

DISTRICT 17 BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes

November 6, 2019

Pahrump, Nevada

Meeting Called to order at 5:33 pm

After a moment of silence for the still suffering alcoholic opened with the Serenity Prayer

The GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.

We realize the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship.

Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups as a whole.

DCM: Bud L. reported that he has been hearing of a lot of gossip within the fellowship and that in the spirit of unity and anonymity it simply needs to stop. Please keep in mind tolerance, patience, privacy, and brotherly love.

Alt. DCM: John M. reported that there is a Celebration of Life for Whino Pete on November 10th.

Secretary: Jodi L. reported the minutes were emailed. Motion was made to accept, 2nd, and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Dale B. reported

Balance forward \$1516.66 (plus prudent reserve \$1000 (\$2516.66))

Income \$622.17

Expenses \$216.67

Ending Balance \$1922.16 (\$2922.16 w/PR) Motion was made to accept, 2nd, and passed.

There was a lot of discussions with regards to a speaker travel expense and the passing of the 7th tradition basket at events and workshops. There was discussion that a member places money in the basket (which the treasurer uses for expenses and donates to District), then we ask for money for raffles, then we ask for money for cost of events, then we pass the basket again for 7th tradition. Some members stated this is all optional. Jodi L. had a copy of the guidelines and budget to show that we should not do this. Bud L. stated that he doesn't feel it's right to dip 4 times into any members pocket when all events and workshops are supposed to be financed by District money to show appreciation to the members for supporting the District to begin with the first time. We had put a charge for events primarily to cover the cost of the food/port-a-potty. Many members agreed. There was also discussions regarding the prudent reserve increase not being voted on. And discussion that the budget shows \$50 per event for food, however Bud gave the treasurer a receipt for \$53 or 4 and he apologized the extra \$3 or \$4 should have been up for a vote to decide. Once again, all situations were innocent and with good intentions.

Jodi L. stated that she was planning to bring up all of this during new business, but since we were discussing it, she then stated that the District in not following Concept 4, right of participation or Tradition 2 governing rather than group conscience no matter how small it seems. Although it has all been with good intentions we do not govern and make decisions without bringing the item up for a group conscience and a vote at the District level. Bud L intervened stating that two of the items discussed was his fault and apologized to the group.

We have several officers, committee chairs, and GSR that should have a voice in any matter affecting District guidelines or budget. There was no budget made for 2019 because there were not enough officers to have a quorum and Dale did not have the help needed to complete, so was going off 2018.

Jodi L. then made a motion that District review the Guidelines over the next two months.

KC P. asked that we extend for 3 months rather than 2. which passed unanimously so that we can give all members an opportunity to make any proposals to amend the guidelines so we can change them to what we want.

The motion amended from 2 month to 3 month review because we want all GSRs take a copy of the current guidelines to their groups for review. We will take any proposals at the next two district meetings and vote for any changes in February. Jodi will create flyers for those meetings that do not have a GSR. She will email the guidelines and flyers to all on the sign in sheet with email address so everyone can participate in any discussions. Keeping in mind only GSRs, Officers, and committee chairs can vote. Alternates can if the primary is not present at the February meeting, but everyone should have a voice.

Old Business: None

New Business: a Motion was made to change the January 1st District meeting to January 8th.

There was discussion of Barb B and the Hotline. Bud L. stated that John M. currently has the hotline and has had it for several months. Bud L. spoke to Barb B., and she thought John M. was doing a good job so she didn't need it. Therefore, Barb is no longer the Hotline chair. A motion was made, 2nd, and passed that Jimmy M. be the new Hotline Chair for District 17. There was also some discussion of Betty S. being the alternate district treasurer however she has had several unexcused absences. There was no motion or volunteer for further discussion for alternate treasurer because someone answering the phone is a primary concern and John M. already wears several different service hats.

Committee Reports:

CPC/PI (2nd Monday each month LV Central Office 4:30pm): Paul U. had nothing new to report as things are going well.

Webmaster (www.aadistrict17pahrumpp.wordpress.com)(meeting schedule updated every 3 months when needed): Alan R. reported that he is updating the meeting schedule on the website. It is difficult when he doesn't know about new meetings or changes. December he will have paper copies. However he explained a new app update happening with Vegas and Area from GSO for meeting schedules which he is incorporating with our site with Alt. Brad's help.

Jodi L. asked due to a Grapevine article if we could put HA for Handicap Accessible next to any meeting places on the schedule that meets the criteria. Currently only the Oasis and the Lutheran Church are.

Hotline: Barbara B. absent/ John M. reported that he had the phone again last month and received 2 calls. He will get with Jimmy M. to turn things over to him as the new Hotline Chair.

LV Intergroup Liaison (2nd Monday each month LV Central Office 6pm): Ryan W. reported many items and brought many flyers. That there will be soon a new website for Las Vegas. The next PRAASA will be March 6-8th and that the Silver Streak magazine is looking for writers.

H&I (3rd Tuesday each month LV Central Office 6pm): Linn C. reported things are going well however the H&I Treasurer did not have a report for her this month.

Balance Forward: \$253.37 (w/PR \$500 making \$753.37)

Income (donations): ?

Expenses (given to LV H&I, travel, and buying books for Pahrump Inmates): ?

Ending Balance: ? (w/PR ?)

Literature: John M. reported

Balance Forward: \$51.14

Income (sales): \$84.50

Expenses (purchases): \$69.69

Ending Balance: \$65.95

Grapevine (Last Friday each month LV Central Office 6pm): Marcia S. reported that she sold some books, but missed the

Vegas meeting. She has new books, calendars, and pocket books. If anyone wants to order, please pay upfront and she will mail in the order on November 25th.

Archivist (3rd Saturday each month LV Central Office 4pm): Delly S. reported that she still needs to get with Kim W. for the boxes of archive items she has. She is not sure if they are in the storage facility or if they are at Kim's home.

Workshops: Bill A. reported there will be another workshop on December 8th with the topic of step 4 with a skit. He motioned and we all passed to increase the budget from \$50 to \$100 again for this workshop and we will all address the yearly Budget when we go over the Guidelines.

Events: Chuck M. absent/ no further events scheduled this year except Christmas and New Years

Alcothons John M. reported for Christmas and New Years that he has sign up sheets for the Alcothons. He will also make a flyer.

There were no GSR reports due to time restraints and no GSR reported needing to.

Next Meeting: December 4th 2019 @ 5:30

Reminders:

November 10th 2019 **SAGSC**

November 28-December 1st LV Round Up

December 8th Dist 17 Workshop at Oasis, Step 4 skit and food provided

Christmas and New Years Alcothons at 1st Step Club/Need volunteers to chair round the clock meetings

March 6-8 PRAASA in Tucson

July 2-5 2020 Detroit Michigan, International Convention

SAGSC always 2nd Sunday of the month, Jan – May – July – November:

January 12, 2020 Southern Area General Service Committee 1:15-3pm T.I.E. Club (GSR Training 12:15-1:15)

May 10, 2020 Southern Area General Service Committee 1:15-3pm T.I.E. Club (GSR Training 12:15-1:15)

July 13, 2020 Southern Area General Service Committee 1:15-3pm T.I.E. Club (GSR Training 12:15-1:15)

November 8, 2020 Southern Area General Service Committee 1:15-3pm T.I.E. Club (GSR Training 12:15-1:15)

AREA 42 Assembly always Spring (either March or April) and Fall (September) Friday through Sunday, Tonopah Convention Center:

Meeting Adjourned at 6:48pm with the Responsibility Declaration “I am Responsible....When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”

Minutes taken by District 17 Secretary – Jodi L.

Rent collected \$26

16 In attendance