

MINUTES FOR DISTRICT 41 MEETING HELD April 17, 2011

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NOTE: NIA web site: www.aa-nia.org

NEW: District 41 Website: dist41.aa-nia.org

PRESENT AT MEETING: Bob M., John S., Vince F., Mike O., Eileen C., Linda B., Chris T., John P., Diane R., Jeane M., Kimberly R., Glad C., Antonio S., Terri S., Lee K., John L., Carl L., Thomas D.,

Meeting opened at 1:00 pm with a Quiet Time, Serenity Prayer, GSR Preamble, 3rd Tradition and 3rd Concept For World Service. Basket passed for the 7th tradition.

Walt K. DCM, chaired meeting

INTRODUCTIONS:

New GSR's- John L., Sunday Serenity, Lombard

Visitors? - Todd

Anniversaries? Jeane M., 30 years; Glad, 11 years; Wally, 7 years.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Secretary: Minutes submitted by hard copy and email. Approved.

DCM: Wally reports. Many fliers from area events were printed and distributed. Noted NIA calendar is also listed on website, along with Area 20. Fliers for events can be printed from website as needed.

GSR REPORTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER: Opening balance of \$1545, Inflows of \$259, Expenses \$823, Closing Balance of \$980.

ANSWERING SERVICE: Jamie reports scheduling system seems to be working well and volunteers are doing a good job of covering for one another without a problem. Receipts for donations are being mailed. Total donations for the month totaled \$441.83. Balance is \$1626.49. Four new trainees were accepted and several new volunteers will be trained. The 12 Step Ride list has been recently updated. Jamie's goal is to have the office phone service to be self-sustaining very soon.

CORRECTIONS: Chris has been reviewing all the literature regarding her position and is working on forming a correction committee with dedicated participants who will come forward to work in the jails. She is also meeting with other districts to obtain ideas D41 can borrow and implement. Chris reports there is a "new team" of correctional facilities directors who are more interested in working with AA than their predecessors. She plans that changes and information prompt her to "go back to square one" to evaluate and capitalize on what has been working. Linda B. added that Spanish speakers are needed for the DuPage County correctional facility.

LCM: Eileen, who has been away for time (excused) met with Wally regarding the visiting of meetings without GSRs to seek GSRs and financial support. She needs help with some night meetings, and Men's Groups. Linda B. suggests that D40 has established LCMs in each individual town in their area to make it easier to cover all the meetings in the district. There were no volunteers for the Alternate LCM position.

TREATMENT: John reports schedules have been distributed to Cornell and work continues by Antonio to distribute Spanish literature and more is needed for this outreach. John also reports he "coincidentally" received support from his work union regarding outreach.

WORKSHOP: Diane reports Young and Restless Big Book workshop was well received. Workshop brought in \$93 in donations and it was discussed that donations could be requested to help defray costs. There followed various points made on the presentation regarding smoke breaks, room setup, etc. and brief discussion on number of workshops which should be scheduled during the year considering the time frame needed to produce a workshop. Glad (Anona East rep) reminded the meeting that events at Anona East have to approved by the “entire” board. General discussion ended with agreement that communication for every phase of workshop development is imperative to developing good workshops which are well attended. **Next workshop will be June 18, 11:30 am until 2 pm, and the topic will be “Service is the Key ...to Living Happy, Joyous and Free” highlighting the “I am Responsible” concept.**

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Vince F. reports conference approved literature is available for distribution as part of outreach to police stations, libraries etc. Business cards were distributed to the group which were developed to provide “small sized” information on how to contact AA, information on website etc. which can be used by individuals or our committees to distribute by posting on bulletin boards, providing to professional groups such as attorneys, hospitals, doctors, and other medical professionals, libraries etc. Vince also has information on other business card type information cards which are inexpensive to purchase from various printers.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Linda B. reports more drivers are needed for the Ride Program, which is connected to the answering service for people in need of rides to meetings. Linda also received information on “accessible access” to meetings for the handicapped so information can be updated in directories. The committee is working on rules and guidelines which will provide a “clear definition” of what meetings are truly available to handicapped.

ARCHIVES: No report.

LITERATURE: Bob reports there is little to report until the General Service conference on updating literature provides a final report. Tom adds that the Big Book will be in digital form (for eReaders) in January, with Amazon taking the lead on this project.

GRAPEVINE: Betsy reports she could use help with her committee. Walt suggested that D43 has a good program to copy.

CPC: Jeane M. continued the report regarding the business card style outreach devices which can be given to professionals in the community, posted on bulletin boards, or carried by members of AA to distribute. Website information is on the card to direct persons to meetings, a space is provided for writing in a name and phone number if a member gives the card out personally to a suffering alcoholic. Following a brief discussion it was agreed this card was similar to having a phone number listed in the phone book and anonymity is not breached. Jeane requested an additional \$300 be added to the budget to continue this program in the future. These cards, Jeane reported, are cheaper than pamphlets and other literature, and are easier to carry and distributed. Motion approved to make addition in the budget for the future. Jeane also went to the conference and reports changes and improvements are being made to the workbook. John S. suggested that future cards list what towns we serve but it was agreed our 630 area code solves that problem and, in reality, the card only has room for limited information.

OLD BUSINESS: Saturday Night Open Speaker meeting during month of June will be hosted by D41.

NEW BUSINESS: Tabled.

If you are a District 41 member and have not attended a district meeting within the last six months, chances are your name will be removed from the mailing list.

The next meeting will be held *Sunday, May 22, 2011 1:00 P.M. Anona Center East.*