

Members Attending

Steve R., DCM	Mark T., Treasurer	Jen I., GSR 719
Bob B., Alt. DCM	Peter M., GSR 940	Tracy B., GSR 761
Lew T., GSR 983	Gene B., GSR 17	Ron L., GSR 106
John M., GSR 70/965	Maureen L., GSR 144	Cathy B., GSR 86
Glenn F., GSR 311	Tim H., Panel 47	Mike B., P & P
Ron M., Secretary	Ruth T. GSR 414	Mike H., Visitor

Opened meeting with Serenity Prayer
Read Step 8, Tradition 8, Concept 8

Secretary's Report- Ron M. read the minutes; a motion to approve was made and seconded; minutes were approved as read.

Treasurers Report- Mark T. reported a balance of \$1,987.59. Steve R. turned in contributions from several groups. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made and seconded. The report was approved as read.

GSR Sharing

Glenn F., GSR 311- Glenn has missed several meetings, but the group is doing well.

Tracy B., GSR 761 – Meetings are doing well. District service opportunities will be discussed at the next Group Conscience.

John M., GSR 70 & 965 - A consistent core group of members is attending Group 70, but summer attendance has been down. Group 965 attendance continues to be low.

Maureen L., GSR 144 - The group is still seeking a new meeting location. Group conscience meetings are regularly scheduled and our home group members are service-oriented.

Pete M., GSR 940 - Attendance has been strong. The group and host church agreed upon a firm response to prevent an individual who had been verbally threatening from attending future meetings.

Lew T., GSR 983 – The group is still doing well with an average attendance of 25-30.

Jen I., GSR 719 – Attendance is good and the home group is growing.

Ruth T., GSR 414 – Attendance is usually 12-18 members. Home group members are very supportive. One member (and Special Needs committee chair), Heather S., is very ill. Ruth requested our prayers for her.

Gene B., GSR 17 – The non-mandatory meetings are increasing in attendance.

Cathy B., GSR 86 – Group is doing well. Cathy said that due to a change in her work schedule, Mike H. will assume the duties of GSR. We expressed our appreciation to Cathy for her service.

Committee Chair Sharing:

Pete M., for the Grapevine Chair- Pete shared information about the Area Grapevine display at the State Convention, which included Group 719's Grapevine display. The Editor of the Grapevine was in attendance and commented that it was the best he had ever seen.

Old Business

- “Soberfest” September 25 - Bob B. distributed flyers to the groups and requested that the GSRs talk up the event at their meetings. Format will be a speaker meeting. A band will provide entertainment, and the food will be BBQ and potluck. Opportunities for service will be discussed at the September meeting.
- Fall Workshop, November 8 – Pete reported that the planning committee had met and had tentatively chosen three service topics: Grapevine, Big Book and Literature, and Treatment in District 53. Discussion followed and it was voted that the Big Book topic would focus on using the Big Book as a tool for 12th Step work. Additionally, it was voted that the third topic would be modified to “12th Step Work in District 53”.
- Motorcycle Rally, September 20 – Flyers were distributed to the groups. The ride will begin at St. Luke's, proceed to Kaskaskia State Park for lunch, and end at Saturday Night Live. Proceeds will go to the District Fund benefitting the veterans in treatment.
- Sunny and Sober, September 7 – Service volunteers are as follows:
 - ⊙ Coffee: Tim H., Pete M., and Group 940
 - ⊙ Set-up and breakdown: Mike H., and Steve R.
 - ⊙ Water, Soda, Ice: Bob B. and Group 761
 - ⊙ Doughnuts: Jen I. and Group 719
 - ⊙ Fruit: Cathy B.
 - ⊙ Sound System: Craig B.
 - ⊙ Signs: John M.
 - ⊙ Greeting the Veterans: Gene B.
 - ⊙ Male speaker: Mike B.; Female speaker: TBD

New Business:

- District Elections, September 9 – In preparation for the upcoming elections members were invited to add their names to a list of persons willing to stand for one or more of the elected positions: DCM, Alt. DCM, Secretary, and Treasurer. The list compiled includes: Bob B., Pete M., Patrick H., Glenn F., Maureen L., Cathy B., and Mark T. GSRs were asked to announce the elections at their meetings and invite any other members who are willing to stand to attend the September 9 District meeting.

Close with the Responsibility Statement