

Southwest District Meeting 5th February 2023

Minutes of the Southwest meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous:

1. Location: Busselton Uniting Church, Kent Street, Busselton
2. Present: Melissa A Chairperson SW District, Geoff E Treasurer SW District, Nicky M Secretary SW District, Keith J GSR Dunsborough, Tom D GSR Donnybrook, Linda G Vasse Woman's Group, Linda P GSR Busselton, Joey G GSR Tuesday Margaret River, Jennifer M GSR Friday Margaret River, Clint P Observer, Eilis D Observer.
3. Apologies: June N Busselton, Dave B Busselton
4. Previous Minutes read by Geoff E.
5. Inward Correspondence

a. Ron M request reimbursement for Chips for Palmerston Centre meeting

It was discussed at length that it may not align with our traditions.

Are they AA approved? Is this an AA Group or is it an outside enterprise?

It was decided that we are to obtain further information from Ron & then make a final decision.

b. The National Convention committee would like us to chair, share & run a meeting/workshop on "Rural Recovery" at the convention. This will be on the Friday of the convention from 3pm – 4.15pm.

Committee formed. Tom, Joey, Linda G, Linda P, Jennifer to set up. Nicky is to send off details to the AA Registrar Sam & the group are to report directly back to her.

6. Treasurer Report

We currently have \$2210.22 in bank.

Geoff thanked other groups around the district for their contributions.

7. Linda G, Linda P, Jennifer, Nicky reported that the ACC meeting was a success & a great way to carry the message to the professional, whether it be hospitals, doctors, police etc.
It was practiced via "Teams" before the event & went off without a hitch.
The half hour presentation included question time & was sufficient.

8. GSR Reports

Dunsborough Group

Hi guys, this is the GSR Report from the Dunsborough Saturday Morning meeting:

We have been operating with a very small but loyal group. As usual it seems that the same ones are there to take on the jobs to be done.

We have been lucky enough to have had the Serenity Re-hab group come down from Nannup, now and again to bolster our numbers.

Over the holiday period we have had many visitors attend as well.

With a few stalwarts we keep going, continuing to spread the message and assisting alcoholics gain the serenity of sobriety. We are hoping our numbers grow in the future and we gain a few more home group members.

Until then we will battle on.

Keith J (GSR) Dunsborough 145.

Margaret River AA Friday 12 Steps and 12 Traditions Group 86

Attendance

Our meeting is regularly attended by about 12 people – numbers can fluctuate between about 6 to 18. Currently we have 10 AA members calling our group their Home Group.

Financial position

Room rent is fully paid up until 30th June 2023. Our group recently donated \$500 to the 60/30/10 Plan. We also donated \$250 to the National Convention fund. Recently \$185 was spent on literature and we hold a prudent reserve of \$150.

Service Positions

At our recent Group Conscience Meeting, after 12 months of service our previous Treasurer stepped down and a new Treasurer is filling the position. A Co-secretary was appointed to assist our standing Secretary. Our Literature Rep has elected to continue to service in that position for a further term. It has been agreed amongst the Group Conscience that home group members will collectively serve as Greeters. Our GSR will serve for another 12 months. Our Alternative GSR has stepped down from that position.

Tom Donnybrook Group

Numbers have dropped slightly. Especially since the rehab are no longer engaging.

Linda P Busselton Monday Night Steps & Traditions

Numbers steady. Few more visitors & newcomers during the Xmas & New period. We are in the process of making a chip order.

Linda G SW Woman's Group Vasse

Currently no GSR but the meeting is going well. Celebrated the first year & steady numbers.

Joey G Margaret River Tuesday night

Meeting numbers have picked up with 7 to 8 regulars attending. We are also financial.

9. Business arising

Action Item List starting 5th February 2023

ITEM	ACTION	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	FIRST RAISED	STATUS
1	Obtain more info on Ron's request for chips for Palmerston	Nicky/Geoff	5.2.23	Ongoing
2	Committee for Perth Convention 2023. Formed & will Directly report to Sam AA Registrar	Tom, Joey, Linda G, Linda P, Jennifer	5.2.23	Ongoing
3	GSR's to help their homegroup members become aware of other meetings if starting another meeting!	Everyone!	5.2.23	Complete
4	Request for Hybrid meetings to allow rural areas with smaller groups join more active areas. Tom is to locate & facilitate these groups	Tom	5.2.23	Ongoing
5	Zoom to be created for the Southwest District & paid for by the Southwest District. Will report back with cost	Joey	5.2.23	Ongoing
6	Contact with the Education Dept & Schools Board & a request for a zoom/teams meeting to carry the message to staff	Linda G	5.2.23	Ongoing
7	Pamphlet pack for the professionals in the community.	Geoff	5.2.23	Ongoing
8	Southwest Mental Health Unit – looking into carrying the message with a teams/zoom	Linda G	5.2.23	Ongoing

9	Busselton Roundup Committee has been formed & a WhatsApp has been set up for those wanting to be involved		5.2.23	Ongoing
10	Keith raised question as to why we do a split between CSO, GSO & other areas (AA group concern) Also, why the Busselton Friday night zoom is not in the Serenity (AA group concern) Every group is autonomous	Keith	5.2.23	Complete
11	District PI position briefly discussed & the role is there to be filled		5.2.23	Ongoing
12	SW District Meetings to be in person/ zoom or Hybrid. We are to trial as Hybrid.	District Members	5.2.23	Ongoing
13	Linda P to follow up with yellow Safety Cards	Linda P	5.2.23	Ongoing

10. Meeting adjourned 1600hrs with the Serenity Prayer

11. Date & time of next meeting

7th May 2023

Hybrid via zoom & Busselton Uniting Church Busselton