

**District 32 Western Washington Area 72 Alcoholics Anonymous  
Inventory minutes  
January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
7:00 PM**

**Members in Attendance:**

**David G.** (GSR), **Donna B.** (GSR), **Troy O.** (GSR, Grapevine and Lit), **Matt H.** (GSR/Zone rep), **Greg K.** (Alt Treasurer), **Angela R** (Third Legacy), **Tony** (PI), **Linda K.** (GSR, Alt. Treatment), **Nic C.** (Alt DCM), **Rob M.** (GSR), **Heather S.** (GSR/Secretary), **Dylan S.** (Archivist), **Morgan D.** (DCM), **Tammie D.** (GSR/Treatment), **Aaron W.** (Webmaster), **Terri Y.** (BTG), **Sean O.** (GSR), **Christa T.** (GSR), **Courtney A.** (Alt GSR), **Ted C.** (Alt GSR), **Jean-Paul T.** (School panels), **David D.** (GSR), **Rick B.** (Visitor), **Jeanette B.** (Visitor), **Derrell K.** (GSR), **Bob H.** (GSR),

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm with the serenity prayer and introductions. Welcome new GSRs!

Tom F, Area 72 PI chair will be facilitating inventory. An inventory is a fact-finding mission. It's not about pointing fingers. We need to use this information after tonight to make our district better. These questions came from the Area.

**The District Structure**

**1. What is the purpose of the district?**

- To facilitate a meeting for meetings/groups in the district.
- To carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- Primary purpose is to support GSRs to help their groups help the still suffering alcoholic.
- To act as a conduit of information between the groups, area, and AA as a whole.
- To facilitate 12 step work.

**2. What more can the District do to help the groups and better carry the message?**

- Help facilitate training for GSRs.
- Recruit more alts for positions so we have support for chairs.
- Encourage current committee members to keep records to pass on.
- Help the groups learn about service work.
- Get more enthusiasm for service.

**3. Is the District structure adequate for the numbers of groups and meetings in the District?**

- Currently it is but if every group had a GSR, it wouldn't be.
- There are 56 groups in the district, there are 15 GSRs on average.
- How many are actual groups and how many are meetings? Nic is working on figuring out more accurate numbers.
- A lot of the meetings in the schedule are from the South King Alano club, so a lot of those don't count as "groups".

- Groups are meetings that have registered with GSO and are part of the general service structure.
- The structure of our district meeting is good, but the size of the room may not be sufficient eventually.
- Is the district too big to help all of it's groups?
- Could the district be too spread out or are there just "dark groups" that aren't interested in being part of the general service structure?
- Per Tom, the max number of groups in a district should typically be about 25, maybe ours is too big.
- If we had better participation, we should probably consider splitting up the district.
- Maybe we could rent a room at the Alano club for our district meetings to get more participation.
- Some groups in our district are just small, but still want to be informed.
- District has a website with lots of information.
- We are in the process of compiling a list so that we can go out to meetings/groups that don't have district representation.
- The structure is good. Nic wanted to go out to all the groups and still has that goal, however that is a big undertaking since there are so many.

### **The District Business Meeting**

- 1. Is adequate opportunity given to all members to speak and participate in discussion and activities? Is the minority opinion heard? Before voting?**
  - Yes, people are given opportunity.
  - We want to hear minority opinions.
  - What does "members" mean? It means all members, not just chairs and GSRs..
- 2. Are the meetings interesting and informative?**
  - Not as hostile as it used to be. People are coming back to get involved.
  - Pleasantly surprised by the meeting because had heard negative things.
  - We need better education for GSRs.
  - There are GSR schools at intergroup. We tried it at district level but there wasn't much interest.
  - In other district, do they have a newcomer GSR meeting in a separate room? No one has ever heard of that.
  - We could probably do a better job of talking one on one with new GSRs.
  - First Presbyterian church in Puyallup, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> there's a GSR, however it is the 102 version. There's 101 in Ferndale on the same day.
  - There is an updated version of the GSR handbook available online.
- 3. How could the District meeting be improved?**

Meeting closed at 8:30 PM.

# **District Inventory**

## **The District Structure**

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2. **What more can the District do to help the groups and better carry the message?**
3. **Is the District structure adequate for the number of groups and meetings in the District?**

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## **District Representatives**

1. **Are District Committee Representatives facilitating good communication between the District and committee?**
2. **Are District Committee Representatives given adequate time to give report?**

## **District Unity**

1. **Is there an opportunity for us to share besides in the business meeting? Are there times set aside for us to learn about the different service positions, committees, and the general service structure**
2. **Are we being considerate of each other, especially when we have limited time, when presenting our various reports?**
3. **Are we encouraging our old-timers to remain active by asking them to share the benefits of their experience?**

4. **How are we encouraging those new to the Fellowship to become active?**
5. **Is the District being financially responsible to the Groups? Area? GSO?**

### **District Officers**

- a. **Aware of what's going on within the District as a whole?**
- b. **Reaching out to the District as a whole?**
- c. **Able to handle situations that may arise within the District?**
- d. **Keeping you informed of what's going on within the District**
- e. **Best representing the District's group conscience and not their own?**
- f. **Regularly attending District meetings and functions, Area meetings, etc?**
- g. **Keeping you informed of happenings at the Area level?**

### **The General Service Representative**

1. **Are the GSRs keeping their groups informed?**
2. **Are they informing the groups as to how to make wise decision and concerning the District, Area, and group decisions?**
3. **Are they chosen for their experience, example and level of responsibility?**
4. **Do the GSRs provide regular announcements? Reports from the District?**
5. **Are the GSRs best representing their group conscious, not their own?**

District 32 - Algona, Auburn, Federal Way, Pacific

**Treasurer's Report - FEBRUARY 2020**

Period: January 17, 2020 to February 13, 2020

Thursday before 3rd Monday District Meeting is CLOSE OF REPORT

Starting Balance: \$ 1,957.70

Income:

District Inventory Meeting 7th Tradition	58.01
Wednesday Night Women In Recovery (PMO)	11.00
Brown Bag Group Chk#279	174.00
Just4Today Chk#2000	224.17

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Total Contributions: 467.18

Balance After Deposits: \$ 2,424.88

Expenses:

Room Use Fee (Paid Nov'19 T-Rpt)	0.00
Storage (Paid Nov'19 T-Rpt)	0.00
Jan. Mtg Packet Printing (No Mtg->Inventory)	0.00
D32 Handbook Printing (x10) Happy Print	35.75

Greater Seattle Inter Group - GSIG	10.75
Area 72 - Western Washington	10.75
General Service Office - AA	10.75

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Total Expenses: 68.00

Balance After Expenses: \$ 2,356.88

\* Minus prudent reserve: \$ (1,125.00)

Available Amount: \$ 1,231.88

(\*) The prudent reserve: 3 months of operating expenses  
(\$4,500.00 / 4 = \$1,125.00)