**GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT 7**

**South FloridaArea 15**

**Panel 72, 2022 & Panel 73, 2023**

**February 25, 2024**

***Business Meeting Minutes***

**The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 2:10 pm**

Steven M. **read AA’s 12 Traditions,** Tom L. **read Concept II,** Dave D. **read from the Service Manual**

**Introduction of New GSRs and DCMs:** *New GSRs*: **Buckingham Group:** Steven M.; **Beginners Step 1,2,3**, Tom L.; *New Alt GSRs*: **Tough Love:** Jeremy B.; **Cape Reflections:** Gordon S.; **Courage to Change**: Sandy S.; **Nooners Lehigh:** Dave D.; **Sister in Sobriety (Pine Island):** Carol N.; *New DCM*: none; *New Alt DCM*: none

**(31) Members Attending & (24) Groups Represented:**

**Attitude Adjustment:** JoJoe K. (Current Practices Chair), Pat St.O (Hospitality, Alt GSR); **Back to Basics:** Bree H. (District Chair), Vicki A. (GSR), Laura B. (Alt DCM); **Beginner’s Steps 1,2,3:** Tom L. (GSR); **Buckingham:** Steven M. (GSR); **Cape Connected:** Henry D. (Treatment Co-chair); **Cape Coral Bookies:** Jim R. (Quarterly Committee); **Cape Reflections:** Gordon S. (Alt GSR); **Clear the Air:** Bob H. (GSR); **Courage to Change:** Sandy S. (Alt GSR); **Dragonfly Group:** JoAnn S. (GSR); **Friends of Bill W:** Raul P. (GSR, PI/CPC, Quarterly); **Lambda Drummers:** Kay M-H (District Secretary);**Meat and Potatoes:** Brian V. (GSR), **Men’s Recovery Cape Coral:** Lester B. (DCM); **Morning After:** Doug H. (GSR); **Nooners Lehigh:** Bill D. (GSR), Dave D. (Alt GSR); **Saturday Women’s Step:** Tawny S. (GSR); **Sisters in Sobriety (Pine Island):** Carol N. (Alt GSR); **Southern Women:** Cindy W. (GSR), Kathie W. (Archives); **Steps to Awakening:** Tawny S. (GSR); **Tough Love:** Jeremy B. (GSR); **Tuesday Night Young Peoples:** Paul L. (GSR); **Walk With Purpose:** Len J. (GSR), Ed A. (District Registrar); **Young at Heart:** Chris C. (GSR); **Visitors:** Gale P. (Friday Rovers)

**3 of 5 Officers, 7 of 13 Committee Chairs or Alt, 2 DCMs or Alts, 16 GSRs, 5 Alt GSRs, 1 Visitor**

**OFFICERS:**

**Chairperson** **– Bree H.**[**chair@district7area15aa.org**](mailto:chair@district7area15aa.org)

**Alt. Chair**  **– Carlos M. altchair@district7area15aa.org**

**Secretary – Kay M-H.**[**secretary@district7area15aa.org**](mailto:secretary@district7area15aa.org)

**Registrar – Ed A. registrar@district7area15aa.org**

**Treasurer – Mo P.**[**treasurer**](mailto:treasurerdistrict7@yahoo.com)**@district7area15aa.org**

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

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**Intergroup Liaison – Kelly** [**intergroupliaison@district7area15aa.org**](mailto:intergroupliaison@district7area15aa.org) **(pending approval)**

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**Treatment – Henry D.** [**treatment@district7area15aa.org**](mailto:treatment@district7area15aa.org)

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**Quarterly – Raul P.** [**picpc@district7area15aa.org**](mailto:picpc@district7area15aa.org)

**DCMs:**

**Sub District B South Cape Coral: Greg M.**

**Sub District C Fort Myers: Sorelle B.**

**Sub District K North Fort Myers: Shawna C.**

**Sub District N Spanish Language: Manolo N.**

**Sub District Q North Cape Coral: Lester B.**

**Sub District U Jaycee Park: Pete N.**

**Sub District X: Barbara B.**

**Open Sub-Districts Available**

A – Bonita Springs M – Sanibel

D – Southeast Fort Myers O − Pine Island

E/F – YANA S – NE Lee, Labelle & Clewiston

G – Fort Myers Beach W – AWOL Club

L – Lehigh Acres

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**

**Chairperson**

My name is Bree and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is Dec 2, 1988, and my home group is the Back to Basics Women’s group. The Area 15 website (area15aa.org) has been updated. There is a new section called “What’s New”. Under that is everything you need to know about the 74th GSC. Also, there is a list of all the Virtual Meetings that use the Area 15 Zoom account. This includes the review sessions for the GSC agenda items and there are also recurring committee meetings. District 7 will serve as the host committee of the July 2024 Quarterly Assembly, July 12-14, 2024 at the Westin Cape Coral Resort. Raul will be providing a committee report shortly. Mailchimp, how are we liking the distribution of email from that platform? After our last meeting, Ed and I went through the contact list and removed anyone who hadn’t opened up any of the 4 previous emails sent, cutting down the list from over 500 to just under 200 names. If you are not receiving these, please verify that they are not going into your spam/junk email folder. You can see our Registrar, Ed, to get back on the list. As of Saturday at 3:40 pm, we had a 69% open rate for the business meeting email. Everyone seems to be happy with this so we will continue to use it. Our proposed Intergroup Rep unable to attend, will table her approval until March. We still have 2 committee chair vacancies, Accessibilities and Outreach. We also have numerous DCM positions open. Please see me if you are the least bit interested in learning more about these positions. Lastly, our Finance Committee Chairperson, Greg, is ill and can’t be here today. Both of the motions (3-24 and 4-24) he was to bring forward today will be tabled until next month.

Yours in love and service, Bree H., chair@district7area15aa.org

**Alt. Chair** – Not present

**Secretary** – Present, no report

Motion to accept the January Minutes as written by Jim R., seconded by JoJoe K., passed unanimously.

**Registrar** – Verbal

**Treasurer** – Not present

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Accessibilities** – **VACANT**

**Archives** – Present after Women’s Day; Verbal

**Corrections** – Not present; report given by Corrections Committee member Vicki A.

Hello everyone, my name is Linda Steward an Alcoholic grateful to be in recovery. My sobriety date is 6/9/1992. My home group is the Courage to Change Women meeting. We meet on Tuesday at 6:00. To say I have been overloaded with information for the last few months would be an understatement. However, I believe the Corrections Committee is making a forward movement. Our current budget is $2,700.00 annually and our current balance is $2,515.70. District 7 serves 4 facilities, 2 in Lee County, 1 in Hendry County, and 1 in Glades County. We are actively recruiting new volunteers for all facilities. We especially need someone for Moore Haven Correctional Facility, the 2 members currently going to the jail are snowbirds and will be leaving soon.

We currently have 28 members of which 7 are inactive. Lee County – currently has 9 members going to the jail Monday – Thursday, offering a total of 22 meetings per month. Friday is open. We will be losing the bi-weekly Wednesday night meeting until a replacement can be found. Glades County – currently has 2 men members going to Moore Haven jail (snowbirds), offering 4 meetings per month. Hendry County – currently has 2 men and 2 women members going to the jail, offering 4 meetings per month. We have 3 new members; 1 new member is being put on the schedule to take a meeting into the jail, 1 application has been submitted to LCSO for approval, and we’ve filled 2 vacant positions (Maggie F. Secretary and Robyn D. as Female Coordinator).

We took a case of soft-cover Big Books to the Chaplin Library at Lee County for inmates. I placed another order for 10 Big Books to have on hand. Maureen requested 3 - Big Books & 3 – 12& 12 for Hendry County – Labelle Jail. We have a few more positions that we are hoping to fill soon and are actively trying to recruit new members. If anyone is interested in this vital service work, please contact me. In Service, Linda S.

**Current Practices** – Present, no report

**Finance** – Greg Mo. – Not present

**Grapevine** – Not present

**Hospitality**

SOBRIETY DATE 3/26/93, ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT FRI 5:30.

Total beginning 106.72

Hosp Expenses - 53.72

53.00

Donations + 42.00

Balance 94.00

GSR Packets: gave out 4 (2 new, 2 alts); 2/13. Ordered 10 English & 5 Spanish packets to be picked up. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE, PAT ST. O.

**Intergroup Liaison** – VACANT– Bree mentioned that Kelly was the new Liaison but she was not present so we will leave it as “pending approval”

**Literature** – Not present

**Outreach** – **VACANT**

**PI/CPC**

Hello Everyone, My name is Raul P., and I am an Alcoholic. This month our Committee got together the first Wednesday, of the month at YANA AT 7.00 pm. There are 3 members of the Committee, and 2 of us showed up. We looked at the different things that we could do for Feb- March- and April, and have worked out a plan for attracting more members to serve by going to different meetings in the area. We also have made contact with upcoming events for displaying and attending public information functions being held in March. We have been in communication with the radio spots we did in December, with the radio station and see if we can in the future run them again. We are trying to get better prices for this endeavor. We are also working on a couple of the Universities in ft. Myers for upcoming events like we did last year. Next month we will be detailing schedules for any of those events we commit to. Love& service, Raul P., PI/CPC, Chairperson

**Treatment** – Verbal by Frank (co-chair)

**Website** – Not present

**Quarterly**

Hello Everyone, Raul P. Alcoholic, we had our second Committee Meeting for our District 7 Hosting the Quarterly in July event. We met at the Awol Club, in Cape Coral, Fla. We started at 1.00 pm on a Sunday a couple of weeks ago and had most of the Committee Chairs in attendance. We were able to go through all the Committee chairs' agendas as to the preparation for the Quarterly, and I must say all The committee Chairs have done other Quarterlies before and really know what they are doing. All steps and preparations for the event and each chairperson explained how they are advancing in organizing their preparation. We will be meeting for our 3rd meeting at Awol Club in Cape Coral, on Sunday, March 10th from 1.30 pm till 3.30 pm. Please The Awol Club have their business meeting that same Sunday, at 4.00 pm, so is important that we start on time at 1.30 pm and end no later than 3.30 pm. Love&Service, R

**DCM Reports: (17 subdistricts total; 10 vacant)**

**Sub District B South Cape Coral** – Not present (Greg Mu.)

**Sub District C Fort Myers** – Not present (Sorelle B.)

**Sub District K North Fort Myers** – Not present (Shawna C.)

**Sub District N Spanish Language** – Not present (Manolo N.)

**Sub District Q North Cape Coral** – Verbal (Lester B.)

**Sub District U Jaycee Park** – Not present (Pete N.)

**Sub District X SW Ft. Myers** – Not present (Barbara B.)

Laura B., ACM for Sub District X, spoke about the Hospitality Committee for Quarterly.

**Old Business:**

* Approved motion to form ad hoc committee to host Quarterly - unanimously
* 3-24 and 4-24 were tabled till March because Greg is not present
* After a brief discussion, motion 5-24 passed unanimously
* 6-24 tabled till March because Sabine is not present
* Our Current Practices state that we will not hold Carry the Message Day on years when we host an Area Quarterly. In accordance with our current practice, this is what we are going to do for 2024.
* Possible new service positions:
  + Assembly Room & Ride Coordinator
    - a few people expressed support
    - Jim R. is interested in doing the position
    - Kay M-H volunteered to write a motion for March and will discuss with JoJoe K.
  + DCM Coordinator:
    - Lester notes that Districts with DCM Coordinators have more DCMs (discussion about which is chicken and which is egg)
    - Vicki A. volunteers to write a motion about this

**New Business:**

* Area Assembly in April
  + We reviewed the 2 motions being brought to the floor at the April Quarterly
  + Conference agenda review:
    - Down the road items will be discussed on Saturday PM instead of Sunday
    - Sunday will be dedicated to items the Delegate will be voting on

**Good and Welfare:**

Anniversaries: none

Group anniversaries:

* Sisters in Sobriety Pine Island, Fridays, March 15th - 9 am potluck
* Cape Reflections anniversary party 5 pm Tues 2/26
* Southern Women, March 8th - 5 pm potluck, bring a chair, 18 years

Announcements:

* Intergroup picnic coming, probably end of April
* New GSRs and Alt GSRs need to go to the District 7 website and fill out the form

Motion to adjourn by Raul P., seconded by Jim R. at 3:43 p.m.

**The meeting ended with the Responsibility Statement at 3:44 p.m.**

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON** **SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 2024**

**GSR Sharing at 1:00 P.M.**

**Business Meeting will start promptly at 2:00 p.m.**

**and end by 4:00 p.m.**

**Please see Registrar Ed A. if you would like the minutes mailed to you.**

District website: https://district7area15aa.org