

South West District AA Minutes

Saturday 4th August 2018

I. Meeting held at Dunsborough - Opened at: 10.45 am

Outline of how SW District meetings will proceed given by Chair - Traditions read.

II. Attendance – Simon, Dave, Mitch, Meg, Jane, Audrey, Ron,

III. Apologies – Michael – (GSR) Margaret River ,

IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes of Previous meeting made available – emailed and tabled – read and adopted.

Adopted by: Simon

Seconded: Jane

V. South West District Committee Reports:

Chairperson Report

Ron M

Happy to report the successful inauguration of South West District – our boundaries are set, and we have been shown an enormous amount of support by both Area B and surrounds. On 28th July the Area B assembly was held in Bunbury to coincide with 71st Birthday celebrations. Both meetings were well attended and well supported, and we are pleased to announce that this tradition will continue. The report tabled for the Assembly is available gives an outline of what progress we have made in the formation of the new district. Finally, I must offer a thank you to those who have been willing to take on GSR roles. Without your act of service, we would not be able to reach and inform the SW District Groups at the level we have. I look forward to continued service alongside you.

Secretary Report (Correspondence In / Out)

Audrey F

In: Official Resignation of Treasurer – Marina M

Out: Receipts Sent to Peel District; City Group Monastery and Area B Committee for generous donations received. Copy to be forwarded to Treasurer.

Previous minutes sent to those on email list.

Treasurer Report

Direct Contribution from Groups	Group #	Amount	Total Credits
City Group Monastery Thurs. PM	108	\$200	
Peel District		\$200	
Area B Committee		\$140	
Bunbury Groups		\$	
Contributions Distributed by CSO		\$0	
			\$540
Donations in Kind			
Area B CSO Literature Account		\$147	
Expenses	Amount	Receipt #	Total Debits
Printing – Ink Cartridges	\$83	0700468774	
CSO PI Workbook (CSO Sydney)	\$23.40	17379	
Stationary	\$21.65	2681102	\$128.05
CSO Literature Account	\$144.60	12/07/18	
CSO Literature Account Balance			
\$2.40			
Balance of Funds Available			
\$411.95			

Public Information Report

Jane J

There has been slow but steady progress over the last few months with committee getting together and actively seeking support and contributions from Groups in our proposed District. We have had a great response and are in a position now to move on more actively. I am looking forward to working with group members throughout the district to reach our common purpose – and it’s evident we have already had such success with most groups securing GSR s. I am sure we will continue to reach out in our groups and wider community and to enhance our sobriety as we continue to come together in service.

VI. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

Issue raised at Area Assembly regarding diversion of twelve step calls within district. Area committee proposed that we may consider a mobile phone with an outreach number that can be passed from group to Group and manned 24 hours. This has been done successfully in other areas. Open for discussion Phone for District.

Discussions re possible District phone as suggested at Area B Assembly. Options discussed were Costs/ phone set up / protocols in relation to rotation and manning of phonenumber. Decision made to further research - see below - and for final decision to be discussed at next meeting.

Action

Audrey - Info re Set up in Byron and templates for such.- Done

Ron - Costs re plans or prepaid - include legal obligations if phone donated

Dave - info re how NZ ran their phone line and whether this applies in Aus

Time Frame : To be completed before next meeting

- a) Again at Area Assembly it was raised that it is important for GSRs to advise their groups of the need for operating funds and that they can donate directly to the SW District or to a project or area directly. Again we are reminded of holding onto Prudent Reserves and passing on funds to assist where necessary. Please ensure your Group advise CSO of their intent in relation to funds and consider the 50/30/10/10 split as a minimum contribution.

Remittance forms1 – re split can be emailed or posted to head office, also created for groups, to gain clarity and understanding, with direct deposit info netbank transfer attached. - Audrey and Jane to make up form.

- b)

Delineation Meeting regarding Area B has occurred, and the minutes are available. Boundaries for the South West District are as follows: Northern Boundary joins Peel District through Waroona – extends south to Augusta, Walpole, Denmark and Albany – then follows Great Southern Highway through Tambellup, Katanning and Wagin. There are some concerns about other Groups in area which may require support – and due to this delineation don't fall under any district. As a district we can reach out where possible regardless of boundaries and assist where we can.

VII. New business

- a) **Position of Treasurer** has become vacant - we thank Marina for her contribution to date. Please go back to your Groups and ask for expressions of interest in this role. Information on what the requirements are can be found in 'The Australian AA Service Manual' on page 42. We will vote on this appointment at the next SW District meeting – in the meantime Chair Ron will continue to manage the role.

Marina's resignation accepted , Ron to step in until next district meeting 2 sept, in the meantime treasurers role will be floated at meetings and voted in in accordance with guidelines

- b) **Public Information** – Request for allocation of funds for further literature and now that our pledged donations are in the bank this would help us to complete our

literature packs in line with Area B PI suggested lists. I would also like to purchase the case requested at previous meeting for storage and transporting of literature. With this new Literature - we are seeking Group members willing to distribute some posters and some members who are happy to get together and assist with collating information packs.

We would also like any volunteers interested in assisting with database mailouts and web updates to get on board. So please see Jane or add your name to service role contact lists.

Jane confirmed ready to move ahead with PI ideas, ready to purchase case, to house kits. Audrey and Jane to create flyers, re ideas, meeting and circulate to groups

Public Information – Ideas Meeting - We now have some literature and funds to actively move forward with Public Information. An “Ideas meeting” would be a great way of bringing together all those interested in carrying the AA message and also those willing to share their experiences relating to PI to enable newcomers to and those less experienced to be of service. Proposed for Tuesday 21st August Busselton – venue availability to be confirmed.

** Note Venues for all meetings are being rotated to ensure optimum district participation.

- c) **GSR – Information Meet & Greet.** We are hoping to hold an *informal* get together inviting GSRs from different Groups to attend. This will be a great time for exchange of ideas and for fellowship. At this gathering we will have some resources available to those who want them – such as templates, brochures e.g. Traditions Checklists and Group Inventory Questions that may be taken back to your Groups. Proposal is to have a session in Bunbury after the Sunday meeting on 2nd September.

GSR meet and greet to be held after Sunday meeting in Bunbury sept 2, 2018. This will be a time for fellowship, and for getting comfortable in our new roles and sharing of ideas. Info will be available. Ron suggested inviting other groups outside the district and extending, invite to possible future GSR’S, All agreed.

Audrey and Jane to arrange invite, PI to collate GSR INFO PACK

- d) **Guest Speakers** – it has been suggested that it would be beneficial to host Speaker Meetings – or to invite guest speakers to meetings. We would love to have Suggestions and contact information if anyone has suggestions.

Suggestion for meetings at regular intervals, made by chair. Invites and inclusions of other groups in district at these events. Members and GSR’S asked to take this back to their groups and have any suggestions for Inspirational speakers to be emailed or given to committee.

VIII. General Business:

12 step phone needs to be developed before decision made to move forward.

12 step work shop proposed, to be made available for those wanting to be of service in manning the phone.

Decision made to spend \$200 on creating PI Literature Account. Jane to set up with CSO, then funds to be transferred. Decided at first purchase will include A3 posters and cards. Further \$100 to be used to purchase cards with QC code for distribution within district and PI events.

7th Tradition Funds Collected \$

IX. Adjournment 12:11pm

Chairperson adjourned the meeting at

X. Close Meeting with Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting Scheduled for Busselton – Thursday 18th October 8.30pm – Access to Meeting room to be confirmed by Busselton Thursday Group GSR Dave.

Minutes submitted by: Secretary -

Minutes approved by: Chairperson -