

## District 32 Committee

March 12, 2017

*In attendance: Brian D, Adam F, Bud S, Jim B, Paul P, Jerald L, Sean C, Sam B, Josh B, Ellen M, Toby B, Annette C, Maria L, Tisha C, Vern P, Gale B, Kelli R, Patrick S, Rick L, Ginny M.*

*Minutes taken by Ginny M, secretary*

The meeting was called to order at noon by Brian D, DCM, and opened with the Serenity Prayer. Concept 3 (Right of Decision) was presented by Brian

Introduction of new GSRs, visitors; sign-in sheet was passed around.

February minutes were reviewed by the committee and approved without corrections.

Materials for Newcomer Packets were distributed, to be assembled during the meeting.

**Treasurer report** – Rick L reported he will write one check for rent to Champions Group to cover the entire year of 2017, totaling \$200.00, and will pay the annual fee for the district PO Box. Report was reviewed and approved with no corrections.

**Newsletter** – Vern P asked for articles for the next issue, to be produced in time for the SETA Assembly in April.

**TFC** – Quin A not present, no report

**CPC/PI** – Vern P, Area CPC chair, proposed to donate the leftover literature purchased by District 32 for our CPC/PI workshop last year to the Area committee, for use at the upcoming Area workshop. The proposal was approved unanimously.

**IT** – Toby B reported from the Area IT committee that a template for submitting items to be posted on the SETA website has been formulated – the district can submit news, flyers, records, etc to be posted after review by the Area IT committee.

**CFC** – Gayle B, alternate CFC Chair, reported that the CFC committee decided to purchase books from Houston Intergroup rather than a less expensive online source, in order to give Intergroup the financial support. Also discussed was the future District 32 CFC workshop, tentatively set for August 2017 at Champions – the budget is being determined and will be presented next month for consideration.

**Discussion (continued from last month):** Should our district contribute some of the excess funds we now have to Intergroup? This suggestion was made last month at our committee meeting, and it was agreed at that time to ask our home groups for feedback. Maria (Tradition5 Group), Vern (Duncan Road Group), and Ginny (Safe Harbor Group) reported feedback from their groups – one group felt strongly against making the contribution, one group made the point that funds contributed to District are meant to be used within the district, and one group wanted more information about Intergroup's plan to improve their finances in the future.

Further discussion included the information from Kelli R (Executive Director of Intergroup) that a board member will head up an effort to reach out to all groups in the Houston area, informing them about what Intergroup does and asking them to consider increasing their contributions. Currently only 35% of groups contribute to Intergroup.

All members present were encouraged to bring the question to their home groups and get feedback about whether the District should make a one-time donation to Intergroup (\$500 - \$1000) from our excess funds (\$2,000). We agreed to discuss the matter again at the April meeting.

**Upcoming event:** SETA Assembly, April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Sheraton Hotel on JFK Blvd. There will be roundtable discussions of the agenda items due to be presented at the GSO Conference later that month. Our Area Delegate will be attending and participating in the discussions on our behalf – the Area uses the roundtable discussions at the April Assembly to inform all members and get feedback on the different agenda items. All are encouraged to attend and participate. The point was made that members do not have to be GSRs to join in the discussions.

### **Traditions Workshop** – update and discussion

Toby B, GSR from Champions, reported that their group conscience suggested the workshop might be held in the smaller non-smoking room, and should be kept to 2 hours so as to not interfere with regularly scheduled meetings. After discussion, the district committee decided to move the venue to Intergroup, and the speakers will be contacted to gauge their availability in April or May.

**SETA Convention 2018** – a request was made that we might consider hosting a hospitality suite at the next Area convention, to be held in Beaumont – no decision was made.

### **Sharing session** –

Ellen M, Safe Harbor Group: the group is considering doing a group inventory

Bud S, Lackapower Group: works with former military folks, some of whom suffer from PTSD.

Paul P: presented flyers for the upcoming planning meeting to discuss a North Houston AA Roundup

Maria L, Tradition 5 Group: Citywide AA meeting (potluck & speaker), 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at the Council. All are welcome.

Jim B, Tomball Acceptance Group: good attendance, more participation at group conscience mtgs.

Josh B, Monday Night Hts Survivors Group: well-attended, happy group.

Jerald L, NW Unity Group: newly elected alternate GSR celebrating 42 years' sobriety.

Sean C, NW Unity Group: attendance is improving after the group moved meetings to Intergroup location.

Sam B, Cypress Group: new alternate GSR, large group, doing well.

Toby B, Champions Group: asked if there was a need for Spanish language newcomer packets – Brian answered that if any committee members reported a need for Spanish AA literature we would consider the request, but that in our Area there are large active Spanish AA Districts that generally meet the needs of that community and participate in the Area assemblies, etc.

TishaC, Duncan Road Group: April 29 @6:30 Potluck dinner and speaker.

Vern P: Duncan Road Group has asked Brian D to facilitate their group inventory.

Gayle B, Duncan Road Group: reminded the group that the CFC Committee is currently involved in letter-writing to inmates – contact her or Chris E (District 32 CFC Chair) for more information.

Kelli R, Houston Intergroup: the office receives requests for help in buying AA books for individuals and groups – contributions are welcome.

The meeting was closed at 1:40 with the Responsibility Statement

Next meeting will be at the SETA Assembly, time/place TBA