

District 32
Algona, Auburn, Federal Way, Pacific

Meeting Minutes for Monday, November 3, 2025

Brooklake Church Coffee Shop—629 S. 356th St., Federal Way, WA 98003
Zoom link: 98082585804
Password: 1935

Opening:

Call to Order
Serenity Prayer
Tradition 11 (short form) Gabrielle
Concept 11 (short form) Joey
AA Birthday: Gabrielle, 3 years

Roll Call:

DCM--Nicole
Alt. DCM--Rob
9 GSRs
6 Elected Chairs
2 Guests
Total voting members: 15

Trusted Servant Reports:

- **Secretary Report**—Mo Distributed
- **Treasurer Report**—Skye Distributed
 1. Starting balance: \$2,708.57
 2. Balance after deposits: \$3,010.68
 3. Balance after expenses: \$2,771.57
 4. Prudent Reserve: -\$1,462.75
 5. Amount Available: \$1,308.82

New Business:

Webmaster—Nate

Motion: Can we renew District 32's Website for \$260 which includes \$25 annually for storage?

Motion: Passed

**District 32 Inventory
facilitated by
Lupita, Alt Area 72 Rep**

Lupita explained the purpose of the district inventory and emphasized the importance of being open, honest and sincere. The goal is to identify trends and areas for improvement.

What is the basic purpose of District 32?

- Consolidating efforts for meeting schedules and outreach.
- Assisting groups in efforts where individual meetings cannot do it alone.
- Helping GSRs to bring information back to their groups.

Do we practice that basic purpose?

- Having so many open committees, we're not doing some of the activities that are normally associated with a district.
- We are doing the best that we can with the resources that we have available. One of our weaknesses is that many of the groups don't know and understand what the district does and where they can help.

What additional activities can we engage in to carry the message?

- The Third Legacy is a very important position that needs to get filled. In this way, we can take it to every single group, so we can be sharing what the district is all about, what positions are, what we do in those positions. Discussion of Third Legacy's role in educating groups about district activities.
- On District 32 website, there is now a "Service" tab to District 32 service opportunities that show a list of the committee positions and a short two sentence summary of what that position entails. People can quickly see what positions are open and what that kind of job requires.
- Discussion of the importance of filling open positions to support the AA community.
- Discussion the effectiveness of group chats and other communication methods to keep members informed.

Considering the number of Alcoholics in our district are we reaching enough people?

- Conversation highlights the importance of collective effort in ensuring effective communication within the district.
- Discussed the number of meetings in the district and the challenges of reaching all groups.
- Mentioned need to engage younger people and those in treatment facilities.
- [Note: Robert, the D 32 Treatment Chair, has coordinated AA involvement using Zoom with Treatment facilities on a weekly, consistent basis. He also coordinates “Back to Basics” which is well attended by all ages, including many young people. AA members newly out of treatment and those in various stages of sobriety participate. It is held every other month on Sundays at the Alano Club 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.]

Do you illustrate a good cross section of the groups at the District 32 Business Meeting ?

- Discussed the importance of having a diverse cross-section of the community in AA meetings.
- A speaker estimated that around 9 to 10 groups in district have GSRs, and they are curious about how many of these groups receive district information.
- A speaker inquired about the regular attendance of GSRs at District meetings and the number of groups they carry district information back to.

Has enough effort been made to explain, to all groups, the value and purpose of a GSR?

- Comment emphasizing the responsibility of GSRs to make announcements and distribute flyers at meetings they attend, even if they are not the GSR for that specific meeting. Also, announcing district information at meetings outside their district to ensure wider reach.
- A speaker mentions the challenges faced by their home group, including the lack of a GSR and the difficulty in finding someone to take on the role.
- Speaker highlights the importance of informing and educating newer members about general service work and the various committees.

- A speaker mentioned involving sponsors in getting more people to attend meetings and participate in committees.
- A speaker questions the effectiveness of communication, emphasizing the need for clear messaging and reaching out to all groups.
- A speaker shares a personal experience of being encouraged to become a GSR at their first meeting, which kept them interested and engaged.

How effective is our Service Sponsorship can it be improved?

- Discussion of the role of mentors in the recovery process, emphasizing the importance of having someone to guide members through difficult scenarios.
- A speaker raises a question about the etiquette of having a service sponsor of the opposite sex and whether it is appropriate to seek guidance from them. Another speaker shares their experience of having opposite-sex service sponsors and the various service sponsorship opportunities available.
- A speaker reiterates that service sponsorship is different from step sponsorship and is more about recovery-based support.

Lupita gave her input:

- Suggested ways to get people involved, such as taking meetings at treatment centers, participating in projects, and setting up literature racks in community centers.
- Praised District 32 for their engagement and the high attendance at their district meeting.
- Offered to provide support and resources and contact information for anyone who needs help or has questions.

Nicole reminds everyone about the upcoming potluck and the plan to reflect on previous discussions and continue the conversation next month.

December Meeting is scheduled for December 1 and is a potluck.

Meeting closed with Responsibility Declaration.