

District 60 Business Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2023 – 2 pm

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joe Emberson with the Serenity Prayer at 1:53 p.m. Marina read the Twelve Traditions. Introductions were made by attendees, and each individual introduced themselves, their home group and service positions. Meeting attendance was taken via sign-in sheet and confirmed by District 60 secretary. March 18, 2023 attendance sheet is attached.

November 19, 2022 Attendance

Rob – District 60 treasurer, webmaster

Absent – DCM – District 60 Cluster 3

Sam – GSR – Nooners Group, District 60 Treatment co-chair

Marla - District 60 Treatment Chair

Absent – GSR - Wilburton West End Group

Absent – GSR – Atoka

Stacy – District 60 secretary, CPC co-chair

Joe – District 60 chair, DCM Cluster 2, Grapevine

Marti – Liaison for hospitality room for 2023 state conference; Alternate GSR Eufaula Group

Absent – GSR – Three Legacies Ada

Absent – Archives Chair

Absent – Wilburton West End Group

Hollis – GSR Poteau Unity Group

TerryJoe – GSR Spiro, DCM Cluster 1

Jack A - District 60 Corrections chair

Marina – District 60 Policy and Procedure, Area CPC Chair

Absent - District 60 CPC Chair

Charlene - GSR Step Study Monday Night Step Study

Tina A - GSR Broken Bottle Group

Aaron T - DCM Cluster 4

Mel - District 60 OK Gratitude Plan Chair

Beth - GSR Freedom Group Ada 3

Megan - AA Northeast Oklahoma - outreach coordinator

Greg - Vice President of Northeast Oklahoma AA Central Services

Marina - Policy and Procedure Chair District 60, Area 57 CPC

Bill - guest

Brian - GSR alternate - Nooners

Krista - OKYPAA co-chair

April - registration chair for Area 57 AA 2023 State Conference

Kimberley - GSR - Noble 4th Dimension Group

7 GSR present for today's meeting

3 DCM present for today's meeting

Secretary report

November 19, 2022 meeting minutes were presented and reviewed by attendees. Rob made a suggestion to have members review the meeting minutes instead of spending an extended amount of time reading and reviewing the meeting minutes. Charlene stated that she needs the meeting minutes read aloud to her due to her vision impairment. In the future it was decided that meeting minutes will be posted to our district website prior to the meeting so all members will have ample opportunity to review meeting minutes prior to the District 60 meeting.

Marina stated that the meat was NOT donated, and one spelling error for Marbet.

TerryJoe made motion to amend meeting minutes, Sam seconded – all approved.

Motion was made by Sam to accept amended meeting minutes, TerryJoe seconded, all approved.

Treasurer's report

Rob R presented the Treasurer's Report. The written report is attached and reviewed by attendees.

Rob reports that we closed out last year and we started this year with \$1182.99 and to date we have received \$519.49 in contributions. Our current financial status is stable with a net worth of \$2127.48, with \$500 in prudent reserve and \$1627.48 in our checking account. We have already paid for grapevine through Nov 2024, paid out state conference hospitality contribution 2023, and we have paid to reserve the pavilion for the District 60 picnic.

We are still waiting on the Cherokee Club to provide the amount owed for 2023 rent due for District 60 meetings. Sam reports that he has confirmed that the amount due is the same as 2022, \$100. Rob states that he will go ahead and pay the rent today for 2023.

Mailing address is the same for group contributions. Group list and contributions have been updated and are reflected in the report.

A motion was made Hollis to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, Charlene seconded the motion, and all approved the Treasurer's Report.

Service Chair Reports

Archives – not present

Bridge the Gap – not present

Corrections – Jack is present today - he emailed the Correctional facility info to the secretary earlier this year. He reports that there are several different facilities and he would like GSR to go to their groups to see if someone from the group is interested in going to county jails to carry the message - he can get books for them to take to the county jails if they need books. He reports that one volunteer has decided to stop going in and one additional person is waiting for his badge approval so he can start going into the prisons. He does not have any other new information to report today.

Grapevine – Joe reports that a new Grapevine book is coming out, there are several social media accounts to follow for Grapevine AA messages and articles. They are offering workbooks for GSR. They have integrated their web store into their primary website - also Grapevine is hiring and if interested in working for Grapevine they are looking for applicants. Jack states that people going into treatment facilities enjoy receiving a grapevine, and Joe says that he places grapevines in all kinds of places including treatment facilities and doctors' offices.

Accessibility Services – not present

Ok gratitude plan – Mel is present and states that the Area OK Gratitude committee is meeting tomorrow via zoom to discuss the discrepancies between the website, flyers and envelopes.

Rob - Feb 10 - 22 years

Joe - Dec 27 - 8 years

Beth - 31 years

Charlene - 34 years

Stacy - 14 years

PI/CPC - Marina reports that we are working on a presentation to present to doctors and nurses to members of the Oklahoma Primary Care Association

Policy and Procedure – Marina reports that there are no changes at District 60 and at Area 57 level.

Treatment – Marla is present today and she reports that she has received big books for distribution to the Oaks and Hope House - we have ½ box soft cover books available, we are out of large print and hardcover books. Marla states that the Area 57 chairperson reports that obtaining books will be on the group level and district level going forward.

Sam reports that we are meeting monthly with the Area treatment Chair, Josh A, via zoom. Sam reports that he has made contact with the mens Choctaw Recovery Center in Talihina and they are interested in having someone bring a meeting into the recovery center. Marina asked if there is anyone taking meetings into the Choctaw women's treatment center and no one is sure about the status of AA meetings currently being held in the Choctaw Womens treatment center.

Basket is passed for contributions for today's meeting. Money is collected and given to Rob, group treasurer.

Break 3:35 – 3:45 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

District 60 picnic – We have paid for the pavilion for the 2023 District 60 picnic, and we have confirmed the date as September 24, 2023.

Hospitality Room for 2023 State Conference

Marti reports the hospitality committee is meeting via zoom every Sunday. On Friday night of the conference they will have a walking taco bar. We have been asked to contribute the condiments for this. Saturday night the Area will provide the main entree, we have been asked to bring Coleslaw as a side - Marti would like to ask individuals to bring homemade Coleslaw. Saturday morning the planned meal is breakfast burritos, biscuits and gravy, and Marti would like District 60 to bring pastries or fruit tray. Sunday morning Marti would like our district to bring both a fruit tray and pastries. Lunch on Sunday is build-a-sandwich, and she thought we can do pinwheel sandwiches - Marti states that she will be requesting money and on-site assistance with the food. There is an app called Signup Genius for volunteers to schedule times to volunteer - Marti is unsure how this app works, but she does know that is how the Conference Committee has designated for volunteers to sign up. Area will be providing a lot of what we are needing, such as coffee pots and entree items. District 60 needs to provide cases of waters, sodas - the three main sodas, sweet and unsweetened tea. Our district needs to bring toppings for tacos, Cole slaw, and Gluten free desserts have been requested as well.

Marla expressed that 1,000 people are expected at the conference, and she is concerned about space for several different Coleslaws and storing these Coleslaws during the day. Marti reports that past experience indicates about 400 people will stay to eat meals at the hotel and the remainder of attendees will eat meals elsewhere.

Aaron reports that in the past he and Marina have collected money and had volunteers run to Sam's or another store to keep the food well stocked.

Marti asked the GSR to go back to their group and ask for volunteers or money to help with food that we will be contributing.

Rob reports that after our last district meeting we sent \$700 to the 2023 State AA Conference and the check has been cashed. We talked at our last meeting that the \$700 was going into the general conference fund. Rob suggests that in the future we may consider only contributing what we would have contributed for the hospitality room and save some money for food contributions. April, registrar for State Conference, reports that she is on the state conference committees and they understand that some districts are not able to contribute financially, and that any gift is appreciated. Rob raised the question of each district having different 7th tradition baskets at each site, and Marla reports that these baskets will be allowed and will go to each district. Aaron asked specifically where the \$700 was going, and Marla requested that he needs to ask Jason for specifics about this.

Tina recommended that the Broken Bottle group host the walking taco bar condiments.

Tina made a motion to recommend GSR go back to groups and get with Marti about volunteers. Hollis seconded the motion. All approved.

Marti and GSR exchanged contact information so they can communicate to facilitate volunteer coordination.

Meeting Schedule

Joe reports that the meeting schedule has been updated - we went from 145 meetings down to 14 active groups. This has been updated on the website www.seokaa.org

Jack reports that Antlers and Coalgate do not have GSR - Aaron and Joe report that these meetings are working on getting GSR.

Henryetta has moved to a different district.

Calvin no longer has an active AA group.

Greg asked about where to get an updated list, and he was directed to check our website as this has been updated and we are working to keep the website updated with accurate information.

NEW BUSINESS

District Picnic Date for 2023 - date for picnic is September 24, 2023. We are in need of a District Picnic Chairperson. Marina reports that Broken Bottle was 2022, Nooners was 2021, 2020 no picnic, 2019 was Poteau. Charlene satiates that Monday Night Step Study is small, but they are willing to assist another group as a co-chair. Sam reports that Nooners can assist - Step Study Group and Nooners will be co-chairs of District 60 Picnic 2023.

Big Books for Treatment Service Committee

Rob reports that the soft cover, large print 164 page books are ½ cost - we can get 40 of the large print softcover books for less than \$5 per copy. The prices will increase April 4, and the price increase will be 20%. Marla reports that Chey and Marti are taking the books and message into treatment centers. Marla would like to request 40 books of the soft cover, large print 164 page books. Rob reports that it's around \$225 with shipping for books.

Hollis makes a motion to allow Marla to purchase 40 books, Sam seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Problems with GSO Contributions

Joe reports that there have been several emails asking groups to not contribute to GSO until more information about current GSO board changes is brought to light. Marina reports that the GSO met about one month ago and they have requested the resignation of the GSO Board Chair. The GSO Board Chair resigned, but the resignation statement made by the resigning Board Chair stated that she resigned per the request of the GSO board; Former Board chair has said in a letter that "we don't know what is going on because the board is not being transparent." Marina reports that there has been

another resignation of a trustee. There are class a and class b trustees - class a is class b alcoholic - class a trustee has also resigned because they do not approve of what is going on with the board. Jimmy D is our delegate and he has been asked to temporarily chair the GSO, usually the GSO chair is a non-alcoholic. Jimmy D has not made a statement about the current status of GSO. Marina reports that for the time being, the Broken Bottle group has decided to hold GSO contributions until more information has been released.

Joe reports that he hopes we find out more about this problem. Per Greg, AA NE OK Central service states that they do not know anything about this issue.

Area and District AA Workshops

Marina reports that Gary K is our acting Area Alternate Chair and he is working on getting groups to do workshops - he has an opening in the fall and she would like to present hosting a workshop the same day as a district meeting. We can choose the topic and type of workshop. Megan reports that the Gaunt Prospector Group did a workshop via zoom in February over the 7th tradition.

Aaron suggested that we take it back to our groups and see when and if the group would like to do a workshop and if a group wants to organize it, then report back to Gary K and they will organize it and take care of it. Joe asked Rob to put a flyer on the website. Aaron reports that the Broken Bottle group has sponsored a workshop on a Saturday after the Nooners meeting, and several of the Nooner attendees stayed to participate and it was well attended. Rob asked if Marina can find out if there is any availability in October 2023 for a workshop. Rob also mentioned that there is an obligation if we sponsor as a district, then we are obligated to help with travel expenses and clubhouse rental. Marina is texting Gary about date availability. The group today agreed that October 14, 2023 seemed to be a good date if it is available. We will follow up on this at our next District meeting.

Flyers for District 60 meetings

Marina reports that a woman in our fellowship is named Mary Beth and is interested in making flyers for our District 60 meetings and events, and she will put this on the Area 57 website. She requested that we discuss this today. Area 57 has been requesting that districts become more visible and that district members go to other districts to promote unity. This would be a free service and everyone in attendance today agreed that this would be a beneficial service to help get information out to the community.

DCM REPORTS

Cluster 1 – TerryJoe reports that Poteau and Spiro are active and doing well - had 42 in attendance at the Poteau 6 meetings per week, one is not listed on central service, Spiro is one meeting per week

Cluster 2 – Westend Wilburton group meets Tuesday and Thursday 7 p.m., Eufaula meets Tuesday and Thursday 6:30, Enterprise Porum Landing, Stigler Friday at 7

Joe reports that “Stigler, Eufaula, Porum landing, Wilburton groups are all working ok - all meetings are at same time, no changes, only one group in Stigler, Enterprise meetings in Porum Landing, Eufaula is strong, closed big book study on Mondays, the rest are open meetings.”

Cluster 4- Aaron reports that Cluster 4 has no changes, meeting are strong and nothing new to report.

He reports that the Freedom Group has meetings every night, noon meeting in Ada daily, 8 pm daily. These meetings are smoking meetings.

GSR Reports

Broken Bottle Group – Tina reports that group is solid – traditions study second Friday of every months, big book study on Tuesdays, Sundays daily reflection, meeting days are Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays 6:30 p.m. Speaker meetings are the third Friday of every month and Group conscience is last Friday of every month. Tuesday night Big Book Study is closed. The group is in the process of doing a group inventory.

Nooners – Sam reports that meetings are Monday – Friday 6:30 a.m. Big Book Study, Monday - Saturday 12:00 noon, Sunday 12:00 mens meeting, Sunday 2 pm women's meeting. Noon meeting is big book study, as bill sees it on Tuesday, 12 x 12 on Saturday. We are trying to hand out material about AA to doctor's offices. Group conscience is the third Thursday - speaker meeting is last Friday of the month.

Poteau – Hollis, GSR, Poteau has 6 meetings per week, no reported changes. Poteau does not have any meetings on Sunday and Wednesdays, Monday 6:30, Tuesday Noon, Thursday Noon, 6:30, Friday 6:30, Saturday 6:30.

Rob started a Big Book study for new comers on Fridays

Hollis has been working on getting literature updated around town. He has been working with Rob to get some pamphlets. He is going to work on a letter that we can just give one letter to everyone instead of individual letters to doctors, lawyers, policeman, etc.

Hollis also report that there is a closed Men's breakfast meeting 2nd and 4th Saturday.

Eufaula Group – Tuesday, Thursday at 6:30 - big book study

Step Study Meeting – Charlene reports that they meet every Monday at 5:30, they are studying Joe and Charlie step study.

Spiro - TerryJoe reports that Spiro has three meetings per week - "we have had a falling out with drug court so we are back down to just alcoholics but hopefully we can mend some fences and get those newcomers back in there."

Freedom group - Kimberley reports the "group has changed meeting times to noon and 8 pm, birthday night on Sundays, we are a smoking meeting and we are meeting at 305 west 12th in Ada, OK."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OKYPAA 41

Krista - young people in Oklahoma - we have a foundation of young people in Oklahoma - we are wanting more participation of young people in AA - conference is in August. Krista reports that they help with young people being active in AA and sober fun. OKYPAA is trying to reach out and encourage participation in all of Oklahoma and not focus on OKC metro area.

State Conference Registrar

April is here today wanting to invite people to register today, we do have group codes for discounted, and if they register today it is \$25 and \$30 at the door. An update on the 2023 Conference - so far 313 have registered, unsure how many rooms are left. They would like more people to come from the corners of the state - we do have people coming from Kansas and Texas. Charlene reports that they tried to get a room and they said it was \$199 per night, so she will not be going. Marti reports that she knows someone that had the same experience with the room rate, it was explained that there is a special room rate and the special rate is \$129. Marla suggested that there are other hotels in the area that are much less expensive, and it was suggested that part of the fun of conferences is staying with other people.

Megan - Chili and cornbread cook off next Saturday in Jenks - she brought a flyer to give to meetings.

Greg - states that he will go back to NE OK Central services and report that District 60 is alive and well.

Next Area Meeting – April 2, 2023

Next District meeting – May 13, 2023

Meeting closed at 4:23 p.m. with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Scroggins

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District Meeting Dates

March 18, 2023

April 2 – area meeting

May 13, 2023

June 4 – area meeting

August 26, 2023

September 10, 2023 – area meeting

November 18, 2023