

# DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

- 1) DCMC Joe S. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.
- 2) Steven read the GSR Preamble.
- 3) Polly K. recapped the Tradition 4 workshop.
- 4) Joe S. recapped the Concept 4 workshop.
- 5) Introductions by 60 present, including 5 new GSR's – Michael, Josh, Parker, Brad & Ashley
- 6) The minutes of the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.
- 7) Secretary Stephanie R. thanked the group for sending her to PRAASA & said it was an amazing experience. Stephanie did not go into details about the event since such extensive notes were emailed. She mentioned that the District has a digital version of PRAASA available to anyone who is interested. Stephanie also pointed out that the Area website has a couple digital files of specific topics from PRAASA as well.
- 8) Treasurer Mary O. announced that all has been squared away with the bank and she is "official". There were 20 incoming checks totaling +\$319.46 and expenses were paid out for PRAASA & office supplies totaling <\$736.73>. The current bank balance is \$7,989.37.
- 9) Registrar Laura L. explained that the change forms are very important.
- 10) Alternate DCMC Greg D. was absent. Greg typed up notes from PRAASA that will be emailed.
- 11) DCMC Joe S. reported that our District was well represented at the Area meeting & PRAASA was basically the main discussion at the meeting. He stressed that next Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, is the most important meeting to attend. Joe mentioned that he has received all the background information for the Conference topics.
- 12) Following the Subdistrict breakout session, the DCM's reported as follows:
  - A. Polly K. said they discussed that it is ok to be a GSR for more than meeting but you will only have one vote total. They are taking the topics from the workshop to their groups.
  - B. John H. covered for Ray. They welcomed their new GSR's and confirmed that some meetings do not want a GSR.
  - C. Judy B. reported that they are covering the dark meetings as best they can but there is a lack of group participation.
  - D. Joe M. was happy to report that the final 3 dark meetings were handled – 1 has no GSR and the other 2 have new GSR's.
- 13) Old Business
  - a. This issue of workshop guidelines has been tabled. Joe S. reported that the Traditions Workshop at the Saddleback Valley Club is going well. John H. volunteered to run the Sponsorship Workshop and Joe S. mentioned that it needs participation from the group & if you are interested you can contact John at [jjhunter55@yahoo.com](mailto:jjhunter55@yahoo.com).
  - b. The Facebook issue was discussed and it seemed to be the consensus that a meeting website is a better solution for the group's communication needs.
  - c. Joe S. finally made contact with Greg K. the webmaster. Greg now has the minutes & latest roster. Joe will keep us updated on the progress next month.
  - d. Joe S. explained that the one reason we are serving as GSR's is to get our groups' feelings on the Conference topics to our delegate to take to New York. It is important to get your group's input to take to the April 15<sup>th</sup> Pre-Conference workshop.
  - e. Joe S. shared the information regarding the Delegate Sharing session. It will be sponsored by District 5 and held in Santa Ana on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be a potluck, casual meeting. Joe explained that it will be easier for Jeryl so he doesn't have to travel to each District. There was much opposition to

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the idea. They felt strongly that Jeryl should come to our District and report to us directly. Joe took a vote to get the group decision so he could let District 5 know if we were participating. It was overwhelmingly voted against the sharing session.

- f. Paul reported that the Memorial Day Picnic will be held at the same location – Forrester Ranch Park in San Clemente. The picnic will be from 9a-3p with bands, softball, potluck, speaker & more. Paul passed around sign-up sheets & asked anyone interested in being a volunteer to call him. Flyers coming soon. Paul explained that the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition basket passed around at the picnic usually raises between \$400-500 and this will cover rent since we get a 50% discount.
- g. Open positions – Lindsay has volunteered to be the H&I South County Committee Chair; Bill C. will be the new Male DCM for Subdistrict A. The position of Female DCM for Subdistrict B is still open.

## 14) New Business

- a. Paul suggested the District support a 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. Paul said last year the event was great. It is held at St. Andrews in San Clemente & starts around 2-3p. There will be bands, potluck & fireworks. The District voted in favor to fund the event. Paul thought it would be around \$500.
- b. Joe S. introduced two girls who just moved here from Oklahoma. They are in the San Clemente area and are very interested in getting involved with service.

## 15) Standing Committee Reports

- a. New GSR Orientation – Judy B. announced to the group that there needs to be an alternate to help get the packets together & teach the orientation every other month.
- b. AOCYPAA – Trent M. reported that the Chili Cook-off was a huge success and raised \$7,300. He pointed out that their meetings are held at the Canyon Club on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. Trent also said the 15<sup>th</sup> annual elections are coming up.
- c. Archives – Christine G. took a trip out to the Archives in Riverside. She was very impressed and learned a lot. Christine reported that they cannot actually take monetary donations at the Archives. They are supported by the Districts & the Area. She announced that Movie Night is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Interestingly, groups can schedule movies specifically for their group to view. Christine reported that there is an Open House on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10a-3p and refreshments will be served.
- d. CEC – Kevin H. was absent – no report.
- e. CPC – Valerie H. was absent – no report.
- f. Grapevine – Catherine E. reported that there is discussion of doing away with the Grapevine Rep and having it be the GSR's responsibility. She was explaining that every group, not just the District, should have a separate Grapevine Rep. Catherine will be bringing the Area Grapevine display to next month's meeting. She also pointed out that La Vina needs support.
- g. H&I South County – position was open so no report but our new chair is Lindsay.
- h. Intergroup – Noah O. said they went over Concept 3 at the meeting. Noah announced the following upcoming events – OCAA Convention in Costa Mesa April 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>; OC Central Office will be having an Open House from 1p-3p on May 12<sup>th</sup>; Desert Pow-Wow in June; 50<sup>th</sup> Intergroup Anniversary picnic from 9a-6p on August 5<sup>th</sup> in Irvine.
- i. Literature – John H. reported that there is now an iPhone app for the Big Book and the 12 & 12. It costs \$6/each and the funds go to AA.

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- j. Public Information – Joe M. mentioned that the literature rack at the Dana Point Library is being messed with and he holds his ground by keeping the rack stocked with literature. He made contact with the Mission Viejo and put a rack there. Joe discussed obtaining ethnic literature for the rack.
- k. Special Needs – John L. is looking for ideas. If there are any needs at our meetings please let him know.
- l. Special Events Coordinator – Glenda R. announced the upcoming Pacific Regional Forum in Fairbanks, Alaska.

16) We celebrated 7 March birthdays.

Sharon 2 yrs

Denise 3 yrs

Lisa 8 yrs

Val 9 yrs

Steve 20 yrs

Lisa 28 yrs

Bill 37 yrs

17) Closing: Oath of Responsibility