

**District 32 Western Washington Area 72 Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes (Virtual meeting)
September 21st, 2020**

Members in Attendance:

Troy O. (GSR, Grapevine and Lit), **Angela R** (Third Legacy), **Tony** (PI), **Linda K.** (GSR, Treatment), **Nic C.** (Alt DCM), **Heather S.** (GSR/Secretary), **Dylan S.** (Archivist), **Aaron W.** (Webmaster), **Shelby B.** (Accessibility), **Matt H.** (Intergroup), **Greg K.** (Treasurer), **Jim R.** (Guest/Past DCM), **Leigh** (CPC), **Jackie D.** (Third Legacy), **Dave D** (Alt treatment/GSR), **Terry R.** (GSR), **Savannah C.** (GSR), **Barbie L.** (Alt GSR), **Sharon A.** (GSR)

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm with the serenity prayer. Meeting being recorded. Greg K. volunteered to facilitate meeting because Nic had to work late.

Tradition 9 read, Concept 9 read.

Birthdays: Jim with 26 years, Shelby with 6 years.

Roll call: GSRs: 7, Chairs: 9, Guests: 2 Voting members: 16. Can Matt H vote as a chair if his Alt GSR is here? Answer is unclear, need more discussion.

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

Reports

Secretary Report: Heather S.

Minutes printed, read and reviewed by the district members.

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

Treasurer Report: Greg K.

Starting balance: 2232.51; Income: 100.00; Expenses: 234.72; Ending Balance: 2097.79 minus prudent reserve of 1125.00. Remaining balance: 972.79

Aaron made motion to approve treasurer's report, Jean Paul seconded, motion passed.

School Panels: Jean Paul

No panels happening at this time, due to no school. Probably wouldn't work to do zoom panels, don't want to break anonymity. Maybe we could do a webinar?

Webmaster: Aaron W.

Attended several ad hoc committee meetings for assembly planning. The area hired an outside company to help. They need non-voting volunteers to help during the event. The assembly will be online. Need to register online beforehand. If needing an interpreter, there's an earlier deadline for registration. See Area 72 website for more information. Area is asking everyone to donate 10 dollars or so toward the company, which is \$8300.

Treatment: Linda K.

Treatment has a committee! Thanks to David G that committee has met twice in August. Committee members are working on contacting all known treatment centers in district 32 and surveying how we can be of service. Lakeside Milam has requested a monthly panel and we will launch one via Zoom if that is agreeable to them. We hope to have Jackie formalized in the Bridging the Gap position and through unity to tweak our connection process in the era of Zoom. We look forward to using Terri's ideas and help. Thank you, Terri for all your work. District 32 will truly miss your service. Also thanks to David G, Greg K, Brad L, Wayne O, Jean Paul T., and Jackie for their service. The committee will continue to meet. All are welcomed to join us. Our next meeting will be Sun. August 23rd at 2:00 via Zoom. David G. will keep you all informed of further meetings.

Corrections: Open position

Open. Announce at meetings!

Grapevine/Lit: Troy O.

The Grapevine has been putting emphasis on the book "No Matter What" which deals with adversity in sobriety, fitting for the current conditions. The Our Stories Disclose committee is conducting a poll on what we think about presales of 1500 copies to be self-supporting, the poll can be found on the Area 72 website. The Literature committee will be updating the video "Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Office Structure". The GSO is considering revisions and possible fifth edition of the Big Book, considering developing a draft for a fourth edition of the Spanish Big Book, and requests to revise some language in the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

CPC: Leigh

Not much going on currently. Leigh picked up some of the business cards from Tony to distribute to people in the community.

PI: Tony

I will be out of town for the business meeting not sure that I will have internet capabilities so report for this month is I'm still working on a radio spot .Seattle Intergroup is very interested in pitching in with some money as are a couple of other districts as well I did get the business cards printed and I have more to give out if anybody would like other than that my schedule has been very busy and I haven't got much else done I did send a rough draft to Nick and Seattle

Intergroup with my thoughts on what the 30-second spot would say and welcome any input or ideas that anyone else would have before we try to publish.

Archivist: Dylan

Has been going to quarterlies and to the archives steering committee, but hasn't done much else recently.

Bridging the Gap: Terri Y

Terri stepped down. Open position. Will talk about in new business.

Accessibility: Shelby B.

Nothing to report.

Third Legacy: Angela R.

Service manual study is going well. Good turnout. Keep announcing at meetings.

Intergroup: Matt H.

GSIG reported 84K in cash and CD's. With a 2K loss for June but operating above prudent reserve of 46K. Corrections are not able to go to jails but will be attempting to bring books to jail inmates. Corrections has \$5000 to spend on books. Accessibilities has \$2,251 to spend and needs donations for ASL interpretations at AA meetings and volunteers needed. Donation for Accessibilities can be made to Blue Can on GSIG Website. GSIG is taking applications for Office Manager thru Richard I Office Committee Chair at email officecommittee@seattleaa.org. The GSIG Office is open from 10am to 2pm Wednesday thru Saturday. Anyone needing books can have them delivered to them instead of going to GSIG. The GSIG picnic has been cancelled due to Covid but planned on Having Ice cream social on August 16 Sunday from 12noon to 3pm to be held August 16th. The loan GSIG took out for \$17,000.00 was not requested for forgiveness thus no vote to giving back money yet. At the ice cream social in addition to selling ice cream you can purchase GSIG picnic buttons for \$5.00 on Sunday 12noon to 3pm with a drawing be held there on Sunday. The prize is two tickets and hotel for two at the Seaside Convention in Oregon in April 2021.

Young People: Sean O.

Not present. Aaron reached out. From email: nothing new to report, though there has been a couple of fatal relapses that I have heard about, so just thinking of ways I can reach out.

Events: Gavin A.

Not present. He informed Nic that he was able to reach Auburn parks and our money has been moved over to our event for next year.

Alt DCM: Nic C.

I attended pre assembly. Please remind all gsr's that the pre assembly is very important to prepare your groups ideas. There are 2 more pre assemblies the schedule is on area72aa.org.

There will be zoom trainings in September to prepare people for upcoming online assembly. There are other events posted on the area 72 website including a GSR workshop and a round table. Register for assembly online. Area asking for 10 dollar donations if groups are able. Nic will be registered as DCM so that he can be designated as a voting member. Usually district pays for DCM registration, hotel, food. Recommend sending donation to area in lieu of that.

Old Business

Radio Ad

Tony talked to intergroup. They will pitch in \$250 and so will district 32 to get the radio campaign going. PI has a budget of \$120. Tony is asking for that plus \$130 to make \$250.

Discussion:

- Maybe we shouldn't take it out of PI budget, but just out of district funds so that he still has money to do other PI work.
- He could use money from schools and from schedules.

Aaron motioned that Tony take \$250 out of general district fund instead of PI budget. Dylan seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

District sending assembly donation

Discussion:

- Maybe we should send more than 10 dollars? Cost of sending DCM to assembly is usually 300 ish. DCM budget is \$450.
- We aren't bringing in much money right now, so it's good to be conservative. How about \$100?

Aaron motion for district to send \$100 to area 72 for assembly donation. Shelby seconded. Motion passed.

Treatment panels: Dave

Treatment committee needs help to take meetings into treatment centers. One treatment center wants two meetings a week. Dave is proposing that we set up another zoom account to help with all the treatment panels.

Discussion:

- Matt can put something in the High and Dry to ask for help with treatment panels.
- Aaron can look into upgrading account instead of creating a second account, so that the login info doesn't get confusing.
- Maybe we should approve an amount of money to do it either way: 2nd account or upgrading current account.
- Per Dave, he is not in a hurry. One zoom account has capacity to handle it right now but would like a solution in the near future.
- Discussion tabled until Aaron can investigate further.
- Aaron did some research and said that we can't upgrade zoom. We either need to get a new one or use what we have now.
- Would we need a new position to manage a second account? Aaron said no.
- We will table further discussion until next month.

Bridging the Gap open position:

Jackie making self available. She qualified herself. Terri recommended her and will help her along the way. Jackie elected as new BTG chair. Nic will give her packet and get her registered.

Do we need to tweak BTG work because of zoom format?

Discussion:

- Seems like BTG should pretty much be the same, except for the bridge and the new member meet over zoom or on the phone instead of in person. Could still take them to zoom meetings, connect with others, ect.
- Maybe treatment counselors need some more education about zoom meetings.

Outdoor meetings: does district have a stance?

Discussion:

- There are a few in person meetings going on. Some with covid precautions, some without. Should they be in the schedule?
- We should go with area and Washington guidelines.
- Some think groups should be able to put their meetings on our schedule, they are autonomous.
- But would that affect AA as a whole?
- Newcomer went to a meeting outside and was uncomfortable about the way things were conducted.
- We can't manage all the meetings and know who is doing what in terms of covid protocols.
- Is this an outside issue?

- At this point, outside meetings have not asked to be on the schedule, they are just happening my word of mouth.
- We can table this discussion until in person meetings start asking to be in the schedule again.

District inventory questions:

Angela requested to start back up discussion of our district inventory questions. Nic said he will come prepared next time with some topics from the inventory. We could do at least one a month.

GSR Reports:

Rush Hour: Jacqui

Meeting is continuing to meet on zoom. Jacqui will go to pre-assembly.

Evergreen Breakfast Group: Jean

Meeting going well.

Healthy Women: Linda

Small group. Only about 2-3 regulars. Have had some visitors from outside district. Technology has been a barrier for a lot of people. Many don't have stable devices or internet connection.

Serenity After Hours: Matt

Meet from 8:30 to 11 PM nightly for fellowship and meeting. Good turnout.

Wednesday Night Women in Recovery: Heather

Pretty good group of regulars, some visitors. Lots of members involved in service. Some discussion about an outdoor meeting. Group has decided to let members who want to meet outside do so, but not make it official.

Just 4 Today: Dave

Have had speakers from around the globe. Meeting attendance anywhere from 25-52 people. Staying on zoom through September for now. Maybe do a hybrid meeting in the future. Brought the group's attention that GSO lost a bunch of money, so they sent money to GSO instead of doing split. Ad hoc committee trying to get info about types of meetings. Most zoom meetings so far say they will go back to in person or hybrid eventually. There are some zoom meetings who want to be a part of area in the future.

As Bill Sees it: Troy

Relatively small group. Some newcomers. Church won't open for a while.

Sunday Step: Jean-Paul

Usually about 10-12 people. Sent flyers to district and put in Language of the Heart. Church doesn't say they'll open soon, reimbursing rent.

Auburn Alkees: Angela

There have been visitors and newcomers. Campout was cancelled but some members did a campout on their own.

Meeting closed at 8:34 PM.