

- 1) Cell phones on silent,
- 2) Declaration of unity
- 3) Introductions name/ homegroup/ service position

Deb H.- acting DCM, GSR / Don W. GSR/ Gil W. - rep for PBP/ Jim S./ Sheryl C.- Tues GSR/ Kenny / Darlene M./ Suzy D.- rep for NLG/ Jeremiah / Hank K.- guest/ mentor for D17

- 4) Minutes of the last meeting 3/29/25 **MMSC** Don W. 2nd Gil W. Unanimous approval

- 5) Treasurers Report. \$129 currently/ agreed to hold on to to see what expenses once clarity of direction. **MMSC** to accept Jim 2nd Sheryl. Unanimous approval

Don W. Suggested that \$20 be given to each monthly meeting location for use of the space. **MMSC** to approve the space donation by Gil W. , 2nd by Jim S. Unanimous approval.

- 6) Announcements- did not ask for announcements - will get better next month! Hank's 14th anniversary today.

- 7) Darlene asked what a GSR is- explained briefly the communication chain of GSR to District to Area to GSO.

Don W.- if no GSR, not part of the group conscience of General Service. Be a part of the whole.

Hank gave a more in depth explanation of the upside down pyramid and the importance of the group to AA. Explained the building of the structure of area 50 and the working with other groups in district to carry the message, determine what that looks like in D17 and each group.

Kenny- a link in the chain of communication - GSR/ District/ Area

8. OLD Business-last mtg.

A. Don W. created blurb about Public Information for us that was sent out with minutes. Good for answering questions the home groups may have about that committee.

Discussed letting home groups know what committees are out there and what interest there may be from each group. Will come up with talking point for members to take back to homegroups that will be included in the minutes.

Don W. - mentioned Harrison from Arcade Monday night enthusiasm for the Accessibility Committee he joined.

Hank K.- Spoke to Harrison's enthusiasm and that is what this is really about- service work opens the door for further spiritual growth.

B. Discussion about Intergroup vs. General Service- Don W. And Gil W. both had questions- are we are part of what intergroup and why do both exist-

Hank- History- Intergroups came first -1940 ish- mainly where there were a lot of groups in metropolitan areas and created cohesion for literature and distribution. Main communication center.

GSA exists with Areas and districts because as AA grew Bill W. Was concerned for its future, understanding he would not live forever. 36 structures around the world- our area is part of US and Canada . District helps convey group conscience for the AA groups in it. Both groups will benefit by people continuing to make the effort to bridge the gap between Intergroup and GSA. Area 50 is aware of this effort.

Don W.- spoke to the growth in AA in our area over the last 40 + years. But it has also made it uncommon for people to travel to meeting outside their area. Developing district could help with that sharing of communication, benefitting the whole.

9. NEW business

A. Don W. Flyer - Looking for a Way out? You're not Alone

Discussion about press radio and films with the flyer or billboards or TV commercials - carry the message but stay anonymous.

Discussion on flyer-MMSC to accept flyer for use in District 17 made by Deb H., 2nd Gil W.

Unanimous approval. by add barcode, make phone number larger, put chair icon on flyer for app. Don W. Will rework and send to Deb, who will conclude with Minutes.

Discussion as to where to distribute. Give to homegroup reps to take to homegroup explain what we are trying to undo with the flyers as a district. Ask members where they would like to distribute and give them out.

MMSC made to use district money to pay for printing of flyers by Don W. 2nd by Suzy D.

Unanimous approval. Deb will get copies made by next meeting for distribution.

B. TALKING POINTS FOR HOMEGROUP and Group visits

Why are we doing this? District 17 is looking to carry the message.

Hank- Tradition 5 - one primary purpose to carry the message and step 12.-carry the message to alcoholics and practice these principles in all our affairs.

Share Hank's story about the turning the lights on campaign in area 50 and a delegation from Area 50 meeting with 92 Horizon mental health counselors about 7 years ago. They asked the group for a show of hands when asked if they knew of AA- 14 of 92 did. Then asked for a show of hands how many counseled clients to go to AA when out? 2 of 92. AA has made great headway by working with that community. There is the CPC/PIC committees and there are dedicated people at the World Service level to help guide that process. We are not alone. Possibilities - schools/ colleges, public, libraries, jails, spectrum , fairs, many other options Discuss.

Include the flyer as part of discussion where can it be posted? Hand out.

FYI- 3% of people that actually qualify for AA are in AA. Based on figure of 10% of population is alcoholic and general population numbers. It is a rough estimate but lots of room for carrying the message.

How we can start to turn the lights on in our own community. Discuss what may be of interest to them- committees listed below have lots of information-we don't have to recreate the wheel.

Committees are

1. Archives/ 2. Corrections/ 3. Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC)/ 4. Finance
5. Public Information Committee (PIC)/ 6. Accessibility/ 7. Treatment/Website/ 8. Grapevine
Area 50 website /committees has a lot of information on each committee.

Invite members to attend the meeting, all are welcome.

C. VISITING GROUPS IN DISTRICT THIS MONTH

Kenny inquired how are we going to reach non participating groups.

Groups make their own decisions as to which intergroup/ district they want to belong to, just let them know what we are doing.

Lila sent updated list of meeting in District 17. Volunteers to visit the group and let them know what we are doing and encourage a visit to District meeting.

N. Java- Don W.

Holland - Sheryl

Warsaw- TBD

Castile- Deb H and Sheryl will coordinate a date to go soon

Yorkshire- Thurs.(Jeremiah) and Saturday (Deb)

Hank suggestion- this will not be a one and done - consistent communication about what District 17 is trying to do. More than one visit.

As we get more participation will encourage other groups to host monthly meeting.

Hank also encouraged district funds used to purchase supplies and food for meeting.

D. MISC- Gil W. Mentioned member size of HG's in Springville and that Springville meetings may be one entity for Group Conscience. May be something to consider down the road.

10.) Next meeting - May 17 Springville location 11-

11.) Close with Responsibility Statement **MMSC** to close meeting by Deb H. 2nd by Suzy D.

Unanimous approval.