday going fine. Wednesday new chair, Clink, is recruiting new members. Attendance is going up.
7. **Touch on Feelings**, GSR Ruth B. 8-10, No birthdays; gave out 24-hr coin last week. Need members. January 23 will be 3 years at Gene's house.
8. **Language of the Heart**, GSR Larry G, verbal report. Larry had 29 years. Attendance @ 15.
9. **Tuesday Promises**, GSR Ken R. Verbal report.
10. **M-F Primary Purpose**, absent, no report.
11. **Thursday Night Open**, absent, no report.
12. **Friends of Bill W**, absent, no report.
13. **As Bill Sees It**, GSR Elaine F, 30, No birthdays, gave out one 24-hour coin. Current events are new hours: Saturday 1-2:30. Pink can, \$9.33, vote in favor of yellow pages ad, one book sold. Special group thank you to Sherry, La Von, Gene, JC, Shernie and others for helping behind the scenes for our District New Year Party.
14. **DOG GONE Men's Group**, GSR Ron F, 2-6, Yancy 9 months. Upcoming men's campout Feb 10-12, 2012. DOG GONE joining District 9 doesn't appear in any District minutes. Should have been in November minutes.
15. **Shadow Group**, Absent, no report.

Committee Reports:

1. **Answering Service**, Gene A; 38 calls @ \$.50 for a total of \$19; added 6 people to call list w/ multiple years sober each. Discussed Yellow Pages ad: \$144 bill is due Feb. 1. Groups can go to website and give group's vote.
2. **Archives**, La Von; has been busy putting things together and will get with Larry soon.
3. **Corrections**, Glenna has read manual, has committee volunteers. Would like to send a form to Home Groups asking for volunteers for committee.
4. **CPC-PI**, Shernie has no report.
5. **Treatment**; Larry said that John has been very ill and they haven't been able to get together over Michael's Area information. Larry brought up speakers for VA treatment center and is sending an email asking if speakers want to rotate. 9 are on list right now. Some inpatients have asked VA staff, if they are addicts and not alcoholics, why they have to attend our classes with AA speakers. The VA says they do have to come. Vicky is the contact person and she has been calling to let Committee Chair if speakers are showing up when they're supposed to.
6. **Literature & Grapevine**; Gene sold 41 books for \$248.50, has almost sold out of large-print books. Do you want *Come to Believe* texts? Glenna said she would like them for corrections.
7. **Pink Can**; Sally is turning in \$23.66 to Gene at this meeting. He will give final total in his financial report next month of money he gets from other groups & money Sally turned in.
8. **Schedules**; Larry handed schedules out that he still has to La Von and JC; groups can get them from those individuals or Larry. Shernie asked how often we make new schedules. Answer is not until we run out.
9. **Newsletter**; Ruth and Gene said that Joanne is Area Newsletter Chair and gave her email address.
10. **Activities; La Von** reported on New Year's Eve party: 50/50 raffle brought in \$193, \$96.50 won by Misty and \$96.50 to District. Expenses were \$139.29 for prizes and supplies, \$36.59 for hams, and \$50.00 for music. Sobriety countdown was 316 years, 9 months, 2 days and 10 hours. Oldest was Mike from Dayton and youngest was Diane from Milton-Freewater. Speaker was Maura from Dayton and she received a gift of a handmade flower arrangement. The party was held at the VA Theater and went very well.

Old Business:

1. **Outgoing DCM report, La Von**: Area is looking for a place for the Area Archives. At Standing Committee Workshop it was asked that on flyers for activities the city should be listed. La Von will be going to PNC committee meeting in Sunnyside Friday Jan 20. She has cans to collect donations for PNC but forgot to bring them tonight. She will visit meetings and hand them out. Gene will also be going to PNC committee meeting. La Von thanked everyone for their cooperation during the last two years & thanked District for the experience of being our DCM and representing us at Area.

New Business:

1. **Workshop and potluck/dance Saturday Feb. 11**. Dolores will be giving a GSR workshop. All members, not just GSR's, are strongly encouraged to attend. Discussion regarding date of activity and when activity was voted on in the first place. Date is set by **Area officers'** availability. Activity was begun last year as an annual spring event to take place every year. **Motion was made by Gene, then seconded and passed that we rent the Pioneer Park Garden Club building for \$140, funds to come jointly from Activities and general fund. Workshop from 1-5, potluck at 6:00, speaker at 6:30, dance with CD's to follow.** Sherry will update last year's flyer with new date and info and get out to meetings.
2. Carolyn (visitor) made a point that we have been bickering and said she'd like to see more business and less bickering. Larry reminded us that alcoholics never agree on anything and that love and tolerance of other is our code.
3. Gene, Ron, and JC brought up that secretary is not getting minutes out in a timely fashion and making many errors. Said that getting minutes out just before next District meeting is pointless. **Sherry said she would get minutes out within 10 days after meeting.** Gene also wants to see minutes condensed to use less paper.
4. **JC said that this meeting needed to end by 8:00.** Discussion about whether we should postpone next meeting until second Sunday due to Super Bowl. Took a poll how many voting members would attend if meeting were held on Super Bowl Sunday.
5. **Motion made, seconded and passed to hold next business meeting second Sunday of February. Meeting will be held Sunday, February 12, from 6:30-8:00 pm.**

7th Tradition was taken and meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

YIS, Sherry