

District 14 Minute January 2024

1. Agenda Confirmation and Email Communication:

- Clarified agenda confusion and confirmed email communication.

2. Roll Call and Minutes Approval:

- Secretary conducted roll call, verified attendance, and approved previous meeting minutes.

3. Officer and Coordinator Reports:

- *Treasurer's Report:*
- Discussed contributions, budget balance, and potential contributions to other service entities.
- *Treatment Coordinator's Report:*
- Shared updates on treatment centers and addressed meeting schedule queries.
- *Grapevine Coordinator's Report:*
- Provided Grapevine subscription status and efforts to ensure deliveries.
- *Literature Coordinator's Report:*
- Shared information on literature availability and contact details.

4. GSO Financial Stability Report:

- Highlighted GSO's financial standing, emphasizing ongoing financial needs.
- Discussed Grapevine's financial challenges and potential alternative distribution methods.
- Urged groups to support GSO and the Grapevine financially.

5. Open Floor for Questions:

- Invited questions on various reports, emphasizing financial contributions and group spending.
- Shared reminders, announcements, and encouraged GSR's to speak to their groups to stress the importance of their financial support for service entities

6. District 14 - Area 60 Quartely Attendance Discussion

During the Quarterly Meeting discussion Michael stressed the importance of all attending quarterly meetings, In addition as many district Officers & GSR's should attend PCAW: Patrick shared crucial insights regarding GSO's financial standing. A significant portion of the conversation focused on the financial health of GSO, including insights from a delegate's report. In December, GSO reported approximately 7.31 million in contributions, highlighting apparent financial stability. However, it was emphasized that this impressive number falls short of GSO's operational needs.

The detailed financial discussions revealed GSO's meticulous approach to fund utilization, ensuring resources are directed appropriately to support Alcoholics Anonymous. The Grapevine faced a financial setback, losing over half a million dollars this year. Contrary to concerns, GSO clarified that the Grapevine isn't disappearing; instead, they explore alternative distribution methods like podcasts and social media.

The message stressed the importance of supporting GSO and the Grapevine financially, urging every group to have at least a copy of the Grapevine. Notably, about a third of all groups in the district contribute to GSL, prompting a call to adhere to the **30 30 30 rule***. Groups were encouraged to assess their spending and consider contributing to area, central office, and GSL.

* ***The 30-30-30 budget rule** is a guideline commonly referenced in 12-step recovery programs, particularly in the context of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) service entities. The rule suggests allocating group funds as follows:*

- ***30% to the Home Group:** Thirty percent of the group's funds are designated for the home group's expenses, activities, and needs.*
- ***30% to the Area (District or Intergroup):** Another thirty percent is allocated to the local service area, which may include district or intergroup expenses and activities.*
- ***30% to GSO (General Service Office):** The remaining thirty percent is contributed to the General Service Office, supporting AA services at the national or global level.*

This rule aims to promote financial responsibility, equitable distribution of funds, and support for the broader AA service structure. It ensures that local groups contribute to the overall functioning and sustainability of Alcoholics Anonymous at various levels.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Carroll, Secretary