

**District 32 Western Washington Area 72 Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Minutes (Virtual meeting)
October 19th, 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), **Dave G** (Alt treatment/GSR), **Savannah C.** (GSR), **Barbie L.** (Alt GSR), **Gavin A.** (Events), **Jim R.** (Past DCM/Guest), **Michelle G., Caroline H., Casey H., Donna B., Sean O.** (Young People's chair), **Carrie B.** (Alt Webmaster), **Jean-Paul T.** (Schools), **Mike** (Guest from Intergroup)

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm with the serenity prayer. Meeting being recorded.

Tradition 10 read, Concept 10 read.

Birthdays: None

Roll call: GSRs: 9, Chairs: 6, Guests: 2, Alt GSR: 1. Voting members: 16.

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

No committee reports tonight because of elections. Send reports to Heather if you want them included in minutes.

Reports

Secretary Report: Heather S.

Minutes printed, read and reviewed by the district members.

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

Treasurer Report: Greg K.

Starting balance: 1,745.39; Income: 26.00; Expenses: 151.12; Ending Balance: 1,568.27 minus prudent reserve of 1125.00. Remaining balance: 443.27

Greg refunded check that was accidentally sent to district. Greg will come with budget next month, but not many changes needed, final budget report next month.

Matt made motion to approve treasurer's report, Shelby seconded, motion passed.

Treatment: Linda K.

The treatment committee is alive and growing. We continue to work on creating and organizing the tools we need to contact and work with the treatment facilities in our district. We have working documents about which facilities are in our district, have chosen a core group of flyers and pamphlets to use and defined their role in our work; have an informational letter that outlines for treatment facilities the services we can provide and a fairly polished pamphlet for recruiting Bridging the Gap volunteers ready for your stamp of approval. We have created these so that they can be used in person to person communication, by snail mail or e-mail. They also serve to standardize our approach so that committee members can share the work while being on the same page. We are building a nice cache of literature and investigating what display equipment we might need. Next steps are to create a Bridging the Gap pamphlet for requests and establishing satisfactory communication with the treatment centers. We have found phone contacts to be pretty inefficient. We are moving on to having the information we need to do contacts through e-mail. We meet nearly every week and welcome you all to come. If you are not getting notice of our meetings and want to join, let us know at: treatment@district32aa.org I just want to share how impressed and appreciative I am of the stellar members on this committee. As the chair of this committee I am so glad this is a team effort. Our meetings are lively, productive, rich with ideas and sometimes way too long, Our work is slow but feels like we are moving forward and making progress. Because we are in it together it is fun.

Corrections: Open position

Open. Announce at meetings!

Grapevine/Lit: Troy O.

As of now I'm still exploring ideas on an online literature rack and how to present it. AAWS has a well done update on their online store at their Literature website and would like if possible to have a link put on our website. Intergroup does have a page where you can purchase items but no visuals for the literature. I was notified by Jim H today that the Bookstore at the Alano Club will be open on November 2 and am going to set up a schedule for volunteering.

CPC: Leigh

We've had just a few hospital calls this month and were able to have someone reach out to each by phone. In the spirit of rotation, I will not be tossing my hat in the ring for the next rotation for CPC and would like to make the position available.

PI: Tony

Nothing new to report.

Radio psa announcement ran and was received very well by groups we shared with. Intergroup wants to look into other psa announcements on other stations and media outlets looking for suggestions? I was contacted by a member as possibly taking on PI position for next rotation and think she would be great i will make nomination in new business.

Intergroup: Matt H.

Upcoming event at Greater Seattle Intergroup is Covid Q & A on Thursday 10-22-2020 via zoom. This event is for anyone that is interested in taking accurate info to your home group for group conscience about reopening your meeting and how to do it safely. GSIG needs Asst Office Mgr works 12-14 hours a week. Anyone interested may contact lara@seattleaa.org to request an application. GSIG is taking applications thru October 31, 2020.

Alt DCM: Nic C.

I attended the area 72 assembly and was please to see so many people from district 32 in attendance. From gsr's to members volunteering to help the virtual assembly run well. There was fruitful conversation on many topics and as usual it ran into the morning hours. All the assembly documents are available on area 72aa. Org thank you for allowing me to have experience with you. As my term as alt DCM comes to a close I can reflect on the personal growth this position has afforded me and be great full for it. I look forward to our coming elections and the next opportunity to be of service to AA in district 32 and beyond!

Elections

DCM: Nic made himself available. Greg nominated, Sean seconded. *Nic C. elected as DCM.*

Alt DCM: Angela R. and Heather S. made themselves available, both qualified for positions. Angela R. elected 11 to 7.

Secretary: Savannah C. made herself available and qualified. *Savannah C. elected.*

School Panels: *Jean-Paul staying in position*, no one else interested at this time.

Webmaster: Aaron nominated Carrie B., Greg seconded. *Carrie B. elected.*

Alt Webmaster: Aaron volunteered. *Aaron W. elected.*

Treatment: Linda volunteered. *Linda elected.*

Alt Treatment: Dave G. volunteered. *Dave G. elected.*

Corrections: No volunteers. Open position.

Grapevine/Lit: Troy volunteered to stay in position. *Troy O. elected.*

CPC: No volunteers. Heather S. nominated, can't do it due to conflict of interest (works at hospital). Dylan nominated, could do it in interim possibly, has a sponsee who could do it maybe. Open position.

PI: Heather S. volunteered. *Heather S. elected.*

Archivist: Dylan S. made himself available. *Dylan S. elected.* Should the term time be changed for archivist since it's typically longer than 2 years? Not now.

Bridging the Gap: Jackie D. just elected recently. Will officially elect her next time, she's not here today.

Accessibility: No volunteers. Open position.

Intergroup: Gavin and Matt volunteered, both qualified. *Gavin elected with 11 votes.*

Third Legacy: Angela nominated Caroline, she qualified. *Caroline elected.*

Young People's chair: Sean and Shelby volunteered. Sean rescinded, stating that Shelby should do it. *Shelby elected.*

Events: Casey H. nominated. *Casey H. elected.*

New chairs please email Aaron so that he can forward position email to personal email. New chairs reach out to outgoing chairs before January.

New Business

Guest: Mike (Intergroup Chair)- Here to answer questions about loan received.

- Can you give us a summary of what happened?
 - In April, the office committee decided to apply for the loan with the understanding that it wouldn't go forward without approval from the intergroup board meeting. Received money in May. Only had eight weeks to spend money on payroll. Vote at intergroup meetings was 8 to 4 to accept money and ask for forgiveness.
 - September 10th, forgiveness application was completed. October 14th SBA forgave the loan.
 - It was brought up at intergroup meeting again in June. 19 opposed to talking about it again, 15 for it. Therefore it was not voted on again.
- How does intergroup want to learn from this in the future? (Gavin)
 - There is a 4 page document containing background information. Mike went to a conference with other intergroups and it was discussed, if you don't need the money, then don't take it. The loan was spent on intergroup employees that couldn't work due to lockdown. Intergroup did not know that individual contributions would increase, they just wanted to make sure employees were paid.
 - Gavin: It would have been nice for GSRs to have a better understanding of what was going on at the time to explain it better to the groups.
- Decision makes sense at the time, but is there no way to pay it back at this point? (Tony)
 - At this point, since money has already been forgiven, if a group or district made a motion to pay the money back, they'd also have to figure out the logistics of paying it back.

- Intergroup was not broke, we had CDs. Who got to vote on this originally?
 - The four intergroup officers, plus district intergroup reps. Updated financial position was also available at that May meeting, when loan was voted on.
- Was there information given to district reps in order to bring back to districts? (Dave)
 - Yes. It was discussed at the April board meeting. Background statement and pros/cons were sent out prior to May meeting.
- Was the vote to pay it back or to not bring it up again?
 - At the August board meeting, Matt brought it up but the loan wasn't forgiven yet, so it wasn't discussed. But it can be brought up again.
- What was the justification for asking for forgiveness, even though intergroup ended up having more money than they expected?
 - When it was originally brought up to the intergroup board meeting. There were three options.
 - A. Accept loan and ask for forgiveness.
 - B. Don't take the loan.
 - C. Accept loan, but pay it back.
 - Board chose option A. Therefore they had to ask for forgiveness because that is what was voted on.
- Personal opinions aside, thank you for your service. (Greg)
 - Intergroup is a non profit business, It has a duty to present the option.
 - Mike wanted to work on communication with groups and districts, still working on this. People can always email intergroup office manager.
- Has intergroup considered having quarterlies where everyone has a vote, instead of just biannually? (Dave)
 - Another group brought up a motion for all groups to have a vote at each board meeting, motion failed.
- So, to clarify, any group or district could come up with a motion about paying back the loan and how to do so? (Jim)
 - Yes.
- Could we possibly reallocate the funds to other parts of AA? (Gavin)
 - Anyone could bring that or anything as a motion. Email it soon, so that it can be distributed.

Nic has delegate buttons.

Savannah motioned to close, Matt seconded. Meeting closed at 8:50 PM.