

District 36 Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Next meeting for District 36 is June 1, 2021.

Open with the Serenity Prayer, 12 Traditions (Paul A.), Concept of the month (Patrick).

Welcome

- Introductions – Shannon T., Ray H., Edd A., Eric W., Peter., Paul C., Paul A., Patrick S., Virgil O., Erik, Natalie B., Jessica T., Jenny
- New GSR's please reach out to John B., the District Registrar, to complete a "group change" or "new group" form.

Officer Reports

- District Committee Member: Ray H. (DCM@snovalleyaa.org) / Christa B. (AltDCM@snovalleyaa.org)
 - Report e-mailed on 5/2.
 - We'll go over 2 items from group inventory each month.
 - Attended DCM University and Area quarterly.
 - PRAASA will be in Portland March 4-5, 2022
 - Area Delegate attended the 71st General Service Conference
 - PNC (Pacific Northwest Conference) will be June 25-27 on zoom
 - Area quarterly will be July 10-11th on zoom
 - Area Assembly is Oct 1-3 on zoom
 - Hoping for 2022 Assembly to be in person in Renton at Hyatt Regency
- Secretary: Shannon T. (Secretary@snovalleyaa.org)
 - April Minutes approved.
- Treasurer: Patrick S. (Treasurer@snovalleyaa.org)
 - Pay pal link: <https://www.paypal.me/AADistrict36>
 - Ending balance \$1,877.63
 - He e-mailed out a report to everyone on May 1.

Seventh Tradition

Committee Reports

- Accessibility: Jessica (Accessibility@snovalleyaa.org)
 - Went to some of the quarterly.
 - Area liked the google form Jessica created
 - Helping people get connected on zoom (took John to have a male)
 - Got pamphlets at ESIG to pass out a nursing homes
- Archives: Erik (Archives@snovalleyaa.org)
 - Tried to go to quarterly, but zoom link was changed mid-way through.
 - May take tour of Archives facility

- Cooperation with the Professional Community / Public Information: OPEN (CPCPI@snovalleyaa.org)
- Corrections: Eric W. (Corrections@snovalleyaa.org)
 - Welcome to the position!
- Eastside Intergroup: Kent – temporary representative (ESIG@snovalleyaa.org)
 - Not present
- Events: Edd A. (Events@snovalleyaa.org)
 - No report
- Grapevine / Literature: Kewn J. (Literature@snovalleyaa.org)
 - Not present
- Gratitude Dinner: Peter P. (Gratitude@snovalleyaa.org)
 - Feeling comfortable with how Covid stuff is doing to start planning.
 - Will have more of a report next month.
- Registrar: John B (Registrar@snovalleyaa.org)
 - No Report
- Third Legacy: Paul C (ThirdLegacy@snovalleyaa.org)
 - Making progress getting GSRs and Alt GSRs from all meeting
 - Wants to clean up spreadsheet this month
 - The Third Legacy committee focuses on ensuring that service opportunities within District 36 are understood and available. Our priority is making sure that each meeting has a GSR and Alt GSR so that we have a conduit for communicating service opportunities and answering any questions about what those roles entail.
- Treatment/Bridge the Gap: OPEN (Treatment@snovalleyaa.org)
 - In lieu of a Treatment chairperson, I (Christa) attended the above-mentioned quarterly and learned a lot. Here are a few tidbits:
 - Anybody can help with bridging the gap between treatment and AA meetings. If you know of someone who is soon to be released/recently released from treatment, this is an excellent time to start the bridge
 - If you can, select a meeting that you both can attend together (goal being within 48 hours of being released)
 - Of note, “bridging” is not sponsoring; let go of newcomer once sponsor is found or period of initial contact has ended (usually 3-4 meetings over two weeks)
 - If you can’t attend a meeting together, try to find someone who can attend the meeting with them/introduce them to others of the same sex to find support
 - If the person is outside of our district, connect the newcomer to the BTG/Treatment Chair of their district
 - Area Chair stressed the importance of confirming with the other district’s chair that they received our message (to prevent our vulnerable newcomer from falling through the cracks).
 - No addiction rehabilitation centers (that I could find) are open in our

district

- The chair mentioned to me that BTG/Treatment could also extend to our senior living/assisted living centers as well.
- Young People in A.A.: OPEN. (YPAA@snovalleyaa.org)
- Web Chair: Virgil O. (Webstuff@snovalleyaa.org)
 - If you're not getting e-mails, please contact Virgil
 - Getting good traffic on website

Note: All committees should provide a verbal report at the meeting or email a report to the secretary at secretary@snovalleyaa.org.

GSR Reports –

Came to Believe – Paul A - Meets Thursday nights @ 7:30-8:30 pm in Carnation @ the basement of Tolt Congregational United Church of Christ (4851 Tolt Avenue) (the stone church across from the library on 203 main street). By group conscience, we are now open for live for meetings. We are a step study and generally start from the 12x12 and are currently on Step 7, if I recall. We have both strengths of coffee– decaf or caf. Usually we have 5-8, but we had been home group members only. Now open to all. Feel free to join us! We do require masks and social distancing. If we have too many (like 20), which is unlikely, we'd have to limit attendance when social distancing couldn't be kept up.

Friday Night Live & Let Live – Shannon T – Still meeting on zoom at 6:30pm Friday nights. No current plans to return in-person. Come join us!

Lunch with Bill W – Jessica – Meeting in person! Recently stressed the importance of the spirit of rotation and unity within the group. May be dissolving their bank account.

Stillwater Serenity – Edd – Meeting in person now!

HOW – Natalie – Meeting online. Numbers are good. Looking for a treasurer.

Young and Sober – Eric W – Just getting started as GSR for this new meeting. Tuesday nights, 8pm, Hope Hall

We invite all General Service Representatives (GSR's) to share the activities of their group and any upcoming events.

Old Business

- Fill Vacant positions – Eric W. voted corrections chair
- Group Inventory Questions:
 - What do you think is the basic purpose of the District Committee? Do you think we are achieving this purpose? Yes, No?
 - Do we have a mission statement in our guidelines?
 - Paul A. will draft a mission statement for us.
- What additional activities can we engage in, to carry the Message?
 - Young persons' workshop – Edd and Eric W. will discuss
 - GSR School is already very accessible and we probably don't need to do that.
 - Idea to do a district event – for the people who are involved with District
 - Jessica will look into planning a concept study

New Business

- Thoughts on meeting in person and being sure not to leave anyone out?
 - No one has had to leave anyone out yet.
 - Masks, social distancing, etc.

Announcements

- If anyone wants to be involved with outreach to GSRs and groups email thirdlegacy@snovalleyaa.org
- Jenny does free book repair. She's going to help the archives person in Tacoma. Contact her if you need book repair. 425-457-1664
- **NEW** Young Person's meeting – Tuesday Nights, 8pm, Hope Hall

Adjourn

Close with the Responsibility Statement "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible."