

District 51 Minutes March 16th 2025

Present: Gene, Desiree, Connie, Dan, Terry, Clayton, Bryan, Leo & Ryan.

Gene called meeting to order @ 3:30 and opened with a moment of silence.

Terry read Tradition 3

Secretary report: Ryan read the February minutes, 1st, 2nd and approved

Treasury report: Clyde absent, no treasury report

Old Business:

- PI chair still vacant
- Gene and Ryan went to the WCRAASC in Casper. Gene said it was a long haul and his expenses were \$424.17. We as a District have 3 voting positions at the upcoming spring assembly: Grapevine(Gene), PI(Ryan) and Literature. Gene explained the Area Agenda and gave out dashboard info. Ryan mentioned consider items for GSRs and Homegroups. Gene mentioned the dashboard doesn't work on phones or tablets. WCR was a great trip. Desiree asked Gene to share agenda from WCR. Gene went over the discuss, review and consider principle in regards to the agenda items. Gene went over the WCR agenda. Ryan shared some information from the Friday general session topic: How do we address the new financial reality facing our spiritual movement? A quote from Bill W. " As time passes, our literature has a tendency to get more and more frozen". Terry asked if about frozen relating to more books or changing the existing books. Dan doesn't want literature to change. Connie talked about kids being on phones too much in relation to our low number of young people in AA. Gene said denial is always present, he also talked about insurance in the 1980s as being the answer to help alcoholics with treatment and the like. Gene also talked about Zoom meetings today. Ryan talked about AA's podcasts, youtube channel, PSA's and Google ads. Terry asked about Zoom groups having a Venmo or similar link to contribute? Yes most online groups have a link for 7th Tradition.

New Business:

- Dan- It's important that we participate in service. Travel is expensive and Zoom/ Online is an option.
- Desiree- When we send people to service conferences we need a report back. What are the hot topics? What was the agenda?
- Ryan- Mentioned the Consider motion to remove "Decline to hear reports from GSR" from page 10 of the service manual.
- Bryan- GSR has always shared highlights of service with home groups
- Dan- Is it a waste of money to send people?
- Bryan- Had an old timer tell him that if somebody is funding him to travel and participate in service you will sit and pay attention the whole time even though they can be long.

Committee Reports:

- Alt DCM- Leo: Nothing to report
- Corrections- Bryan: Meetings going good, Mens and Womens.
- CPC- Jay, Absent- Desiree: Karon K(Area 40 CPC chair) talked with Jay and gave Jay lots of ideas. Karon talked about including Al-Anon when speaking with the professional community. Possibly sharing Youtube videos for more info as well as contact info.
- PI- Vacant
- Literature- Terry: Terry has all the books and will be doing an updated inventory. He is out of the Plain Language Big Book. Terry will try to determine the needs of the District and get re-stocked. He has a ton of pamphlets and what should we do with all of them? Desiree said in Great Falls the PI chair had the pamphlets and would give them to GSRs. Dan said we should keep the outdated pamphlets. Connie asked who has pamphlet racks? 3rd step, R2R and Fireside have pamphlet racks. Gene mentioned to wait for large literature order, \$500 or greater, when we order to save on shipping. Racks come from AA and does corrections want a pamphlet rack? Group said to give away pamphlets when someone wants some rather than charging for them.
- Grapevine- Connie: Inventory is normal and is available to all groups if they're wanting books.
- Speaker/Audio- Clayton: Nothing to report.
- Hotline- Holly, Absent: Nothing to report.
- BTG- Holly, Absent: Nothing to report.
- Archives- Mark, Absent: Nothing to report.

Group Highlights:

- Noon group- Gene: Group seems to be doing good.
- Monday 12 x 12- Ryan: Meeting going great. Studying Plain Language Big Book.
- BBB- Dan: Meeting going good, they're slow readers.
- 3rd step- Bryan: Numbers are down, possibly due to nicer weather. Bryan speaking today.
- R2R- Desiree: Meetings going good, smaller on Saturday. Last speaker this Saturday the 22nd, Darryl from Shelby.
- Fireside- Leo: Meeting going well. They'll get pamphlet rack out. 6 to 8 to 10 attendees at meetings. They're always looking for new members.
- CWF/Harlem- Bryan: Meetings going good he thinks.
- Chinook- Bryan: New meeting in Chinook Thursdays at 7
- Golden Triangle/ Rudyard- Gene: Going well, discussion meeting.

Next meeting 4-13-25

Gene closed the meeting with the responsibility declaration at 4:30