

**District 32 Western Washington Area 72 Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes (Virtual meeting)
June 15th, 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 J.** (GSR), **Savannah C.** (GSR), **Terry R.** (GSR), **Gavin A.** (Events), **Pete K.** (Guest/Intergroup phones), **Donna** (GSR), **Jean-Paul** (Schools), **David** (GSR), **Courtney** (Alt GSR), **Jim R.** (Guest/Past DCM), **Leigh** (CPC)

Nic C. made motion to record meeting. Savannah seconded. Motion passed.

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

Tradition 6 read, Concept 6 read.

Birthdays: Angela with 24 years. Terry with 10 years.

Roll call: GSRs: 9, Chairs: 7, Alt Chairs: 1, Guests: 2 Voting members: 17

To contribute to 7th tradition, use venmo on website.

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.

Aaron moved to accept minutes, Angela seconded, Minutes approved.

Treasurer Report: Greg K.

Starting balance: 2309.07; Income: 196.97; Expenses: 210.12; Ending Balance: 2295.92 minus prudent reserve of 1125.00. Remaining balance: 1170.92

Savannah made motion to approve treasurer's report, Angela seconded, motion passed.

Treatment: Tammie D.

Tammie has to step down as treatment chair due to a work conflict.

Events: Gavin A.

Picnic is scheduled tentatively for August 9th. Gavin called city of Auburn and referred to website about covid regulations. Our event will have probably about 200 people. Website indicated that they are in phase 1 or 2. Gavin is not sure what to do at this point but we don't know if the event can actually happen, due to covid restrictions. Worst case scenario can get money back. Wants feedback from district.

Discussion:

- Since we can get money back, we should just keep it scheduled for now.
- Phase 3 only allows for groups of 50, and we would have more than that.
- Heather said we should not waste time and money planning an event that won't realistically be able to happen.
- Tony and Angela said we should do some minor planning just in case. It's not good to future trip. We should plan like it is still happening.
- Jean-Paul said we probably won't be able to do it, but it's too soon to call it, so we should wait till next month to decide.
- Aaron said we should do a little planning, like gathering raffle items.
- Others said we shouldn't focus on raffles items at this point, just focus on having a gathering.
- Gavin will do some basic planning and we can decide later whether to go on with the event or cancel.

PI: Tony

I was able to get business cards from intergroup and deliver them to the hospital for outreach use. I also checked with King county metro's ad agency and they told me the minimum add campaign was for one year and its \$10,000.00 she said they did not have any program available for discounted rates to Public service announcements (PSA) she was familiar with AA and understood how it worked and did want to ask her supervisor if there would be any chance to get near our budget but felt it very unlikely she suggested making flyers or face book add she was willing to help on her own time because her boyfriend was in AA but I told her we can only use our own members but did appreciate the offer.

I also checked with Pierce county and they were told \$5k at first for their campaign but after speaking with the ad agency down their because of the PSA nature they were able to get a discount to \$1800 for one month, however the add company ended up liking it so much they let it run for a year.

I did check with the add company for KJR sports radio in Seattle (180,000 listeners) and found Radio is a cheaper option but still expensive they do have some free time available for PSA announcements but it is very limited.

Standard rates are Monday – Friday ^a- 10 A \$32 each weekends \$12: 10 A -3pm \$26 ea weekends \$23: 3pm – 7pm \$40 each Weekends \$15 7pm -midnight \$15 eac weekend \$12 weekend midnight to 6am \$5 each.

Discussion:

- Might be a good idea to partner with intergroup for a radio ad. It would be good to use intergroup phone number and website and then people can refer to district 32 when appropriate.
- Would be do more than one radio station?
- It's 30 dollars per each time the ad is played on the radio, not per day.
- How do we reach the most people? Should we do different radio stations? Maybe too expensive to do that. We need to start somewhere.
- Aaron said he used to run radio ads and they are kind of expensive. Might be a good idea to contact a college radio station, maybe cheaper.
- We are already giving money to intergroup. Maybe we should stick to district service.
- Maybe we could just call the hospitals directly to give them information. Focus on educating hospital staff.
- Regardless of what we decide, Tony having conversations with intergroup is a positive thing.
- ***Tony can get more business cards from intergroup, staple them to the schedules and then pass out at hospitals and treatment centers. Motion passed.***
- Gavin said that a bus campaign would be better. We shouldn't assume that we can't do it just because it's expensive. We could collaborate with area and intergroup about it.

Intergroup: Matt

Next GSIG Board meeting is Tuesday June 16 at 7pm. Dennis office mgr for GSIG has left. Motion to put Lara R as office mgr from her position as Asst office mgr will be voted on. Need vote from group as to how I should vote. Office Committee took out loan on own accord. Vote to accept the loan and apply for forgiveness. Loan is at 1% rate. Need vote from group as to how I should vote. Voting to let every AA group have representation with voting privileges at GSIG Board Meetings will be voted on. Need vote from group as to how I should vote. Will have summary of GSIG group inventory that was held June 13th. Anyone desiring to attend the GSIG Spring Assembly the June 16th Board Meeting at 7pm via Zoom can join. Meeting ID:918 5437 5402 Password: 035194. Reported by Matt H Zone 132 rep

Discussion:

- Intergroup took out a small business loan that was offered to all small businesses due to covid. It received loan forgiveness. Some people want intergroup to pay that back.
- Pete said it was 18,000. 75% of it went to payroll. It got board approval. Tomorrow there's going to be a motion brought forward about having intergroup pay the money back.
- 7th tradition long form was read.
- Intergroup is a business, not a group. Does it have to follow the same guidelines?
- Gavin asked for some more information from third legacy chair, Angela did not have anything to comment on the matter.

- Jim said that this wasn't a knee jerk reaction. This money wasn't given to AA just for being AA. It was given to a small business.
- Some groups are mad that intergroup accepted the money. If you want your voice heard, show up at the intergroup board meeting.
- Can they really not afford to pay people or did we take the money just because we could? Yes, they do have money to pay people for now, but there are a lot of expenses to pay for.
- Was central office eligible for this loan too? Yes, but they chose not to apply because they didn't need to.
- What does paying it back look like? Monthly payment at 1.5% interest or pay it back in one check.
- Intergroup may be a business, but they should be held to the same standard. We should pay it back.
- It seems like whenever intergroup runs out of money, they ask for more instead of decreasing spending.

Intergroup Motion 1: Vote in Lara as new office manager: Passed (16 for, 1 against)

Intergroup Motion 2: Paying back small business loan: Passed (14 for, 1 against, 2 abstaining)

Intergroup Motion 3: Every group to have a vote at intergroup board meetings, instead of just zone reps. Failed. (1 for, 16 against)

Discussion:

- How would this impact things?
- This motion would put it back to the way it used to be. It would make the group of voters potentially very big.
- How would we know who is a rep from each group?
- The name is intergroup, it should be groups voting
- It could make things lopsided because some districts have more involved groups than ours.
- Smaller groups in district don't have district representation, let alone intergroup representation.

Old Business

Webmaster: Aaron- Should we print schedules?

We have about 500 schedules left from the last printing. Should we print more?

Discussion:

- We should probably wait because there will be more changes.
- We should have something about online meetings.

- Maybe we can look into a sticker about online meetings to put on the schedules.
- Greg said it would be good to have a flyer about meetings. Maybe we can use existing document to add which ones are online.
- Gavin suggested using a district 32 business card for website info.
- We have business cards, we could print some.
- Heather brought up that maybe intergroup business cards are sufficient since that's where people usually find information about meetings.
- Nic said he thinks we should stick with district 32 information, not intergroup.
- Tony said that intergroup cards have number and website. There's a benefit to partnering up with them.
- Aaron said that intergroup is the central hub for meeting info, partnering with them makes sense.
- ***Matt made a motion to table it, we will table it until next month.***
- Aaron needs help gathering information about changes, please tell people to notify webmasters when things change.

Google Phone Number:

Aaron got it done, attached it to bank and venmo.

Vote in new DCM or leave it

Leave it as is. It would be good to have the election for a new alt DCM in person if possible. It doesn't seem to be an emergency right now, might as well leave it. It would be good to have alt DCM by the assembly probably.

New Business

Night Watch: Pete

Intergroup has had a 25% increase in calls. Does district 32 want intergroup to just handle the calls or do we want to take some of the overnight calls? Morgan wants to be removed from all 12 step lists, he moved out of state. They need volunteers.

Yes, our district does want to take some calls. Everyone announce at their groups and get contact information for people who want to take 12th step calls and also find out their availability. Tony can compile list and give it to Pete. If you have people who want to be on the 12th step call list, give information to Tony.

Using district Zoom for treatment panels

Wayne and Dave brought up idea. Per Dave, some treatment centers have complained about not having panels. Could we have a specific meeting for treatment/hospitals?

Discussion:

- Why do they need a specific meeting when there are many zoom meetings?
- People in treatment would like a specific panel for treatment, not just a regular meeting.
- This should be within the role of treatment chair.
- Tammie stepped down as treatment chair due to work conflict. Linda is the alt.
- ***Linda voted in as new treatment chair. David voted in as new alt treatment chair.***
- Treatment committee can arrange zoom panels at the treatment centers.
- They shouldn't need approval to do that, it's within their role.
- They could get new zoom account. For now, they should just use district zoom, unless there is an overflow up zoom meetings happening at the same time.

Meeting closed at 8:55 PM with the responsibility statement.

District 32 - Algona, Auburn, Federal Way, Pacific

Treasurer's Report - JULY 2020

Period: June 12, 2020 to July 16, 2020

Thursday before 3rd Monday District Meeting is CLOSE OF REPORT

Starting Balance: \$ 2,295.92

Income:

District Meeting 7th Tradition - VENMO	40.00
Bryce J. (Venmo #3756596994)	6.00
Evergreen South Breakfast Chk#2256	40.00
Michael M. (chk#7601)	25.00

Total Contributions: 111.00

Balance After Deposits: \$ 2,406.92

Expenses:

Brooklake Room Use Donation	20.39
FW Heating & Storage	82.00
Domain Name Renewal [District32aa.org]	23.29
Zoom Account	16.48

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

Total Expenses: 174.41

Balance After Expenses: \$ 2,232.51

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

Available Amount: \$ 1,107.51

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