

## District 2 Business Meeting 7/13/17

Called to order at 6:34 pm by Tony L., DCM, opened with a moment of silence followed by The Serenity Prayer.

Twelve people were in attendance, they were

- Scott A. - GSR The Broad Highway
- Bill M. - GSR Caring & Sharing
- Mike C. - GSR Seekers
- Royce M. - Member
- Matt W. - GSR Simply AA
- Toni B. - The Broad Highway
- Jim W. - GSR The Lunch Bunch
- Danny R. - GSR The Family Afterward
- Tony L. - District 2 DCM
- Gretchen S. - Alt. GSR CRITS, District 2 Treasurer
- Rebecca G. - GSR Unity
- Terry C. - GSR Serendipity Group, District 2 Secretary

The Traditions were read by Mike C.

The Secretary's report, by Terry C., was read aloud. Motion to accept by Scott A., it was seconded by Jim W. and the minutes were accepted.

DCM – Tony L. reported that contact with the previous Treasurer and DCM for District 2 was made. DCM Tony L. offered to waive \$548 of the original \$2948, which was arrived at during the audit. An offer to pay \$1500 by August 15<sup>th</sup> in one lump sum was made by the liable parties. The offer was accepted by Tony L., DCM and a formal statement was made and signed by the involved parties. A motion to accept this report was made by Jim W. and seconded by Danny R. The motion passed.

Tony L. spoke about the need for “Big Books” for local libraries. Bill M. reported that his group, Caring & Sharing, would be glad to donate those.

Treasury – Gretchen S. reported that the current account balance at Eastman Credit Union was \$884.70. Two donations totaling \$290 were received at the meeting. It was reported that since April, \$300 in donations have been given to H&I. A suggestion was made by Royce M. to list all District groups on the report with their contributions listed beside them. A motion to accept that suggestion was made by Matt W. and seconded by Bill M. The motion passed.

Grasshopper Hotline – Rebecca G. reported that since June 16<sup>th</sup> there had been 286 minutes worth of telephone calls out of 150 connections and 85 hangups. Rebecca G. will consult with Grasshopper to determine the exact meaning of a “Hangup” call. It was reported that there is a shortage of women listed to receive calls. All GSRs are requested to ask their for members willing to answer hotline calls.

Archives – No report

H&I – No report

PI – No report was given. Rick H. reported that a new Chairperson is needed as Hunter, the current Chairperson, is moving out of the area.

Corrections – Danny R. reported that things are going well in Mountain City and that Carter County needs more women willing to take meetings into the jail. He said that soft-cover literature is welcome at the correctional facilities. There was also some discussion of our District's Corrections boundaries with regard to the prison in Wise County, Virginia, which is in another district. Our current and previous policies of buying books for that facility was discouraged on a District level.

Jim W. shared that Greeneville is doing well, but could use more literature.

Webmaster – No report.

### Group Reports

The Family Afterward – Danny R. reported that their group averages 15-25 per meeting. Their group is very generous and does not hold large cash reserves. Things are going smoothly.

The Lunch Bunch - Jim W. shared that their group is running smoothly and average 15-20 attendees. They meet at noon on weekdays and 8:30 am on the weekends. Some ladies from their meeting will be starting a new offshoot group in August.

Simply AA – Matt W. reports an average attendance of 3-5 per meeting, but their meeting is going well and is stable . They invite all alcoholics to come join their solution-focused recovery discussions.

Seekers - Mike C. shared that their group averages 15 attendees. They will be having a business meeting on the last Tuesday of the month and will discuss, among other items, contributing to District.

Caring and Sharing Group – Bill M. told us that their group averages of 15-20 per meeting and is doing well. They are glad about the changes in the District.

The Broad Highway- Scott A. reported that Tia H. is their group's new Alternate GSR. They average 40-50 per meeting and are looking at starting a Tuesday meeting. Willow is bringing their ladies.

Unity – Rebecca G. shared that although they only have about 5 regular members of which 1 or 2 are longtimers, their meetings average 10-12 with lots of visitors. She would like their group to have a business meeting soon and to discuss contributing to the District.

G.R.I.T.S. - Gretchen S. shared that attendance is down, but contributions are up. Their sobriety requirement to chair is 1 year.

Serendipity – Terry C. reported that their meeting attendance is somewhat down at 10-12 per meeting. They are still reading the stories in the "Big Book" and will be contributing \$30 to District.

## Old Business

The Audit report financial issue was addressed. A motion was made by Bill M. and seconded by Terry C. to accept the terms of the settlement previous reported. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Terry C. and seconded by Bill M. to give Jim W. and Danny R. each \$100 to be spent on "Big Books" for Corrections. The motion passed.

Literature for H&I was tabled until a later date.

The need for a new PI Chairperson has been tabled until next month.

## New Business

The District needs a new Webmaster and Toni B. is willing to accept the task. A motion was made by Jim W. and seconded by Rebecca G. to make Toni B. the new webmaster. The motion passed.

All present consented to their email addresses being available for the Area Delegate and Alternate as well as for the person responsible for the District schedule.

There was some discussion on the current big book donations to area treatment facilities. Royce M. mentioned that these facilities, which are businesses that generate income and receive federal funding for the treatment of Alcoholism, should not be recipients of Big Books. Although the intent to provide "Big Books" to patients who are "graduating" has its merits, it may be a violation of Tradition Six which states, "An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose." It is possible that this could be considered "affiliation". It was thought that further research into the matter may be necessary.

It was requested to ask the groups in the area for their input as to whether or not to include District 1 on our District 2 Website. They would accept part of the financial responsibility for the costs.

It was requested to take back to the groups the need for a new PI Chairperson and an Alternate Secretary.

The basket was passed and \$15 was collected, which was given to the Treasurer for deposit.

A motion was made by Terry C. and seconded by Jim W. to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.