

## DISTRICT 31 MINUTES December 21, 2008

The meeting opened at 2:05 P.M.

Attendees were Duane P., Melissa R. Jim R., Theresa W., Fritz B., Leo S., Maury G., Larry K.s, Lisa F., Carl D., Peter M., Billy C., TeJon B., Sam D., Dietrich H., Florentino V., and Bill from the Kingwood Group.

**Secretary's Report:** Duane asked for any corrections, comments, etc. to the October Minutes. Fritz B. made a correction: the Conroe-Willis Group had an anniversary (not the Open Door Group). Jim R made a motion to accept the report as corrected; Fritz B. seconded and the report was accepted as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim R. gave Treasurer's Report. Melissa R. made a motion to accept; Maury G. seconded and the report was accepted as given.

Fritz B. presented Tradition 12  
Lisa F. presented Concept 12  
Snacks were provided by all.

Next month, Billy C. will present Tradition 1  
Maury G. will present Concept 1.  
Snacks will be provided by Melissa, Peter M. and Maury G.

**DCM Report:** Duane P. said that about (200) attended the Gratitude Dinner and that it was great; Marvin W., past Delegate, was the speaker. He thanked all who helped with the beverages. Duane went on to say that this would be the last meeting he will preside over as DCM. He said that it was sad, but at the same time, he's looking forward to his new position as Area I.T. Chair. Duane said that he thinks the incoming staff will do a good job and he's grateful for the opportunity to have served. This has been an experience he'll treasure all his life.

**Alternate DCM Report:** Jeanette W. was not present.

### **Group Reports:**

**Good News Group:** Melissa R said that the group's elections will be held in December.

**Serenity Woodlands:** TeJon B. was present as the group's new GSR. He had no report.

**Open Door:** Fritz said that they still have their 8:00 Monday night meetings and a Big Book Study on Saturdays at 6:00 PM. He said that the group is tentatively looking at the second weekend in February for their 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Willis Fellowship:** Meetings every Thursday and there will be one on Christmas Day. Leo said that they planned a day to assemble additional District 31 Meeting Directories. This will be held at the Conroe-Willis Group meeting hall on January 17 from 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. Becca D. has been updating the meeting information; Duane said that he would get with her about it.

**Livingston-Unity Group:** Carl D. said that the group was still celebrating Birthday Night on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. They have a Speaker and Eating Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday. They plan a gathering for New Year's Eve with a meeting, then karaoke, dancing, snacks, bingo and dominoes.

**1502 Group:** Theresa W. said that they had a good turn-out for their Thanksgiving Day gathering. She said that they also planned a Christmas gathering—nothing extravagant, just snacks. She also said that the landlord has given them permission to remain open for (24) hours a day through-out the holidays, so they're now looking for volunteers to be there at all times, so that drunks can have somewhere to go during the holidays.

Also, because of a conflict with the holidays, Group Conscience has been changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. Theresa W. said that she is the Chairperson for this year's Anniversary celebration which is tentatively set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in February. Her focus is to celebrate the group, not raise funds. She wants to do an Archives set-up and get some speakers who were a part of the group from its beginning. They're considering having (2) AA and (1) AIA non speaker with barbeque, games and maybe a dance at the end. She will get a flyer together and try to get it circulated soon.

**Shady Dale Group:** Maury G. said that their Thanksgiving gathering was great; they had a projector set up for movies and football and plan the same for Christmas Day. They plan a gathering for both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with food, fellowship, music and dancing. Maury said that they elected a Group Secretary, whom he asked to attend the meeting so she could see how AA works.

He said that his group is looking at implementing a Policy & Procedures Manual, reviewing the group's contributions, and hosting workshops for TFC and CFC in the coming year. Maury said that he wants his group to participate and facilitate these things but they had to get their structure straight first.

**Serenity-Goodrich:** Sam D. said that they are tentatively looking at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in March for their group's Round Robin rotation and Anniversary celebration. He also reported a good turn-out for their Christmas dinner held on Friday night.

**Huntsville Group:** Larry K. said that they had a good business meeting; the issue of smoking has come up again. The motion was made to make Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays smoke-free all day. They also added a few non-smoking meetings through-out the week. The motion passed; however, Larry said that he saw it up as an agenda item again for the next G.C.... Larry also said that they were able to get a gas meter reinstalled so that they can have heat this winter. They have also been able to replace the money borrowed from Prudent Reserve and are paying their bills. The group also elected a new Alt. GSR and Literature Rep.

## **Committee Reports**

**Archives:** Gene J. was not present.

**CFC:** Fritz said that this was his last meeting as CFC Rep though he'll continue to oversee it until someone else steps in. He said that there are (16) prisons and (5) jails in our District and he promised to help whoever takes over the position. Fritz also said that next year's CFC Conference will be held Sept. 4-6. All will be the same: Plaza Suites Hotel will hold the prices as they were for 2008 and Tom I. will speak.

**Web Rep:** Position is open; Fritz B. is incoming Rep.

**CPC Rep:** Daniel K. was not present.

**Literature Rep:** Position is open; Jeanette W. is incoming Rep.

**P.I. Rep:** Open. Lisa F. is incoming Rep. and she reported that a "Drug and Alcohol Addiction Workshop" was scheduled for January 19; she'll bring flyers to the next District meeting.

**Grapevine Rep:** Open

**TFC Rep:** Open; Maury G. is incoming Rep.

**Old Timer's Day:** Open

Duane noted that there was still some Committee positions open and asked if anyone was interested in standing. Larry K. stood for Archives, giving his DOS as 8/28/80 and qualifications. Fritz B. made a motion to accept Larry as Archives Rep by acclamation; Maury G. seconded and Larry K. became the District's incoming Archivist.

Committee positions remaining open are CFC and Grapevine.

## **Old Business**

### **I. Proposed Budgets**

The question of whether and where CBS Outdoor had replaced the Billboards taken out by the hurricane was brought up. This needs to be found out. Also, Duane said that when he spoke to the advertising company, he was told that any portion of time lost due to any act of nature, would be tacked on to the end of the term.

Other discussion included the fact that budgets had not been submitted by all concerned. Fritz made a motion that (\$removed) be plugged in for each committee that has not submitted a budget. Peter mentioned that District had (\$removed) in income in 2008; Duane explained that District has an excess of funds that need to be put into use in carrying the message and since we have the excess, it's not about balancing the budget this year.

Fritz suggested that a deadline be given again and for everyone committee that hasn't submitted a budget by that date, (\$removed) will be plugged in. A motion was made to this effect, naming (1) week prior to the next District Meeting as the deadline—this will be January 11. Melissa seconded the motion which passed.

### **II. District Intergroup:**

Duane said that the Ad-hoc Committee report said that feed-back from the groups was needed. He said the groups that will be affected but don't have representation because they don't have GSRs attending the District Meetings will be turned over to Melissa to canvas as she does the Group Visits. Duane said to give ideas, suggestions, etc. to Melissa so that we can get a good idea of what to do with this issue.

### **III. District Workshops and Events**

Lisa F. said that the Kingwood Group was discussing a Sponsorship Workshop and one on "How to Chair Meetings". She'll announce the dates and times if approved by G.C.

## **New Business:**

I. Old Timer's Day: Larry K will be the Chair for the event.

II. GSC Agenda Item: Fritz said that he took it to his group, Open Door, who said that Self-Support should be practiced and that they're willing to sacrifice the 30% in services provided by GSO if necessary. Theresa W. of the 1502 Group said that her group felt the same. Maury G. said that his group, Shady Dale Group, thought it should remain as it has been, with the 70/30 split. Larry K of the Huntsville Group and Florentino V. of the Good News Group said that their groups agreed with the 70/30 split as well. GSRs and DCMs are to vote on this issue at the January Assembly. A workshop is planned for the Saturday morning Assembly meeting.

## **Announcements: None**

Maury G. made a motion to close; Fritz B. seconded; the meeting closed at 4:00 P.M.