

Steering Committee Minutes: October 18, 2023

7:31 p

OPENING CUSTOMS:

The Serenity Prayer was led by Christopher start the meeting.

Introductions:

Greg is here as a visitor tonight. He may be interested in a service position.

Voting quorum is met this evening.

Approval of previous month's minutes:

After some discussion with Christopher explaining that the minutes reflect what happens in the meeting, not whether individual members approved of those events or decisions, the September minutes were approved by majority vote.

REPORTS:

*Chair – Christopher

Noted that the financial committee guidelines remain to be formalized.

*Vice Chair – VACANT

*Treasurer – Matthew W

Matthew advises that we need a boost of \$400-\$500 a month in revenues to improve our overall financial stability. He again emphasizes the need to fill area representative positions, which he feels will promote individual meetings to feel more affiliation with the regional organization and encourage donations.

This is especially true for the south county.

Office Manager – Kerri F

Kerri will attend the in-person Grapevine annual event. She plans to share on the topics presented with our group.

She presented an informative attractive flyer illuminating the many functions of the central office to share with your groups!

Kerri negotiated a more cost-effective contract for our printer/copier, and she's coordinating donated supplies and labor to refresh the service office after Halloween.

She expresses a desire to resume in person business meetings.

Several members voiced agreement.

*BSM Chair – Ed O

The November Birthday Speaker Meeting volunteer has local contacts and will not require a lodging stipend.

*Activities Chair – Kimberlee K

Kimberlee gave a special thanks to Christine for her help coordinating the Halloween event during her absence!

There will be a raffle, and Kimberlee requests donations, (maybe gift cards?) for that.

She introduced the idea of allowing promotion of a member's (non-AA specific) karaoke events at AA meetings.

She floated the idea of hosting a "Talent No Talent" event.

*Diverter Chair – Lily P

Lily posted current openings for diversion volunteers. She notes that these opportunities change frequently and asks that anyone interested in volunteering call her at (831)331-0079.

*Newsletter Chair – Lucie-no report.

*Bylaws Chair – Sarah-temporarily off-line

*Website Chair – Mark B

Mark seeks input from the group in regard to posting out of area zoom meetings.

Magi suggests that Mark make an informational "mockup" version of such additions and present it to the group.

*Delegate at Large – Magi R

Magi reports on the Safety Committee.

She says the current focus is to develop an approach to help groups attain tools to help them develop their own safety guidelines.

She says monthly workshops will resume in January.

*Recording Secretary – Carla B- no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer positions need annual update.

Please review yours, provide updates as required.

If you have contributing support volunteers, please provide their names and duties.

Area Rep Reports:

*Area 1 (Watsonville/La Selva): VACANT

*Area 2 (Aptos): VACANT

*Area 3 (Greater Soquel): VACANT

*Area 4 (Soquel Main St): Christine R

Christine added an area representative, and she's working with another group to promote affiliation with our regional organization.

*Area 5 (Capitola/Live Oak): Rob Mc-no report

*Area 6 (East Santa Cruz): Mary K

Mary presented bylaw proposed/changes to meetings in her area and regularly promotes area representative service opportunities.

*Area 7 (Downtown Santa Cruz): Dave H-not present.

Please contact Galen for snack bar positions 650 303-9713 and Nicole 831 252-3047 for open secretary positions.

*Area 8 ("Little Red Church" Downtown): VACANT

*Area 9 (Westside/Davenport): VACANT

*Area 10g t (Scotts Valley/Emeline): VACANT

*Area 11 (SLV): Chelsie O

Chelsie notes that the Ben Lomond Fellowship has regular fourth step workshops. They are hosting a Halloween event October 27th, from 7-10p.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

Christopher fielded questions regarding the upcoming group inventory. He has sent members log-in information. The inventory is scheduled for October 16 from 7p-9p.

Officers have been provided the questions/topics for consideration.

The moderator is from general service. Kerri will serve as recording secretary.

The meeting was motioned to close, and adjourned at 9:04pm, after a group reading of the Responsibility Statement