

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 13, 2008 6:45 pm, Alano Club, Kennewick

Minutes: Central Office Committee Meeting, September 8, 2008

NOTE: Mailing Address – Central Office, 102 E. Kennewick Avenue, P.O. Box 6675, Kennewick, WA 99362

NOTE: Mailing Address – District 4, 102 E. Kennewick Avenue, P.O. Box 6675, Kennewick, WA 99362

NOTE: Mailing Address – WA State East Area 92, PMB 263, 331 Valley Mall Pkwy., E. Wenatchee, WA 98802-4831

NOTE: Mailing Address - General Service Office, Grand Central Station Box 459, New York, N.Y. 10163

NOTE: Washington State East Area web site: www.area92aa.org

Present at meeting (Total - 9) (COR – Central Office Representative)

Heidi H. – Chairperson

Jan P. – Office Manager

John S. – Alternate DCM

Jim F. – Treasurer

Karen S. – Corrections Chair

Shirley V. – Secretary

Paul J., COR – How It Works

Robert S. – Answering Service

Mac M., COR – Richland

OPENING

Meeting opened at 6:45 p.m. by Heidi H. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

TRUSTED SERVANTS ABSENT:

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Shirley V. – We reviewed August minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the August minutes with the noted changes from Jan P., Office Manager. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Jim F. – The balance as of September 7, 2008 was \$5,409.93. We have been light on contributions. The post office box bill has been paid and everything should be running smoothly from this point. There was a deposit of \$1,671.75 which needs to be straightened out as to what goes where (Book store or Group contributions). Jim commented that the Central Office is doing well in regard to contributions, but the District contributions are down. Please let your home groups know that they should be supporting both. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed unanimously.

OFFICE MANAGER’S REPORT: Jan P. – Received our book orders before Jan left, but left most of the order boxed to make our inventory easier. The shelves are full. We need volunteers. Book store inventory is set for Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 10a.m. The more volunteers we have, the less time it will take.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANSWERING SERVICE: Robert S. – It is going okay. Attendance is down; however they have a list of people that are willing to do twelve step calls although they do not want to carry the phone. You do not need to attend the meeting to carry the phone. Robert made a motion that we add insurance to the answering service phone and that Jeff B. be reimbursed for the purchase of a new phone. This was approved. **Call Robert S. if you are interested in working with the committee at 205-1657.**

SPECIAL EVENTS: Joseph A. – The committee met on 8/25/08 at St. Joseph’s church in Dillon Hall. They were pleased with the facility which is where the Gratitude Banquet will be held. Brendan D. of Everett, WA will be the speaker. They will meet again on September 9 at 6:45 p.m. to discuss Gratitude Banquet budget, food, etc. We could use support at every level for this event; outstanding support equals a successful event.

CPC/ PI: Amanda P. – Nothing to report at this time. Amanda is looking for old Grapevines to recycle.

TREATMENT: No chair – N/A

CORRECTIONS: Karen S. – Progress is slowing being made in getting male volunteers cleared to go into Benton County Jail. The women’s side is doing well, as is Coyote Ridge and Walla Walla. John S. has acquired an “S” badge, which allows him to go into the prison on his own. Corrections volunteers will have a get-together with the Chaplaincy from Benton County Jail this month. This keeps us up-to-date and the communication lines open. Our committee meets the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Alano Club.

SPECIAL NEEDS: No chair – N/A

INFORMATION SERVICES: Colleen S. – Any information you would like to include in the Java Journal should be sent to Colleen S. at javajournaldistrict4@gmail.com.

ARCHIVIST: Bob V. – N/A

DISTRICT UPDATE: John S. – See District minutes for September. They should be posted on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Motion: Is there any interest in our home groups' supporting Central Office in organizing and facilitating workshops on education?** We need to change the word "education" in this motion to just "workshops". Paul J. will talk to Sari and his home group, How It Works, and get back to the Central Office at the October meeting.
2. **Inventory Update:** Book store inventory is set for Saturday, September 27, 2008 at 10a.m. The more volunteers we have, the less time it will take.
3. **Committee Openings:** Treatment and Special Needs. We are also in need of an Alternate Secretary and an Alternate Chairperson. Continue to announce these openings at your home groups and invite them to come to the next Central Office meeting.

Motion to close the meeting was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Shirley Vanrell

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 27	Book Store Inventory, Kennewick, WA
October 3	Potluck – Back to Life Group, West Richland, WA
October 4	GSR Workshop, Kennewick, WA
October 17-19	October 2008 Assembly, Spokane Valley, WA
November 8	Gratitude Banquet, Kennewick, WA

2008 Remaining Meetings:

Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8
(Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month)

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Central Office meetings are open to all AA members - please invite any that might be interested.