

District 17 Minutes
February 17, 2018

Host: Hwy 1 Group

Opening: Sam-Serenity Prayer

Present: Sam D., Becky A., Joseph G., Paul P., Bill S., Michelle C.

Secretary Report: Report read by Becky A.

Motion By: Joseph 2nd By: Bill

Unanimously Passed

Treasure Report: Read by Becky A.

Beginning Balance: \$2,328.84 Ending Balance: \$2,435.21

Motion By: Paul 2nd By: Bill

Unanimously Passed

DCM Report: Sam

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What a joy it has been serving as District 17 chair. As I turned 65 Wednesday, I started slipping into despair as I realized that the things that I choose for most of my life did little to prepare me for any "bumps" that may come my way as I enter the final phase of this earthly realm. Then came my call to duty, duty to AA, born out of gratitude which can only come from the spiritual realm. It lifted the negative haze and reminded me that this is the training ground for which is to come and my job is to do what I can in my area of expertise. Everybody in the program that is actually working all the steps in their life is well qualified to do this stuff. Just like getting sober, all it takes is willingness - to show up, take suggestions, ask questions about what you don't understand and always remember you are not in charge of anything. God is and don't you forget it.

Area Assembly was nice mostly due to other GSR's from our district attending. I mostly go alone which puts me in a bad neighborhood. Since I missed the last one due to the Jamboree, I of course, was lost most of the morning Saturday. The area website is down (must be something in the air) and is being rebuilt as we speak. Next assembly is April 7 and will be Pre-Conference. If you want to find out about how AA works, it's a good place to start. I have room for 3 more normal sized people with bags. I can book 2 beds for the price of one and surely you can get your home group to feed you.

Your Trusted Servant, Sam D.

Treatment: Absent

Correction: Absent

Literature: Joseph

Contact Joseph if in need of materials pertaining to AA recovery. If we have money in the budget, we will try to help.

Website Report: Becky

Website expires on 2/28/18. The amount to renew is \$225.29. The format is outdated, and an upgrade would be needed to keep up. A new, upgraded website, with the same company would cost \$179.88/yr. This gives us a saving of \$45.41/yr. We need to make a decision before the expiration or this special will end. In preparation of this matter, Sam and I have been working on the new site. There are a few things that are doubled on the site because we are trying to see what works better and or course your input.

With the new info on digital donations, we can put a donate button on the website if we decide that is what we want. Security measures are also being taken. With the old site we would have to add \$75 to the \$225.29 but it comes with the new upgrade.

Motion by Paul to upgrade the website

2nd by Michelle
Unanimously Passed

PI/CPC: No report- District does not have a PI/CPC committee person

Hot Line: Absent

Workshop: No chair at this time.

Group Reports:

Bayou Cajun: Absent

Bayou Terrebonne: Absent

Bayou Towers: Absent

Brown Baggers: Absent

By Your Side: Absent

Came to Believe: Absent

Central Lafourche: Absent

High Noon: Becky

Meeting schedule is the same.

Houma: Absent

HWY 1: Paul

Meeting schedule remains the same

Infinity: Joseph

Meetings continue on Tuesday and Thursday night at 7pm. Tuesday, literature and

Thursday Big Book Study

Just Do It: Absent

Let it Go: Absent

New Day: Absent

No Name Group: Bill

No changes

Old Times: Absent

Seed to Serenity: Absent

St Jude: Michelle is the new Alt GSR. No report but wants to get active.

Why Not: Absent

Old Business:

Guidelines for Hosting a District Workshop-

GSR's and Alt GSR's were asked to go back to their groups for input on the Suggested

Guidelines for hosting a District Workshop for their input on the guidelines. No additional suggestions were brought back to district.

Motion to pass the guidelines as written
Motion by Joseph

2nd by Bill

Unanimously Passed

New Business:

Topic to fill the empty positions for District.

Workshop Chair-tabled

Secretary-Michelle will check with her sponsor and think about it.

District needs to make a decision to go with the new website or keep the old one.

Motion by Paul to upgrade the website

2nd by Michelle

Unanimously Passed

Becky is to check to see if that price can be locked in for more than one year. If possible, 3 yr.

Motion by Paul

2nd by Michelle

Unanimously Passed

District was asked if they wanted to put the “Donate” button on the website for donations.
This button would be connected to Pay Pal.

Motioned by: Michelle

2nd by: Paul

3-For 1-Abstained Motion Passed

Motion to close the meeting by Paul

Unanimously Passed

Adjournment: Closing Prayer by Sam

Acting Secretary: Becky Allemand