

District Meeting Tidbits



District 22 Newsletter

2022
June



CALL FOR ARTICLES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE CORNERSTONE

Go to meetings, Help others, work the Process – Tom

District Meeting Tidbits (May)

We have copies of the 2021 “A.A. in a Time of Change” The 71st Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. A copy should have been made available in your local group meeting location. If not feel free to ask if you can borrow a copy. There are also PDFs of the April 22 Quarterly Minutes for Area 72, the April 2022 Area Quarterly Summary (reproduced here,) and a version of the Quarterly Summary in Spanish. If you need copies ask your GSR or email newsletter@nopaa.org.

May 18, 2022 district 22 business meeting

Meeting opened by DCM Becky S. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. In attendance: 8 GSRs, 7 servants, 1 guest. Tim S. had 3 years of sobriety as of 5/25. Concept 5’s function as a bulwark against a misinformed, angry or plain wrong position by a (mere) majority, presented by Pete P. Next month: Tambria on Concept 6. Secretary’s minutes accepted as corrected. Treasurer’s report: Tom indicated we are presently experiencing an unusual high balance of funds due to our retention of money which would have under past practice already been donated to the larger AA service structure. Presently rec’d \$2700+ in donations from the groups to bring District’s banked total to \$3700+ Treasurer intends- with the committee’s tacit approval- to reduce the balance with contributions to the larger AA structure to bring District’s balance to usual post-donation January levels
Treasurer’s report accepted.

May 18, 2022 district 22 (Continued)

Reports

DCM Handbook update (from 2016) still in progress. Tambria: Report from ad hoc committee in form of handbook draft to be presented to District during the July meeting. Upcoming: Pacific Northwest Conference (aka-“PNC”) on zoom. Date: _____

Pre-assembly August 6 th , Port Orchard. In-person and on zoom. **Archives**- Richard reported that a search of archives for material relevant to the handbook update was fruitless. He requests an archive deposit of the updated materials when they are approved, and adopting that as an ongoing practice in the future.

Accessibility- vacant

Activities- Missy presented a flyer for the Salt Creek Picnic, July 23 rd and promised that event would include an opportunity to dunk-tank your favorite Trusted Servant.

Archives- ok.

Corrections- no meetings. No report.

Hotline- for the month: 27 calls total, including 21 in-state.

Literature- Richard reporting for Danny that supplies are available for most titles.

Newsletter-edition out and available at District meeting. Chet queried whether he could publish earlier in the month in order to continue to distribute the letter at District meetings. No objections raised. Sara wondered whether the newsletter should publish suggested reading lists containing material that is not GSO-approved. Discussion followed.

— Wes suggested we include the groups in the conversation, and the subject was tabled until GSOs returned in June with their group’s input.

Treatment- no report.

Web- Emma is working with Olypen to resolve security problems with the website.

Looking ahead: next month she’ll bring estimates for hybrid equipment, and info/cost to send her to the National Web Conference being held in September.

May 18, 2022 district 22 (Continued)

Call for Articles

Old Business- none

New Business-

1) District meeting in Forks scheduled tentatively for June 15 , 6-9pm. At the Aquatic Park. Question raised whether we need to stick with scheduling a weekday (Wed) or if a Previous or following weekend would make more sense in view of work-week travel constraints. Jon will check on space availability for the 18 th , around 2pm. and the same venue for an August date as well.

2) see “Newsletter reports”, above. The question is “Should all literature recommended in the newsletter be GSO approved?” Tabled.

3) **GSRs:** discussion topics from Area- What is an area event? What is the need to purchase liability coverage for area events? GSRs are requested to find out what their groups thoughts are re these questions.

Note on the Reading List article discussion: Brian found this and shared it with the members from the district meeting. A quote from AA History – What Conference Approved Means. This is attributed to Bill W (as far as I am aware.)

“I receive questions about this all the time; and people at conferences, Centrel Offices, and meetings are confronted with the “conference approved” nonsense with great frequency. Any AA can read anything any time anywhere for any purpose. There is no Tradition that says otherwise. There is no tradition that can or should or will censor or “censure” what is presented at a meeting.

And if someone thinks they’ve found the mythical tradition, tell them the Traditions are not laws, are not binding to anyone, and were never intended to prohibit free speech or freedom of religion or spiritual path by AAs or others.”

We’re still working on the Reading List article so keep your eyes open.

Mark your Calendar:

This year’s Gratitude Dinner is scheduled for November 19th. Let’s all plan to be there!

We need input and articles for the monthly Cornerstone publication. - This means you!

We want to get this moving so we’re publishing within the first week of each month so Deadlines for articles will need to be by the end of each month to publish in the next.

Articles to come:

These are subjects for Newsletter articles we would like to have in coming issues. Like the ones from last month on Service, or on Hybrid meetings or this month on Sobriety apps.

Youth – How can we best help the youth in need of AA? What are we doing and what can we do better?

Reading List – Do you have a Big Book, a copy of the 12 and 12, As Bill Sees It or The Daily Reflections? We would like to publish a reading list and have input from members. We have an open topic question for this on whether we should cover only publications by the GSO or if we should offer a wider view. What is your thinking?

District Meeting Tidbits – Getting back in the swing of a monthly newsletter we find that past editions carried tidbits from the District meetings. We will resume this practice and would like to know if you have questions.

Normal - Are things returning to normal?

The 12 Concepts – It’s a Service Thing

Please email newsletter@nopaa.org with suggestions, ideas, bithdays etc.

KEEP THESE HANDY

District meeting:

3rd Wednesday of the month,

7 pm, Unity Church on Myrtle St

District 22 Website: NOPAA.com;

District 22 AA Hotline: (360) 452-4212

AA General Service Office: aa.org

Western Washington Area 72 website:
area72aa.org

**We're looking for help at
the Activities coming up.
Please reach out and lend
your enthusiasm!**

Thank you!

activities@nopaa.org

God

Grant me the Serenity
To accept the things I cannot
change, the Courage to
change the things I can, and
the Wisdom to know the
difference.

HOMEBOUND?

Are you or someone you know stuck
at home and unable to get to
meetings?

We can provide transportation to and
from meetings **OR** bring a meeting
into your/their home. For more
information, contact the District 22
Accessibility volunteer at
650-339-0438 or email to

June Calendar

11th: Activities (District 22), TAFY, 3:30
pm

19th, District 22 meeting, Forks Aquatic
Center (tentatively set for 2pm)

July Calendar

9th: Activities (District 22), TAFY, 3:30
pm

20th: District 22 meeting, Unity Church, 7
pm

23rd: A.A. District 22 Annual Picnic

August Calendar

13th: Activities (District 22), TAFY, 3:30
pm

17th: District 22 meeting, Unity Church,
7 pm (or TBD/Forks)

September Calendar

10th: Activities (District 22), TAFY, 3:30
pm

21st: District 22 meeting, Unity Church,
7 pm

**A.A. DISTRICT 22
ANNUAL PICNIC
SATURDAY, July 23
Salt Creek Campground**

PROVIDED:

TBD

BRING Your favorite potluck dish!

FUN ACTIVITIES:

GAMES, HIKE, CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITIES, HORSE SHOES,
BASEBALL, RELAX,
VISIT WITH FRIENDS, TAKE
A NAP, THEN DO IT ALL
AGAIN!!!

**WATCH FOR FLYERS WITH
TIME AND MORE INFO!**

Contact Missy. at:

activities@nopaa.org



Send your
anniversary
sobriety date to:
newsletter@nopaa.org

We know some
don't want to
jinx it so let us
know when it is
okay to share!

Contrats!

**Bring on the
SUNSHINE!**