

District 32 minutes 15 November 2021

Open with serenity prayer at 1900

Birthdays

Dan 15 years on the 25th

Concept 11 read by Angela R

Tradition 11 read by Julie R

In Attendance:

Angela R - Alt DCM, Carrie - Web / back up Secretary, Aaron - Alt web, Shelby - YPC, Dylan - archivist, Heather - PI, Julie R - GSR, Greg - Treasurer, Dessie - GSR, Tony H - Alt Treasurer, Troy O - Grapevine, Linda K - Treatment, Jean Paul T - School Panels, Susan W GSR, Dan P - Corrections, Yvonne B - Alt GSR, Alex N - GSR, Max M - GSR (wasn't counted in total voting members, came after the count)

GSRs - 5

Elected Chairs - 11

Guests - 1

16 total voting members

REPORTS

DCM - Nicholas C

Didn't do a whole lot last month, had a conference report and passed them out. There are also fancy pens. Those are delegate pens. Each year they make a pin and pass it out. There are 3 of them this year. Upcoming events for the area this month are slim. Not a lot going on, that's just going to be the way it is at the end of the year. There's always a lull once we get on the other side of the assembly until the Quarterly in January.

Alt DCM - Angela R

Updating contacts. If you're a new GSR, see her after the meeting. She'll be attending the Quarterly

Secretary - Carrie (Fill in)

Minutes were sent this morning

Grapevine question - New book is \$11.50, not \$1.50

Dylan - Double check his email

Greg - Correction - Intergroup and Area does not have archives, but they do have their own archives, not for any district

Motion to accept the motion - Greg, Angela 2nd

Treasurer - Greg K

Starting balance \$2,433.88

After deposits \$2,746.88

Expenses \$500.59

Balance after Expenses \$2,246.29

Minus prudent reserve (\$1,125)

Available amount \$1,121.29

Shelby Motioned to Accept, Jean Paul 2nd

CPC - Tony H

They had a quarterly this month. Shared how our district deals with the two hospitals on our area, we've gotten two calls so far this month. Reported back to those guys. He also has Jaqui J checking us out, who will be making herself available to be voted into this position as he rotates into the treasurer position. Still hasn't gotten ahold of Pete, still on his list to talk to.

Webmaster - Carrie B

Quarterly happened on 10/23/21. Things are ramping down, we're all just updating the websites when meetings go to hybrid or in person. Next meeting will be January 23rd at 10am

Alt Web - Aaron W

Treatment - Linda K

Nothing new to report with the exception that they're working with Carrie to finalize the request for a temporary contact form to go on the website. David will talk to Carrie once they both have time

Alt Treatment - David G

Grapevine and Literature Rep - Troy O

Not too much to report other than if you order literature, there will be a bit of a delay. Holidays will add to that too. Intergroup had the new prayer and meditation book but they're all sold out now. Their last quarterly of the year will be on December 11th at 5pm.

Public Information - Heather S

Went to the quarterly on Saturday. After much discussion, it was voted that PI and CPC will have separate quarterlies. For now they'll remain on Zoom. They'll be on the same day but at different times for people who hold both positions, to go to both. The districts who have them in one position, suggest that they split the position. Reach out to senior communities like Assisted living, and come up with a plan of action. There's a zoom meeting that happens everyday who will welcome new comers or seniors. They made a flyer and are reaching out to different senior communities and are offering this meeting. She's planning on reaching out to those facilities

since she has connections there and will loop in Accessibilities. She got the flyer they made and other documents and if anyone else has senior living facilities, let her know and she can forward that on.

Archivist - Dylan S

Went to the quarterly this month. There's not a lot to report. Still has a folder of things to archive that is a work in progress. He'll keep coming back.

Zone Re - Gavin A

Not here

Tony - on December 7th is Intergroups assembly where groups can have their voice be heard. Not just Gavin gets to vote, but any homegroup within the area can vote at that meeting. It will be on Zoom. Check out Seattleaa.org for more details. Show up to that if you'd like to vote on anything there. They've updated policies and procedures and can get an update on what they've got going on, and their rent, business and lease, they have a lot going on

Young People's Chair - Shelby B

Went to the quarterly this month. Not too much to report but Seattle Intergroup has videos on their website of people in the Armed Service and if you know of anyone, send them her way, if they're young and still in the military, send them her way. The Area YP chair would like to come visit the District meeting whenever possible to get around to all the districts. Nic - just send him a text and we can afford 10 min on our agenda whenever they want to make it happen

Events Chair - Casey H

School Panels - Jean Paul

No school panels because they don't allow us in the schools. After 15 years of doing this, he's resigning as the school panel chair. It was getting harder and harder before the panel to get people to do the panels and now they won't let us in. He is stepping down. Doesn't want to organize it anymore. Greg asked for the How to's and for him to give it to our Archives person

Third Legacy - Caroline H

Not here

Bridging the Gap - Allyson M

Not here.

Corrections - Dan P

Has been going to the Intergroup district meeting. It's sparse, 1-2 people show up once a month. All the jails are just starting to open up, the Federal detention center is just opening up, and only taking people who were on the list, no new people. A few things on zoom, not a lot going on in corrections right now. He saw some information about a pen pal program that they're doing through Bellingham, not GSO which takes a long time. Will have more info on that next month

GSRs:

Max M

GSR Tuesday Night Mens Stag

Tuesday at the Alano club and on zoom. Have 6 or 7 on zoom and have a half a dozen in real life. Voted last business meeting to see if they're going back to their old church and it was a tie.

Susan W

GSR Wednesday Night Women In Recovery

7:30 - 9 on Military Road. Biggest thing coming up is getting permission from the church to have a potluck meeting. Otherwise doing well

Julie R

GSR Rush Hour

Meets Monday from 6-7 and is on Zoom. Used to meet at the United Methodist Church in Auburn. At this point they'll stay on Zoom for the foreseeable future. Not a way to make it work with the crowd size they used to have. Not a lot of activity in the business meeting. It's been decided to do a year of zoom and see where they are. Trying to bring in the sustainers type stuff. Lots of long term recovery. It's a book study. Hard to get a lot of activity in the business meetings since they've been online.

Jean Paul

Federal Way Sunday Step

320th at 7 on Sunday evening

Just finishing a story in the back of the big book then will start in the 12x12. Doing a hybrid meeting. Trying to increase attendance. Had an exciting meeting 2 weeks ago and had zoom bombers. Kurt helped keeping them out. When he posted on Language of the heart, is when that happened. Just wished they could get their attendance up.

Dessie S

GSR Women In Recovery

Thursday night. Nothing new, going pretty good. A lot more people coming in, so ti's nice to have a bigger meeting

Alex

GSR Brown Bag Group

Took over for Sharon. She's very green to this whole District thing and is excited to represent the group

Linda

GSR Healthy Women - meets Sunday from 7-8 used to meet at the Church of the Good

Shepherd. They had the adventure of trying to become hybrid and have run into roadblocks. For now they're going back to being just a zoom meeting.

Old Business -

Any news on the Twitter issue? Aaron - Changed the links on the meetings that were affected. The guy still has the webpage up. We changed the security settings on our district account.

Sustainers Program - Tony - Intergroup has a program where you can sign up to make a monthly contribution to Intergroup that's automatically debited from however you want to pay. It ensures a heavy flow to help with their budget. Like when we do our splits, instead of doing it at the end of the year, we do an equal amount and spread it throughout the year. If you go to Seattlea.org, you can sign up on that site for whatever amount you wish to. You can start or stop or increase as you please. It's been really successful and really helped intergroup.

New Business

Budget - Greg - Did the math, taking the 11 months of the known, took the average and divided it by 12, for a guess of what it will look like at the end of the year and dispersed them throughout the committees. Some areas are really skinny. A lot of these are Zoom so it won't be too much. This is just a forecast, so if something comes up, we can move things. In December is his last and Tony's first and instead of having these strange numbers, he'd like to come up with our permission, to hit \$4k. It's a target and if we run out of money, we will stop spending money. Also wanted to talk about - our contributions are down but our spending is WAY down so we have cash which is really weird. So when we do our transition into the next year, we have cash on hand. Also requesting, the year before, to protect our prudent reserve, we have the PO box, instead of waiting until January, we pay it this month. Storage gives us a break if we pay them earlier. With your permission, we can prepay storage to keep that price down. If anyone else has literature and that kind of thing, lets do that now so we can keep the money that's been donated to this district, within this district. Doing this before the split would be beneficial. When he comes in next month, if we accept his idea of forward spending, an amount of a split will also be a steady income to the entities we split to. It's built into the system. This year we have more actual cash than we've had any other year. At the expense of having to travel places have been eliminated by zoom. We are in a good place. With your permission, he'd like to pay forward the things we should.

Linda - Look at the zoom accounts. If you pay for a year, you do get a break. Greg - we have 2 zoom accounts and in the budget, he pulled it out of Treatment. We can pay it forward on one or both of those.

Nic - anyone who objects to the idea of paying forward the zoom, storage, etc? Greg asked to work together with Dylan on the storage. Dylan said okay.

Angela - What's the cost of paying ahead on the zoom accounts? Linda - \$165 for the year for one account.

Everyone is good with that. How about the notion of coming up with a \$4k budget? Everyone okay with that? This is a Prossa year so that should be included in DCM's budget. The idea of this thing is that these are our priorities, and the DCM is our GSR so we're sending him. \$100 worth of gas for PROSA.

Greg - One more thing - it's paper and it's malleable, if you change your mind, just raise your hand to change it and the budget changes. It's literally just a guess.

Guest from Burien Little Assembly who's asked for a moment of our time - Judy. Next year's Burien Little ASsembly is coming up fast. She visited the Brooklake Church. This is her first time even as a chair, alt chair or at the Burien Little Assembly. She has been looking over all the documents and the things that are required and it's a huge undertaking. She's visiting all the districts who are usually involved and not only are we hosting the church but we're involved. Planning committee meets every 2nd Sunday. Just had the meeting and have another one in December. Take back to your groups, they could use help. They've got open:

- Secretary
- Have a Food Prep but doesn't want to take it on again - wants help
- Need Zoom and hybrid people since it will be hybrid
- Set up the facility with Signs and Banners
- Soft Drinks and lunch service, potluck coordinator
- Clean up at the end

Anyone who wants to get involved

Could use anyone with excitement! They have the church all figured out and hope all the districts can donate. Each district they ask for \$115 and they've been giving \$75. Whatever you can give. Make checks payable to Intergroup, they'll pass on a receipt to the district.

Nic - You can count on D32's monetary participation. Asked if someone in the room is part of the. Dave did last year or a few years ago, Aaron helped with food a few years back but would rather help with the Zoom stuff. Nic told her we'd spread the word. Planning meetings are via Zoom, correct? Yes. We can find that link on the Intergroup website and the Burien Little Assembly website. Next meeting is Sunday December 12th. Will send the flyer in the chat. Webmaster will post to the website. Anything that she emails to the DCM, he will send to the web servant. They're having a slow start because she's so inexperienced but Jack J and Shona are really helping her out so far.

Aaron - Website topic - How district handles our meeting guide, D32 controls our meetings and the master feed and intergroup pulls it from and Area pulls from Intergroup. WE're one or very few of the districts who control our feed. It seems to be becoming more of a hassle than not. Due to people contacting intergroup to get their website updated. They send it to use to make the changes which is not a big deal but in the meantime the new webmaster for intergroup wasn't aware that we controlled the feed and it kept changing what we had done. It seems more reasonable to have one entity control the meetings and we pull from them. On the D32 website, we only list the D32 meetings, if we pull from them, it'll pull all the meetings in Western Washington. We do have search functions that allow people to filter out and find what they're looking for. Jean Paul - that may be to our advantage. Dylan - is there a way to set our default search parameters to D32? And if people wanted to see more they could change their filters? Aaron - not sure if we can do that, we'd have to look into it. You can search by cities. If you go to the website now, click meetings, you have all these search functions and select anywhere. For us it's our 4 cities. If we brought their feed over it would have more than those. Doesn't think it's a huge deal, but it would be more cumbersome for some people. The only thing he sees as

being an issue is on the front page, we list the upcoming meetings at the bottom and side of the page. If we brought in their feed it would show all meetings. Jean Paul - do we need both on the side and bottom? Aaron - no but if we pull their feed every meeting in Area would show up but we can remove the side and they can search. Dan - Does your feed of the meeting guide? Aaron - We control Auburn/Fed Way/Pacific and Algona meetings, that meeting app pulls from Intergroup. Before Intergroup controlled their feed and ARea controlled their feed and everytime a meeting changed, we would have to contact Intergroup and Area but now it's consolidated to one and it would make more sense to just pull the whole area feed to the website instead of having to update the meetings all the time. If we need to make an update, we just email intergroup. Nic - In the long run it may make our website a more valuable tool. Tony - Seems simple. People outside of the area, if you're not a member of D32 and you look up AA, you'll look up Seattle AA.org Makes sense to Tony. A past member owns the domain name seattle aa.com, it redirects to our website. Intergroup has always wanted that domain name. As a district we don't own it so we can't just give it to them. Linda - how will this impact the printed schedules that we do? Aaron - We would only still print our district schedules, it would just be on the web master and alt, on the back end, to keep them in track and make sure they match up with the schedules. It will be a little more work to separate them but it won't be hard. Greg - How often do they update when we ask them? Aaron - They do it once a week but if you email them saying we made a change, they update it then and there. Anyone opposed? Greg made a motion to reverse our feed and we will pull our meetings from GSO - Dylan 2nd. All in favor.

Heather - There's been a couple positions where people haven't been here for several meetings in a row - Intergroup rep. It's been 4 at least. Nic - You're correct. Gavin has been absent for at least 4 meetings and he'll have to check the minutes to be sure. Greg - finds something to be really important is that on the 21st of december is our meeting that we talk about the policies and procedures and he's embarrassed to say that they've always been disconnected from GSO and there's been disgruntled discussion on how that is supposed to work. Somehow Intergroup is supposed to contact us, it's because we haven't sent someone there to get it or paying attention to what our resources are. As far as positions and importance of the district, that's a very important one because there's always something going on at Intergroup. Nitghtwatch is always needing stuff, it's lit up and on fire. We're a little sleepy here, he'd like to wake us up by joining Intergroup. Nic - Handbook says - all D32 trusted servants serve the groups, the GSR's may remove and replace any district elected trusted servant for any valid reason by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote based on a motion. If a trusted servant is not at more than 3 meetings in a row, GSR's may elect a new person. Gavin does fall into criteria for possible removal of his position. Nic reminded everyone that we have done this before. We did this last rotation and it's not something that we haven't done. If the person is not fulfilling their role in a manner of how we see fit, we have control. Angela - has no issue voting someone out for not joining, but has a problem if we do this, we do it for all, not just picking out people. Jean Paul - We've done this when Tony was absent and we've checked with that person to see if they had something to say. We've got to give them a chance. Aaron - if we're going to single someone out, we have to look at all the rest, do we have people to fill those positions? Events coordinator, etc so if we go down that road, Jean Paul is just as guilty. Nic - it sounds to him like we need to have a decision on what kind of flexibility we will have in attendance or if we won't have any at all. We have a track record of

being lenient (Jean Paul, with no school in summer), no one said anything because he's done it for 15 year and we have last rotation, DCM was missing his stuff, Alt DCM was doing his stuff and action was taken. It seems like it's different. It's a double standard on the same rule because we see importance on one and not the other. If we're going to set a standard, everyone has to be held to it. Greg - what if we took out the stipulation of 3 consecutives, in the case of School Panels it's understandable in the summer but in the case of intergroup, that would be a legitimate reason to vote them out because something is always going on. Angela - Unity of the district. We're all responsible for overlooking these things. We're responsible to put the focus back on the group. Put light on the attendance and absence. When he's doing the introduction, we say who's here, we own someone calling the people not here. Put emphasis on the issue. We're all responsible. Max - Gavin has done a lot of work for this district so we owe him to let him know next month that we're going to vote on this and if you can't do this, help us find a new person and give him time to think about the position and give him a chance to get back in the game. Heather - When she brought it up, her intention was not to vote anyone out, FYI, appreciates the perspective she's gotten. She's overlooked people who haven't been here just because their position was easier to overlook. Would really like for each of the people who have been missing, to be reached out to. If they're not going to be here, at least just send a report. Nic - Has 2 of those people intimately in his life and he will reach out to them today. Tony - Hes' reached out as well and the important thing is that we all need to reach out. If there's something he can do to fulfil your position better, ask him and let that be known. If they can't or don't want to do it, please tell us and we can move on from there. Let them resign rather than voting them out. Give them as much slack as they can. We need to be more inclusive and don't just rely on the rules, just like at meetings, if you haven't seen someone, reach out to them. He wholeheartedly wants to give people as much support as possible. Aaron - to put the positions out there - Alt corrections, Bridging the gap, accessibilities, zone rep, activities, and the rest has been here. Nic - one position in the room is more important than another is dangerous. We're all servants of AA, we are all equal and carry the same weight in this room. This is why he feels that attendance, even if it's not active, is just as important. Even if there is nothing to report, he still contributes, and his voice in this district still matters. The more people we can get to be a part of that, it's so important. We want to share our opinions.

Nic will dig up our inventory at the beginning of the rotation.

Proposal for next month which will bring us halfway through the rotation - put our business at 20 min, then want everyone to have an open meeting of AA. It would be a good exercise to know each other better to kick start the back half of this rotation. Anyone opposed? No. Nic will bring coffee.

Elections:

New Treasurer - Tony volunteers - Anyone opposed? Angela Seconds. All in favor

Alt Treasurer - Spread the word that we're in need of an alternate treasurer

Secretary - Carrie will fill in until we get one

CPC - Jacqui J - Qualifications: Next month she will have a sobriety birthday. Came into the rooms in August in 2019. Calls the Evergreen South Breakfast Group her homegroup. Held

various service positions and was a GSR for Rush Hour group for a while. Chair for the Rush Hour group but that is up in January, so they'd have a one month overlap. Has 2 sponsees and a sponsor. Feels bad she's not here in person. All in favor - unanimous

- motion to close. Tony seconded at 2035
closed at 2038 with responsibility statement