

District 32 Western Washington Area 72 Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes (Virtual meeting)
May 18th, 2020

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), **Aaron W.** (Webmaster), **Carrie B.** (Alt Webmaster), **Shelby B.** (Accessibility), **Matt H.** (Intergroup), **Greg K.** (Treasurer), **Jacquie** (GSR), **Savannah C.** (GSR), **Terry R.** (GSR), **Terri Y.** (Bridging the Gap)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm with the serenity prayer.

Tradition 5 read, Concept 5 read.

Roll call: Voting members: 12 (15 by the end of the meeting due to late arrivals)

Reports

Secretary Report: Heather S.

Minutes printed, read and reviewed by the district members. Due to virtual meeting format, we will not be doing reports today. Send reports to Heather.

Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Greg K.

Starting balance: 2289.09; Income: 164.00; Expenses: 144.02; Ending Balance: 2309.07 minus prudent reserve of 1125.00. Remaining balance: 1184.07

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

Webmaster Report: Aaron and Carrie

Carrie and I have been trying to stay on top of virtual meetings being added/changed and updating the site accordingly, In March 16th report we said "Due to the sheer number of meeting closures we have opted not to update each meeting as there is no easy way to do this, but rather have a bold posting on the home page that a lot are closed and linked them to seattleaa.org who is on top of it. The reason is we would need to update all 553 meetings individually then do it again when they are reopened, and frankly either of us have that kind of time." We have since updated every meeting denoting the closure and if there is an online meeting.

Was able to work with Seattle intergroup with district 32 meetings and using the meeting guide plug in on the website, we now control all of district 32 meetings, which means we are solely

responsible for updating our meetings in which Seattle intergroup will pull from our meeting feed to update their website, in turn updating Area's website. In doing this I had to remove any meetings we had listed online as well in the printed meeting guide that aren't part of district 32. (there were meetings in Kent and Tacoma listed)

As per the vote to set Zelle up to except donations other than via snail mail, we ran into a problem with our bank not allowing us to use Zelle on our Business account, so Greg, Tony and myself discussed other options to except donations electronically, we settled on Venmo, it is free app you can download to your Apple or Android Device. You can simply open the app and search the name @district-thirtytwo or scan the QR code from your camera or from within the app. We already have seen some donations.

A separate menu tab called "Contribute" with AA 7th Tradition explanation, that only members can contribute as well as letting them know if they are a group to include Group number and or meeting name.

PI: Tony

With the Covid stay home order I have not been delivering any schedules or pamphlets to any businesses and my wife will shoot me if I go to hospital emergency room unless I arrive by aide car lol. Since all the meetings have gone to zoom I was thinking perhaps I could put a flyer together or business card and put into the various racks at the hospitals with phone number for Seattle intergroup to call if anyone needs a meeting so they could call and speak with a live person who could in turn put them in touch with a zoom meeting. Intergroup already has outreach business cards I could use or duplicate. I did attend the PI/CPC quarterly via Zoom last Saturday which was a big success I think. I got some great information and Ideas on how to reach professional via zoom platforms to do presentations if interested. Also got ideas on how to do Public service announcements to let people know if they need help, we are available Another thing I learned about is the Intergroup office in New York purchased a corporate zoom account that is available for ALL of AA to use with no limit on number of participants so if we should exceed our limits or know of any other groups outside our district that would like to do zoom but don't have means they could use this one. There was also great discussion about anonymity on the web. It is especially important we remind our members that AA itself is to be kept out of press radio films and the internet. Each individual member can talk about whatever they wish on their own platforms however please do not publicize your Alcoholics anonymous membership. It was also mentioned that it gets down to sponsorship and as sponsors or friends to new combers we remind them of AA's desire to stay un affiliated with outside entities so as to avoid any possible controversies.

Intergroup: Matt H.

Greater Seattle Intergroup has been around over 70 years since 1946. Need volunteers to man GSIG Hotline phones inquire at website Nightwatch@seattleaa.org. Area history Book has reached 51% to goal of publishing. GSIG broke even at time of Board Meeting with retail sales down \$6000 to budget and individual donations up \$2000. Owing \$9000 with interest on schedules which can be paid off with GSIG rent for May and June being

deferred. Also office mgr and asst office mgr are only working 50% of regular scheduled hours. The Assembly for May 19 has been postponed until June 16, 2020 at 7pm. The vote to change By-laws to give each AA Group representation with a vote at GSIG monthly Board Meetings has been moved to June 16th assembly.

Grapevine and Lit: Troy

No word yet on the GV/Lit Quarterly for June. The Grapevine is now offering a volume set called The Best of Grapevine. It's a set of three reissued volumes containing their best Grapevine stories determined by their editors and sells for 23 dollars.

Bridging the Gap: Terri

There is not much BTG work to do right now

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

Motion 1:

Tony moves that:

For servant positions that have an Alt as well; both positions share the same Email account instead of having a separate email for each individual.

Discussion:

- Then all on the committee are getting the same information
- It's already set up so the alt webmaster gets all the webmaster emails
- Should we just do away with alt emails? Yes, but Aaron will not completely get rid of the email accounts. He will change the forwarding so that all the committee members use the primary account.

Savannah seconded motion. Motion passed. 12 for, 0 against.

Motion 2:

Tony moves that:

We amend the handbook to include that as part of the treasurer duties, the treasurer will allow the banking institutions that are being used for the district accounts to use the district google number as a contact source for the financial institution so that if an issue arises that the bank needs to get a hold of someone, this would be an option. I would also like to include that the district email account for the treasurer@district32aa.org be added as a contact for our banking institutions.

Discussion:

- Motion first read that we should use treasurer's personal number as contact, however since we decided to create a district google number, it was amended to use that instead.
- Google number would make it easier so we don't have to change contact info with the bank with each rotation.
- Could Aaron set that up? Yes, he or Carrie will.

Savannah seconded motion. Motion passed. 12 for, 0 against.

Venmo

Bank would not allow Zelle for a business account, so we did Venmo instead (see Web report). Provided information on the website with the venmo QR code. Website also has list of groups with their groups numbers for people who don't those. Tell your groups about the new Venmo! It needs a phone number attached to the account. We can use the google number for that. There may be a small fee to use Venmo but it comes from the person donating, not from district.

Hospitals

Hospitals could really use some sort of flyer or something that talks about online meetings or has a link to the online meetings. Tony said that intergroup has made business cards with the website and phone number on it. Tony can give the hospitals some of the cards. Heather will notify social workers at AMC.

DCM attendance issue

Discussion:

- Alt DCM has had to facilitate meeting with no notice because DCM has either not showed up at all or been late and given Alt late notice.
- Maybe it doesn't matter, there are only six months left. Should we just let it go? Is it worth it to vote him out at this point?
- Nic had a conversation with him coming from a place of concern a few months ago. Morgan came to our next meeting, apologized and said he would do better, however he still hasn't been consistent since then.

- Nic will set up whenever needed, but it is frustrating that he cannot be prepared to facilitate since he isn't given proper notice.
- Would it be helpful for Nic if he is DCM to have a new Alt DCM? Nic said that he wouldn't want someone to have to add six months to an already long service commitment.
- Should we just vote to have Nic act as DCM? Then we don't have to worry about it every month.
- Nic is fine with being DCM, however he does not want to do it without district voting to have Morgan removed from the position.
- Morgan has not followed through with the position.

Savannah made motion to remove Morgan as DCM. Greg seconded. 13 votes for, 0 against, 1 abstention (Nic C.). Motion passed to remove Morgan D. as DCM.

Nic will have conversation with Morgan and also with Alan about next steps. Nic is now acting DCM. We will not vote in new Alt DCM for now, since there are people not present tonight that may be interested. Plan is to hold elections like normal at the end of the year.

Picnic

Is picnic happening? We really don't know what is going to happen in the coming months so we can't decide right now. Gavin is not present tonight. Nic will talk to Gavin about having a report and plan ready for next month's meeting.

Printing schedules

Discussion:

- Should we do print updated schedules in July?
- We will probably have a clearer idea of what the near future will look like next month.
- We can table it until June's meeting. We can put out the schedules a little late if we need to.
- It would be good to include something on the schedules about online meetings or just a note that says to go to the website for more information.
- There will likely still be some meetings that choose to stay online for a while, even after stay at home orders are lifted.
- We could add an * or something next to the meetings that are online.

Website domain:

Domain is set to renew next month. It is connected to district debit card. Storage unit is also linked to district debit card.

Committee budgets

Committee budgets are untapped right now. How could we be using that money to help the still suffering alcoholic?

Discussion:

- Could we make colored flyers that we hand out to jails, treatment centers, hospitals, ect?
- Tony said that they talked about public service announcements at PI/CPC quarterly. We could do something like that.
- Some districts have put out bus ads or something on cragilist.
- Bus ads could be good for homeless population. We could also buy a block of books to pass out.
- Tony will investigate bus ad options for cost.
- If it was within budget, he could just do it without district approval.
- Bus campaign would likely be more like \$2500, maybe we could collaborate with other districts, 18 perhaps?

District meeting attendance

Discussion:

- We should hold everyone accountable for missing district meetings, not just DCM.
- Chair positions are a little different because they aren't crucial to running the district meeting, like DCM, treasurer, and secretary are.
- For instance, Jean-Paul has a history of not attending meetings during the summer when there are no school panels happening, and that seems appropriate.
- We shouldn't feel like we are going to be in trouble if we can't come to the meeting, that will deter people from participating.
- Tammie, Debbie, Leigh, Jean-Paul, Sean O. (was here last month), and Gavin haven't been here as much. Nic will contact them to tell them they are missed.
- We all have a responsibility to connect with each other. If the person has been missing, we should talk to them.
- Relative distance is something we should maybe consider in the future.
- Terri said she hasn't been coming to district as much recently because of work. She said she should have told someone and she plans to in the future.
- Love and tolerance is our code. It is important that we communicate with each other.
- Where are all the GSRs?
- We have not had good participation by GSRs historically, but it is even worse right now.
- Are we announcing district at our meetings?
- Right now is likely not an accurate appraisal of GSR participation because of covid19 situation.
- We should be talking to people about service, make it sound appealing by sharing our experience.
- How are we portraying service through our actions and words?

Tony motioned to close meeting, Greg seconded. Meeting closed.

Date: 5/20/2019

Motion #: _____

DISTRICT 32 MOTION FORM

Made by: Gavin A.

Seconded by: *Courtney A.*

Make sure you say:

1. Who is to do something
2. What they are to do

If needed, also tell:

1. How they are to do it
2. When it is to be done
3. Why they are to do it

Examples:

I move that District 32 hold it's August meeting on Sunday August 13 at the regular time.

I move that the District 32 hold an annual Picnic in June or July of each year, conducted by Activities Subcommittee, as a celebration of unity.

I move that:

Following the birthday announcements, the DCM allows time for anyone new, to the District meeting, to introduce themselves stating: why they are here, what group they are from, if they are representing a group, whether or not they are new to the GSR position, and/or if they are looking for opportunities to be of service at the district level. If they are new to a GSR position, the District will provide them with AA approved literature that describes the position, its requirements, and a copy of the District 32 Handbook. & *GSR Registration form.*

Intent:

To welcome new members to the district, provide them with information for their preferred position, and to be inclusive to all members of AA who wish to participate in service within District 32.

For Chair/Parliamentarian Use Only:

Major Motion: _____

Non-Major Motion: _____

On Going, Affects Officer/Subcommittee: _____

Motion Requires: Simple Majority: X 2/3 Majority: _____ Other: _____

Motion Referred to Groups: Yes: 16 No: 0

In-Favor: _____ Against: _____ Abstain: _____

Motion Passed: _____ Motion Failed: _____

Motion Pete to Moved by Total \$230.00
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Motion

I move that we pay for July 12-13 area
~~quarterly~~ quarterly. I move ~~the~~ following

Registration	$40 \times 2 = 80$	
Millage	$25 \times 2 = 50$	
Nic Hotel	$\$100.00 = 100.00$	
		total $\$230.00$ <u>00</u>

Intens-

We need to send these guys to the
quarterly. we have to pre register for
this deadline is 6-2-19 for food count
etc.

Yes 16

No 0

District 32 - Algona, Auburn, Federal Way, Pacific

Treasurer's Report - JUNE 2020

Period: May 15, 2020 to June 11, 2020

Thursday before 3rd Monday District Meeting is CLOSE OF REPORT

Starting Balance: \$ 2,309.07

Income:

District Meeting 7th Tradition	-
Evergreen South Breakfast Group(Chk#2250)	167.97
David H. (Thank-You for 29 years Sober)	29.00

Total Contributions: 196.97

Balance After Deposits: \$ 2,506.04

Expenses:

Zoom Account Payment	16.48
Storage	82.00
Brooklake room use Donation	20.39
PO Box July-Dec	59.00
Greater Seattle Inter Group - GSIG	10.75
Area 72 - Western Washington	10.75
General Service Office - AA	10.75

Total Expenses: 210.12

Balance After Expenses: \$ 2,295.92

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

Available Amount: \$ 1,170.92

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

District 32 - Algona, Auburn, Federal Way, Pacific:

Print Date

6/11/2020

2020

<u>Budget item</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Remaining</u>	Second Quarter		
				<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>
District Expenses	241	56%	133.87	-	-	59.00
Schedules	275	66%	180.95	-	-	-
Storage	948	76%	716.20	-	74.90	82.00
Rent	240	75%	178.83	20.39	20.39	20.39
Events	240	-25%	(60.00)	-	-	-
Administrative Sub-Total:	1,944					
DCM	450	100%	450.00	-	-	-
PRAASA (Once 2 yrs.)	-		-	-	-	-
Alt DCM (Registrar)	450	100%	450.00	-	-	-
Area Liaison Sub-Total:	900					
3rd Legacy	120	100%	120.00	-	-	-
Accessibilities	120	100%	120.00	-	-	-
Archives	120	100%	120.00	-	-	-
Archivist Activities	60	100%	60.00	-	-	-
Corrections	120	100%	120.00	-	-	-
Corrections Bridge (Lit./Sup.)	60	100%	60.00	-	-	-
Cooperation Professional Comm. (CPC)	120	100%	120.00	-	-	-
Hosp. 12th Step (Lit./Sup.)	60	100%	60.00	-	-	-
Grapevine and Literature	120	100%	120.00	-	-	-
Treatment (H&I)	120	100%	120.00	-	-	-
Bridging the Gap (Lit./Sup.)	60	100%	60.00	-	-	-
Public Information (PI)	120	100%	120.00	-	-	-
School Panel (Lit./Sup.)	60	100%	60.00	-	-	-
Web Presents	240	79%	190.04	17.00	16.48	16.48
Young People	120	100%	120.00	-	-	-
District Service Committee Sub-Total:	1,620					
Guest Gas-Money Fund	36	100%	36.00			
District Budget Grand-Total:	4,500		3,655.89	37.39	111.77	177.87
<u>Split Schedule</u>						
Greater Seattle Inter Group GSIG	128.98	(\$10.75 * 12)	64.48	10.75	10.75	10.75
Area 72 - Western Washington	128.96	(\$10.75 * 12)	64.46	10.75	10.75	10.75
General Service Office - AA	128.96	(\$10.75 * 12)	64.46	10.75	10.75	10.75
Previous Year Over Prudent Reserve:	386.90					