

District 32 Western Washington Area 72 Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes (Virtual meeting)
April 20th, 2020
7:00 PM

Members in Attendance:

Troy O. (GSR, Grapevine and Lit), **Angela R** (Third Legacy), **Tony** (PI), **Linda K.** (GSR, Alt. Treatment), **Nic C.** (Alt DCM), **Heather S.** (GSR/Secretary), **Dylan S.** (Archivist), **Morgan D.** (DCM), **Aaron W.** (Webmaster), **Carrie B.** (Alt Webmaster), **Shelby B.** (Accessibility), **Tammie D.** (GSR/Treatment), **Terry R.** (GSR), **Matt H.** (Intergroup), **Greg K.** (Treasurer), **Jean Paul** (Schools), **Jacquie** (GSR), **Sean O.** (GSR, Young People's chair), **Savannah C.** (GSR)

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

Birthdays: Aaron with 7 years.

Tradition 4 read, Concept 4 read.

Roll call: GSRs: 7, Alt GSR: 0 Chairs: 7, Alt Chairs: 0, Voting members: 15

Reports

Secretary Report: Heather S.

Minutes printed, read and reviewed by the district members. Heather made one change to remove line that Greg had storage key. He does NOT have storage key. Due to virtual meeting format, we will not be doing reports today. Send reports to Heather.

Aaron motioned to approve minutes, Tony seconded, motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Greg K.

Starting balance: 2283.73; Income: 75.00; Expenses: 69.64; Ending Balance: 2289.09 minus prudent reserve of 1125.00. Remaining balance: 1164.09

Greg put Brooklake payments on autopay. He will have all his login information for the next treasurer.

Tony motioned to approve treasurer's report, Shelby seconded, motion passed.

Accessibility: Shelby

I went to the Accessibility Quarterly on Saturday. It was mostly a check in with all of the districts in our area. I found out some districts aren't even having meetings of any kind.

AA-intergroup.org has a link to online ASL, Blind and visually Impaired, as well as many other meetings to include all people. Seattle intergroup also has link to a couple ASL online meetings.

Intergroup: Matt H.

Last board meeting was canceled. However May 19th board mtg will have a vote by Intergroup Representatives to see if they want a vote for their groups who participate via zoom. Board meeting is held every 3rd Tuesday at 7pm via zoom Meeting ID: 918 5437 5402 Password: 035194. Dial in 1 2532158782. Reported by Matt H Zone rep

Grapevine and Lit: Troy

There will be a reduction in prices on most literature. A 20% decrease in the list price on pamphlets and non-book items, \$9.50 for the Big Book and \$5.00 for abridged or any other format. The 6% handling fee on ordering products will be removed. Prices will be in effect April 15. Intergroup will be open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm for literature and coin sales. The next GV/LIT Quarterly is on June 15 but no information yet on how it will be conducted.

Old Business

Hospital 12 step calls:

Heather checked with hospital management. Ipad is unavailable to use for 12 step calls. AA members may do video chats on patient's cell phones if they have them. Members may call patients on hospital phones if they do not have their own phones.

New Business

Quarterly:

Nic went to the Quarterly (virtually). See quarterly minutes on Area 72 website for more information. There has been less income and more expenses. Discussed best practices for digital 7th tradition. Discussed the possibility of postponing Our Stories Disclose release because it is not currently self-supporting. There will likely be a motion at the assembly. They will likely end up printing new OSD and then asking area to help. Deadline to provide group discussion regarding the upcoming conference to delegate, Alan extended until April 28th. He does not need votes from groups, just discussion.

7th Tradition: Aaron

Should we accept credit card donations on website? Most every platform charges. Narrowed it down to Zelle. We can connect to bank account.

Discussion:

- Will it be a link on district website? No, likely will just include information on district website and email information. Then people can just go on Zelle and do it themselves.
- Zelle would be best because there is no fee.
- Just 4 today tried to have a code to scan and it got complicated. Would be nice to have something more simple.
- This will just be an additional way to make donations. People can still send checks.
- Aaron will put information on website. GSRs please tell groups. It will be connected to email treasurer@district32aa.org

Aaron made a motion to activate Zelle account to accept 7th tradition funds. Jean-Paul seconded. Motion passed.

Are we doing what we can to reach newcomers during this time?

- Members have been putting their contact information into the private chat on Zoom for newcomers.
- Social workers/hospital staff giving patients information about zoom meetings at the hospitals.
- Members staying after on zoom meetings to exchange numbers with newcomers.
- Are newcomers blocked because they don't have passwords?
- Should we be using passwords and having waiting rooms? Are those barriers to newcomers or are these measures necessary for security reasons?
- There's an option to kick people out if they are being inappropriate.
- Maybe meetings don't need passwords if the rest of the settings are set up correctly (waiting room, muting, no screen sharing).
- How about the homeless population? How are we reaching them?
- Apparently the DOH allowed some meetings that were under 10 people and followed social distancing guidelines, in certain circumstances.
- But even if people can meet, what if the place to meet is no longer available? Could people meet outdoors?
- Couple people showed up at meeting location and sat in their cars to see if anyone showed up.
- Maybe put some signage on the door? QR code to take them to the website. Intergroup phone number on sign too?
- Committee chairs probably need to change nature of their work. Provide lists to treatment centers, hospitals. Maybe reach out to shelters?
- Create flyer to put at hospital to provide an easy way for patients to find out about zoom meetings?
- We should be helping answer phones for intergroup. They will forward to your personal phone.
- There's a nightwatch at Intergroup and in Pierce county central office.
- Everyone send changes to Carrie and Aaron for meetings changes so they can be put onto website.

Recording Zoom meetings:

- Should we record zoom meetings?
- Purpose would be to make things easier on secretary and also would be good for archives.
- Maybe it would be good to do all the time, not just during covid19. Then we always know what really happened at district meetings.
- Do we have room for all those recordings? Yes, on flash drive.
- It would be given to archivist, not stored on the web.
- They would be in MP4 format.

Motion to record Zoom meetings passed. 14 for, 0 against, 1 abstained.

Time conflict for District 32 Zoom account:

Aaron set up a zoom meeting for a group using the district 32 zoom account, however it was during the district meeting, so they had to be booted for the week. Carrie or Nic could use their paid zoom accounts for the district meeting so the district zoom account remains available for groups. Savannah will set up zoom for district meeting. Carrie will notify group that they can use the district zoom account for their meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:11 PM.

District 32 - Algona, Auburn, Federal Way, Pacific

Treasurer's Report - MAY 2020

Period: April 17, 2020 to May 14, 2020

Thursday before 3rd Monday District Meeting is CLOSE OF REPORT

Starting Balance: \$ 2,289.09

Income:

District Meeting 7th Tradition	-
VENMO (Fun & Free) Thanks Tony & Aaron!!	11.00
Rush Hour - 74020 (chk#5143)	128.00
Michael Murray (chk#7599) Group? _____	25.00

Total Contributions: 164.00

Balance After Deposits: \$ 2,453.09

Expenses:

Brooklake Church Room Use	20.39
Federal Way Heated Storage	74.90
Zoom Acct Payment	16.48

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

Total Expenses: 144.02

Balance After Expenses: \$ 2,309.07

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

Available Amount: \$ 1,184.07

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