

8TH District General Service Sharing Session Minutes Wednesday, June 5, 2002

CALL TO ORDER

David H., D.C.M. District 82, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Bill D. read the Twelve Traditions. The Attendance Roster was circulated for sign-in (see attached attendance list). Introductions were made.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 2002 District Meeting were submitted. Glen H. made a motion to accept the May 2002 minutes. Tony N. seconded the motion. The May 2002 minutes were accepted.

TREASURER

The June 2002 Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A correction was made to one of the group's total contributions. Glen H. made a motion that the report be accepted as corrected. Bill D. seconded the motions. The June 2002 Treasurer's Report was accepted as corrected.

Group Contributions should be sent to: --District Treasurer, 1507 Winnie Galveston, TX 77550.

GROUP ISSUES

- ❖ Tony spoke of a member of the group using the group account at Intergroup to purchase personal materials. He asked if that was misuse of group funds. Someone asked if that person had reimbursed the group? Tony said that they had not yet. James said that it sounded like someone was not being honest with the group. He suggested bringing it up in the group conscience. Al said that was no different than dipping your hand in the basket. Tony said that he was clear on what to do.
- ❖ Glen spoke of a non-alcoholic that says that he can attend closed meetings to get his paper signed. Bill suggested that if he was there then it was better than him being somewhere else. He felt he should be allowed to be there. Tony said that we hold closed meetings for alcoholics who have a desire to stop drinking because of all the treatment center people and people from the courts that come to rooms that don't have a desire to stop drinking. I can go to a closed meeting and know that everybody in that room is an alcoholic and feel safe and comfortable about being there. If he doesn't want to be sober then he doesn't belong in a closed meeting. Bonita said that she would announce that if someone was here that didn't have a desire to stay sober but needed a paper signed come on up and then they could leave. Al said that he has seen people that had papers signed that finally got off that probation and they are still hanging around. He felt that there was some merit in letting some of these people hang around. You never know what somebody is going to hear or when he or she is going to hear it.

SERVICE MANUAL

We read from the Service Manual starting on page S69 to page S74 "Publishing".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES

- ❖ No Report
- ❖ Archive Committee meets the 2nd Thursday, of each month at 7:30 PM in the Intergroup Office, 4140 Directors Row, Houston. During Assembly months the Archives Committee also meets on Saturday afternoon at the Assembly.

COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

- ❖ Bonita said that the CPC committee is looking for volunteers to man a literature booth at a NAACP event at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. The volunteer slots are for two hours at a time. The event is the first weekend in July. For more information contact the CPC Chairman.
- ❖ Normally, the CPC meets the first Monday each month at Shoney's, 610S @ Kirby, 6:00 eat, 6:30 meeting.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY COMMITTEE

- ❖ No Report
- ❖ CFC meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month, St. Joseph's Hospital, Houston, 7:30 PM.

GRAPEVINE

- ❖ No Report
- ❖ The Grapevine Committee meets on Saturday afternoon at the Quarterly Area Assembly.

INTERGROUP

- ❖ The next Intergroup Delegates meeting is June 20th, 2002.
- ❖ The Intergroup Committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of the even numbered months at 8:00 PM in the Intergroup Office and Book Store at 4141 Directors Row, Suite D & E, Houston. The phone number for questions is 713-686-6300.

MULTI LINGUAL COMMITTEE

- ❖ No Report
- ❖ The Multi Lingual Committee meets the last Friday of every month (except during Assembly months) at 7:00 PM at 4721 N. Main, Houston. During Assembly months the meeting is held on Saturday afternoon at the Assembly.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

- ❖ Tony spoke of the 33rd Street Group putting a PSA in a local movie theater. The cost is \$140.00. The PSA would be aired during the intermission between features. Bonita spoke about the PSA tracking system that G.S.O. will be starting here in Houston during the month of June. There will be 16 new PSAs offered to stations in the Houston area and the tracking system will allow data to be gathered on how often the individual PSAs are aired. A member of our Spanish community did an A.A. informational interview for a local Spanish station. A copy of the video should be available for viewing at the next assembly.
- ❖ The PI Committee meets on Saturday afternoon at the Quarterly Area Assembly.

TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE

- ❖ No Report
- ❖ The Treatment Facility Committee meets on the 1st Sunday of the month (except during Assembly months) at 3:30 PM in the St. Joseph Hospital's Cullen Family Mental Health Building located at 1404 St. Joseph Parkway (formerly Calhoun), Houston. During Assembly months the meeting is held on Saturday afternoon at the Assembly.

ELECTIONS

GSRs, please inform your groups of the positions of service that are open at the district level. Anyone wishing to find out more about them or stand for a position should attend the next district meeting.

- ❖ Alternate DCM 81
- ❖ Alternate District Secretary
- ❖ Archives Liaison
- ❖ Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Liaison
- ❖ Correctional Facility Committee Liaison
- ❖ Grapevine Liaison
- ❖ Multi Lingual Committee Liaison

OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ GSR Kits- Melody said that she has four GSR kits. She said that she felt we could compile the kits ourselves. Glenn asked if we got the Spanish Kits? Melody said that she had two Spanish and two English. Tony made a motion to allocate funds for Melody to put GSR Kits together. Glen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sharon asked why we didn't order our literature from Intergroup? The answer was that G.S.O. was less expensive. G.S.O. also gives you a discount when you order pamphlets from them.
- ❖ District Inventory- David reminded everyone of the flyer attached to the minutes. He hoped that we have a better turnout on June 22nd. He has been going around to the groups and talking this inventory up because if no one shows up it isn't going to work. David asked Tandy how many inventory questions we had? Tandy said that we had about twenty-five or thirty questions. Some are from the 33rd Street Group, the 39th Street Group, the Beginners Group, and the New Day Group. They have been forwarded to Marvin. We still have time to submit questions to Marvin. David reminded everyone that the Angleton Group would be furnishing the place, the coffee and the refreshments.
- ❖ 2003 Hospitality Suite-Tony said that he and David visited the District 90 meeting last month. District 90 has agreed to donate \$1000.00 for their portion of the suite. \$375.00 for the room and the rest for food. Normally District 81-82 pays the room expense and the groups provide the money for the food. James was selected as the District 90 co-chair and we will need to elect a co-chair from District 81-82. District 10 will be invited to participate by supplying some manpower for the suite. Bonita asked if any of the Districts involved had a tax exemption number? This would save on the cost of the room. Tony said that the room has been reserved. David asked the GSRs to ask their groups for donations for the food. They should also ask if someone in the group might stand for District 81-82 Co-host for the hospitality room. Tony reminded us that the co-hosts could share the sleeping room at the convention. The District co-host for 90 is a man.

- ❖ Delegates Report- Tony said that he has not set a date with the Delegate at this time. Bonita said that Marvin would be available to give that report on July 3, 2002. The committee agreed to that date.

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Mailing List-Tandy spoke of a request from an area DCM. He would like a copy of the District 8 committee mailing list. Tandy asked the committee for feedback on the request. Tony commented that he felt the request was to enable the mailing of flyers, etc to people. He was all for providing it to the DCM. Bill said that he didn't see why the same information couldn't be disseminated at this meeting. David suggested that the area web site is a tool that can be used for sending information. Al said that he felt the motives were right but the web site would serve the purpose. Bonita said that she didn't want to be placed on another mass mail-out list. Mail-outs are like promotion rather than attraction. The consensus was no. Tony said to send him the DCM addresses.
- ❖ Round Robin Meetings- David spoke with Charles I. about his group hosting a Round Robin. He said that Charles was not having much luck and sounded frustrated. David said if any of the groups in either district would like to initiate the Round Robin meetings they should speak up. He said these monthly Round Robin meetings could be moved around with different host groups. They are a great way to meet people and have fun. The agenda for them could be set up how ever the committee would like. We could have a speaker, a Tradition study or a Step study. What ever you want. Usually they are also good old-fashion eating meetings. David asked the GSRs to go back and ask their groups if they would like to host a Round Robin meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Hitchcock Group moved to First Baptist Church in the gym, 6601 FM 2004 in Hitchcock
- ❖ Santa Fe Group is having a Alkathon June 7, 2002, meetings every 2 hours
- ❖ District 40 Traditions Dinner June 8,2002. 1656 Blalock, Houston.
- ❖ Plantation Group Speaker meeting Saturday June 8, 2002 at 6:30 PM, Anthony N. Speaker
- ❖ Needville group is having a BBQ June 15, 2002 from 2:00 PM til
- ❖ Kirbyville Group hosting a Round Robin June 15th, 2002 at 6:30 PM at Beaumont, Bonita Mc. Speaker
- ❖ District 81-82 Inventory session June 22, 2002 at the Angleton Group from 2-5:00 PM
- ❖ TLC Group in Silsbee, TX 9th Anniversary Celebration June 22, 2002 4:00 PM, 3 Speakers
- ❖ Quarterly Assembly July 13-14, 2002. Clarion Inn International Houston.
- ❖ Santa Fe Group Anniversary Celebration August, flyers available soon
- ❖ Quarterly Assembly October 5-6, 2002. Clarion Inn International Houston.
- ❖ SWRAASA 2002 October 11-13, 2002. Fort Worth, Texas
- ❖ SETA Gratitude Dinner November 16, 2002 University of St. Thomas Houston.
- ❖ SETA Convention January 17-19, 2002 Moody Gardens Hotel, Galveston.

CLOSE

Tony N. made a motion to close the meeting. Glenn B. seconded the motion. The meeting was closed in the usual manner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tandy B.

8th District Secretary