**GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT 7**

**South FloridaArea 15**

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

**March 31, 2024**

***Business Meeting Minutes***

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

Lester B. **read AA’s 12 Traditions,** Greg Mu. **read Concept III,** Tawny S. **read from the Service Manual**

**Introduction of New GSRs and DCMs:** *New GSRs*: **Sobriety on the Shores:** Chris C., **Light at Heart:** Elizabeth T.; *New Alt GSRs*: none; *New DCM*: none; *New Alt DCM*: none

**(23) Members Attending & (18) Groups Represented:**

**Attitude Adjustment:** JoJoe K. (Current Practices Chair), Pat St.O (Hospitality, Alt GSR); **Back to Basics:** Bree H. (District Chair), Vicki A-R (GSR), **Brady Bunch:** Brian S. (GSR); **Buckingham:** Steven M. (GSR); **Clear the Air:** Bob H. (GSR); **Finance:** Greg Mo. (Fin. Chair); **Fort Myers Group:** Sorelle B. (DCM); **Jaycee Park:** Pete N. (DCM); **Lambda Drummers:** Kay M-H (District Secretary); **Light at Heart:** Elizabeth T. (GSR); **Meat and Potatoes:** Brian V. (GSR), Greg Mu. (DCM); **Men’s Recovery Cape Coral:** Lester B. (DCM); **San Carlos Park Group:** Nick S. (GSR); **Sisters in Sobriety (Fort Myers):** Mo P. (Treasurer); **Sobriety on the Shores:** Chris C. (GSR); **Southern Women:** Cindy W. (GSR), Kathie W. (Archives); **Steps to Awakening:** Tawny S. (GSR); **Walk With Purpose:** Ed A. (District Registrar); **Women of Willingness:** Shawna C. (Literature, DCM)

**4 of 5 Officers, 5 of 13 Committee Chairs or Alt, 5 DCMs or Alts, 10 GSRs, 1 Alt GSR, 0 Visitors**

**OFFICERS:**

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

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**DCMs:**

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

**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. Happy Easter to those for which that has meaning. I apologize once again for not catching that today is Easter and that we should have held this meeting last week. As we prepare to serve as the host committee of the July 2024 Quarterly Assembly, July 12-14, 2024 at the Westin Cape Coral Resort, hopefully many of the committee chairs and their members will be going to Boca Raton next weekend to gather information and do a handoff from the committee chairs for the April quarterly. Mailchimp mailings: we currently have 173 names on our distribution list. Of these we are getting around a 70% open rate, which is pretty good. 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 on the list. Our proposed Intergroup Rep is unable to attend, we will table her approval until April. 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. We have a few motions to attend to today and then we will cover the GSC agenda items. Yours in love and service, Bree H., chair@district7area15aa.org

**Alt. Chair** – Not present

**Secretary** – Present

The usual broken record stuff. Please, please remember to sign in to the attendance list so that your attendance is recorded in the minutes. If you come up to the podium to give a report, please also consider submitting a written copy for me to include in the minutes. Any amendments to the February minutes? No. Motion to accept the February Minutes as written by Shawna C., seconded by JoJoe K., passed unanimously.

**Registrar** – Verbal

**Treasurer** – Verbal

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Accessibilities** – **VACANT**

**Archives** – Present

I visited the storage unit in March after the Archives Workshop held in Orlando/Winter Park. Again some of the ceiling of the unit had fallen down. After cleaning that, we (Molly M. was with me) discovered that one of the unit sharees had moved our archives materials so that they can use the space. We have tried to block off the shelves used for important materials. Stephanie at Intergroup has offered a locked cabinet space for such articles, but until the relocation, please don’t go behind the blocked area. Molly and I continue to organize and inventory. I will attend the Quarterly April 6 Archives meeting. Grateful alcoholic, Kathie, Southern Women, Nov. 21 1982. Thanks for letting me serve.

**Corrections** – Chair not present; report given by Corrections Committee member Vicki A-R

Vicki A-R, sobriety date 10/25/86, home group Back to Basics meeting. Linda, our Corrections Chair, is out of town with a prior commitment. We continue to look for volunteers, especially for Moore Haven Correctional. The committee is small and we are trying to grow so all support is appreciated. I will attend the Assembly in Boca Raton as Linda will be out of town with a prior commitment. I will attend the Corrections meeting at the Assembly in April. In love & service, Vicki A-R.

**Current Practices** – Present; Verbal

**Finance** – Greg Mo. – Present

Good afternoon, everyone, my name is Greg Mo., Finance chair. My apologies for my absence last month - I caught the COVID virus, and thought this was one case where “passing it on” wouldn’t be appropriate. The Finance committee met right before this district meeting; there were 4 in attendance. We went over a few corrections in the 2024 budget - $300 annually for renting YANA, and $1454 annually for our storage facility. Looking at our Current Practices, our committee is 2 people shy, appointed by the Finance Chair. Anyone interested in serving on that committee please let me know; thanks! We went over the three motions on the agenda; the last one will likely be tabled as the motion maker isn’t present. The other two were unanimously approved, with a couple amendments made to motion 3-24, which I will go over under new business. And a brief note to our standing committees - we are currently about $1300.00 under budget, and while from a business sense that looks good, from a service perspective, it means we can do more, and financially support more efforts to carry our message to the still-suffering alcoholic. So please consider what actions your committee can do. Thanks!

**Grapevine** – Not present; written report submitted via email

My name is Martin C., and I am the District Grapevine Chair. I am also the GSR for the Men's Recovery Group meeting Wednesday at 8:00 PM in the Epiphany Episcopal Church on Del Prado in Cape Coral. My sobriety date is August 4, 1989. I was too late to get an ad for the monthly Grapevine Representative Zoom meeting in the March Intergroup Express. The ad will be in the Intergroup Express each month beginning in April. Consequently, there were no attendees at the March 18 Zoom meeting. (My apologies to Michele C. for providing her the incorrect Zoom password.) The next meeting held the third Monday of each month is April 15 at 6:30 PM (Zoom ID: 862 4800 5693; PW: 472738 (GRAPEV)). I was able to collect all the Grapevines and other Grapevine literature from the district archives locker. I am going through and inventorying what we have. There are still two boxes of miscellaneous Grapevine related stuff in the locker I will collect and inventory at a later date. I will have excess Grapevines at the April district meeting for those that want / need them. I am unable to attend the April quarterly as I am leaving for Niagara Falls on Friday, April 5 for the eclipse on Monday, April 8. This trip was planned before I became a GSR. I look forward to participating at the July quarterly in Cape Coral. Thanks, Martin C., Men's Recovery Group GSR, Grapevine Chair, grapevine@district7area15aa.org

**Hospitality** – Present; Verbal

**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** – Present

I’m Shawna C., a grateful alcoholic. My sobriety date is March 28, 2008. My home group is WOW Women of Willingness which meets Tuesdays 10am at Dry Palms. Area Literature Committee meets once virtually between Assemblies. District 6 Literature Committee has many resources & recordings - www.district6aa.org/Literature. Grapevine will go up 24% on 4/15/24. Was $28 going to $36. Does your Home Group have a Literature rack or area? Free today: copies of Problems Other than Alcohol. The Literature Committee is available to come to any anniversary celebrations! In love & service, Shawna C.

**Outreach** – **VACANT**

**PI/CPC** – Not present

Hi Raul recovered alcoholic, this month we have no report. Next month I will update on what we are doing. Happy Easter, Raul P, PI/CPC, Chairperson

**Treatment** – Not present

**Website** – Not present

**Quarterly** – Not present; verbal report given by Alt Chair Greg Mu.; written report submitted by Chair

Hello Everyone Raul P., Alcoholic, we have had a few meetings already on the way to the Quarterly which is being hosted by District 7. I was not able to attend the last meeting because I was out of town, but as I looked at the minutes of the meeting and spoke with the vice Chair, so far everything is in order moving forward towards our next meeting. Everyone involved in the other committee is, are so experienced in having most of them having done other successful or guiding other Quarterlies. I am so thankful for being guided by such experienced AAs, that really love Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you all for your service. Raul P, Quarterly host district 7 area 15, Chairperson

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

**Sub District B South Cape Coral** – Present; no report (Greg Mu.)

**Sub District C Fort Myers** – Present; no report (Sorelle B.)

**Sub District K North Fort Myers** – Present (Shawna C.)

I’m Shawna C., a grateful alcoholic. My sobriety date is March 28, 2008. My home group is WOW Women of Willingness which meets Tuesdays 10am at Dry Palms. This is my second rotation as the DCM for Subdistrict K, North Fort Myers. I am very pleased with the relationships I have developed. People feel comfortable approaching me with questions. Grateful to be invited to attend Dry Palms Business meetings 1st Saturday of the month. Dry Palms is not AA, but all but 2 sub-district K meetings are at Dry Palms. There are two new meetings at Dry Palms: Wednesday 6:45 Willing to Grow through the Principles & Wednesday 8pm Pit Meeting outside of DP. They have food for sale, bring a chair.

**Sub District N Spanish Language** – Present (Manolo N.)

Subdistrict N held business meetings on January 13, February 10, and March 9, 2024. Our service board met, opening the meeting from 5pm to 6pm. In attendance: Coordinator - Gregorio, DCM - Manolo, Literature - Erminio, La Viña - Jose, Treasurer - Bartolome, Secretary - Roberto, and Coffeemaker - Ruben. Group representatives: GSR 5to Paso Fort Myers - Gregorio, GSR Learning to Live Naples - Emeregildo, GSR Nueva Vida Naples - Roberto, GSR 4th of July Bonita Springs - Marco, GSR Immokalee - Ruben. 5to Paso Meetings Monday-Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, Sunday business meeting from 5pm to 6pm. Anniversary of the Subdistrict N May 19 2024. Apriendiendo a Vivir Monday to Saturday, except Thursday, from 8pm to 10pm. Nueva Vida Monday, Thursday, Saturday from 8pm to 10pm. Sunday from 6pm to 10pm. 4 de Julio Thursday and Friday from 8pm to 10pm. Immokalee Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8pm to 9:30pm. At its business meeting, the 5to Paso group agreed to give its voluntary contribution to District 7 for celebrating its anniversary, $124.

**Sub District Q North Cape Coral** – Present; no report (Lester B.)

**Sub District U Jaycee Park** – Present; no report (Pete N.)

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

**Old Business:**

* Motion 3-24 (please see March 31 2024 Agenda for text of Motion and Background). Discussion and questions. Passes unanimously.
* Motion 4-24 (please see March 31 2024 Agenda for text of Motion and Background). Discussion and questions. Passes unanimously.
* Motion 6-24 tabled until April because the motion maker is not in attendance today.
* A motion for Assembly Room & Ride Coordinator; tabled until April because language is still being drafted.
* A motion for DCM Coordinator; tabled until April because language is still being drafted.
  + This sparked lots of discussion about the roles of GSRs and DCMs, how to encourage participation in general service in our District, the difference between a meeting and a group (and the importance of general service representation in this distinction), the relatively low rate of GSR participation in our District (10-20 at any given District meeting for over 200 groups registered in the District)

**New Business:**

* Review of Motions coming up for vote at the Area Assembly in Boca Raton the weekend of April 6-7.
* Review of select Pre-Conference Agenda items. The full Agenda is available on the Area 15 website, Delegate’s Corner

**Good and Welfare:**

Anniversaries: Sorelle, March 1st, 30 years; Shawna, March 28th, 16 years; Pat St.O, March 26th, 31 years; Greg Mo., March 18th, 32 years; Kay M-H, March 26th, 4 years.

Group anniversaries:

* Meat and Potatoes

Announcements:

* None

Motion to adjourn by Greg Mo., seconded by Kay M-H at 3:58 p.m.

**The meeting ended with the Responsibility Statement at 3:58 p.m.**

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON** **SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, 2024**

**District Inventory Part I (in lieu of 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 if you would like the minutes mailed to you.**

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