

District 17 Minutes
May 19, 2018

Host: St. Jude Group

Opening: Sam-Serenity Prayer

Present: Sam D., Becky A., Joseph G., Mark P., Bill S., Robert G., Greg A., Joy D., Michelle C., and 2 Guest

Secretary Report: Report read by Becky A.

Motion By: Sam 2nd By: Mark
Unanimously Passed

Treasure Report: Read by Becky A.

Beginning Balance: \$2,404.88 Ending Balance: \$2,370.08

Motion By: Greg 2nd By: Michell C
Unanimously Passed

DCM Report: Sam
May 19, 2018

The April 7, 2018 Area Assembly was Pre Conference and consisted of mostly concerns over the seemingly endless legal attacks and self-inflicted wounds of GSO. I am in no way a business guru, but I do have insights in the workings of the business end of our great fellowship. A few years back, not so long ago, our solvency was in question. In English, we were broke and had obligations to pensioners who devoted tirelessly their entire working lives making sure AA would be there when life kicked me into the doors. Now as much as I would like to say that I do this work for no money, those "special workers" talked about in Tradition 8 have to live also and deserve a pension, just as I do, had I stayed in the same job for 20 -30 years. Although, I doubt any employer especially AA would have put up with my BS for that long. That being said, some cost cutting had to be made and some pricey keepsakes had to be let go of. We, and that includes the main office, tend to hoard our memories but someone maybe should have put a little more thought into what they were letting go of, but I don't pretend to know what anybody was thinking at that time. And then there are those, who, refusing to take responsibility for their own actions and see dollar signs when looking at the inflow of cash (and not the corresponding outflow) of our business office, hire sleazy lawyers and sue. Defense against such actions also requires lawyers which costs money too. There are as many people who would like to see AA fail as those who depend on it carrying the message, some just so they can continue to wreck their family in order for them to not have to change. The good news is the pensions are ok at this point. The bad news is the attacks and the ensuing costs continue to rise. We lost control of some key historical documents, but it looks like that altruism may still be at play here because gratitude can work miracles. I don't know what other legal issues are at this time but in one lawsuit the judge ruled we weren't at fault when somebody got murdered going home after an AA meeting, but then there are a few drunken judges still around who may be resisting intervention so that stuff will likely continue. Other area business was helping streamline communications between area committees which will hopefully lessen the amount of time devoted to the assembly. Skype is a good way for committees to meet for a lot less money than a stay at the hotel. But that's my opinion and you know what they say about opinions. Your trusted and soon outgoing Trusted Servant, Sam D.

Treatment: Greg A.

Going to Work Release two times a month

Correction: Joseph

John T. still going to Lafourche Parish jail and needing extra 12 & 12 Books

Literature: Joseph:

Still have hard back Big Books and Becky has some on her end of town.

Website Report: Becky

People are still using the website and will be putting Pay Pal for those wishing to send funds by that means.

PI/CPC: No report- District does not have a PI/CPC committee person**Hot Line: Sam**

Had to renew the magic jack for 911. Houma requires this on the phone. Phone is now with Keisha

Workshop: Becky & Michelle are co-chairs

Becky spoke with Harold Keller. He has agreed to be our guest speaker on Oct 6, 2018. The St. John Episcopal Hall is available for District to rent at a fee of \$100. We will need various groups to help out with menu items. We will inform the GSR's of the menu so everyone can help.

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: Absent

Houma: Joy

Doing good right now. Have literature but would like a PSA for the radio. Discussing a new handicap parking area. But later found to be cancelled due to permits and standards.

HWY 1: Greg

Potluck scheduled for June 16. Wanting more family participation when members receive their chips by allowing them to share. More discussion on Drug Court.

Infinity: Joseph

1st Tuesday of each month will be a speaker meeting. Beginning at 6pm is potluck and speaker begins at 7pm. When a newcomer comes to the meeting for the first time the format is changed from the book study to a Step 1 format.

Just Do It: Absent

Let it Go: Absent

New Day: Absent

No Name Group: Bill

Group would like to hold speaker meetings but is having trouble finding speakers.

Speaker meeting is held the 3rd Friday of the month. Becky A. has volunteered to be their next speaker.

Old Times: Absent

Seed to Serenity: Mark

Meeting dates the same. Format is the 12 & 12.

St Jude: Michelle

Thinking of having a Big Book Study on Thursday nights.

Why Not: Absent

Old Business:

Topic of Workshop

Joy may have a speaker for the workshop. She will find out more information. Joy was made aware that at this time the 17th District could not afford to pay airfare.

New Business:

Topic of placing Al-anon meeting schedule on the AA website.

Motion by Joseph

2nd by Everyone

Motioned passed

Topic of Money Collected by St. Jude Group

St Jude would like to donate the money collected at their meeting to be turned back into the 17th District. Money accepted by Becky A., treasurer of 17th District.

No motion needed

Adjournment: Closing by Sam

The Responsibility Prayer

Secretary: Michelle C