

DISTRICT 31 MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 27th, 2024 @ 6pm

* Call Meeting to Order * **Meeting was called to order at 6pm**

- Moment of Silence Followed by the Serenity Prayer
- GSR Preamble **John P read the GSR preamble**
- Anniversaries or Milestones Recognized **Keith celebrated 30 years!**
- Charlie F Statement **Keith read the Charlie F statement**

AA's 7th Tradition States:

"Every AA Group ought to be self supporting, declining Outside Contributions"
We will now pass the Basket, Please give what you can.

Officer Reports

- DCM (Patrick K) **The DCM asked the GSRs about the Answering service motion they took back to their respective groups to vote on. The motion was whether or not to increase the current Area 11 Answering service budget by \$3400 to ensure it is funded through the end of the year. Sober on 164 (Randy) voted YES, Groton Capsule Group (Joe) voted YES, Step by Step (Jonathan) voted YES, Helping Hands (Keith) voted YES, Noank Step Study (Eva) voted YES. The motion was passed and will be taken to Area. The DCM gave a review of the finances: GSO saw a \$738k increase in funds from January-May 2024 when compared to the same time last year. Area 11 is currently at \$80,161 with expenses coming in under budget. The Grapevine continues to struggle due to the decline in print media popularity and low online sales.**

- Alternate DCM (AI R) **GSR packets are available from the Intergroup. They are \$3 a piece. You can bundle a Service Manual and GSR packet for \$7. Big Books are available for \$10. Free manuals and packets will be mailed when they become available.**

- Treasurer (Nicole B) **The June report was read and budget reviewed. The treasurer stated that the budget would need further work and asked about having a budget review.**

- Secretary (Laura M) **Roll Call; Quorum? Robert's Rules of Order was referenced in regards to meeting a quorum. It is stated that in the absence of**

bylaws or guidelines a majority rule will be necessary to pass motions. There are currently 10 registered GSRs of the 14 registered groups in District 31. Jonathan made the motion to accept Secretary's minutes, Nicole seconded.

Committee Reports

- Website Discussion on switching email servers from Gmail to ct-aa.org. This will allow the DCM and Webchair to manage emails. An ad Hoc committee was formed to assist the Area 11 Website committee with their division of labor. Brian is now credentialed and has access to the District 31 webpage. A discussion was started on the roles and responsibilities of the Webchair. For example, will the webchair be responsible for things like: sending out 'thank you's' for contributions made to the district, putting up the treasurer's report, agenda, minutes, etc? Nicole suggested asking the other districts what they're doing for their websites. It was reported that Area 11 took down a district's webpage without the district's approval and that this had caused some concern.

- Schedules **No report**

Old Business

- Guidelines Review Patrick described the current process of the guidelines committee (reformatting the District 1 guidelines through a Zoom meeting held twice monthly). He suggested devoting 5-10 minutes of the monthly district meeting to reviewing the guidelines and voting line by line. This will start at July's District 31 meeting.

New Business

- Committee/Event Pamphlet Nicole discussed what the pamphlet entailed and encouraged GSRs to take it back to their groups to engage members in service.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Patrick-How should the budget and finances look for District 31? What will District 31 cover in terms of mileage, registration etc to Area 11 events?

JD-Every expense should be documented, so that no one is dissuaded from service due to finances. Should the groups create a framework of expenses? It was noted that this framework should be in the groups monthly treasurer's report.

Nicole- Groton Complete Care needs assistance for the Monday 10 am meeting.

* Close Meeting **Motion to close at 7:04PM**

AA Responsibility Statement: "I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there. And for that: I am responsible."

