

October 11, 2020 Minutes

Cooperation with Elder Community

Area 9

Present: Jerry S. (acting Chair), JD D., Grant T, Sharon S (secretary)- all present from District 8

Reviewed and accepted minutes from September 13, 2020 meeting as written.

Old Business

- Barbaradee F. has several empty racks per last meeting.
- Meeting at Archives pending.
- All activities requiring visits to Senior Citizens Centers, aging fairs, health fairs, etc. on hold per pandemic/CDC guidelines.
- JD contacted Penny at local Senior Center she said when they are open again literature would be welcome.
- Sharon will explore available approved pamphlets on aa.org pertaining to Elders that may have a problem with alcohol. GSO has pamphlets, "AA for Older Alcoholic-Never Too Late." Currently asking for stories to update this one; Sharon mentioned updated contact info with phone and internet links in pamphlet. "Do you Think You're Different?"
- Jerry emailed Accessibilities Committee at GSO in New York. Irina is GSO Accessibilities Chair - Still awaiting response. All CEC is under Accessibilities Committee GSO.
- Discussion re: Elder Communities should focus on - coordinate with Remote Communities; PI Accessibilities - combine resources? Pending response from GSO. Jerry will continue to explore and reach out to Area 9 and GSO chairs.

New Business for Consideration

- **JD will contact Penny at Crest Forest Sr. Center to discuss possibility of including pamphlet info for Elders in the routine email information she sends out.**
- **Jerry reviewed/displayed literature review of archived information 2006-2011 including:**
 - **Loners International Meeting information as a good resource, especially letter writing.**
 - **Jerry will contact Michael about past survey-inventory of area/district needs.**
 - **Jerry reaching out to district, area and GSO for further contacts and cooperation with other committees: CPC, Accessibilities, Remote, PI**
 - **Jerry reviewed and displayed- if used would need to be revised specific to our district/area: Laura Cramb lcramb@msn.com shared Area 72 eastsideaa.org Eastern Lake Washington Accessibilities Committee developed help for members who have difficulty with video conferencing for any reason.**
Need help Zooming to meetings? – Eastside AA
Did you know? All AA Zoom meetings are accessible via landline/phone only?
Permission granted to forward to I.E. Central Office, Accessibilities and Remote Committees.
Report to Area/Districts: Laura encourages sharing with all Area 09 districts/Central offices.
 - **Information from Hawaii/San Diego area pamphlets developed in the past.**
 - **Jerry reviewed several meeting directories and found no meetings listed with the Sr. designation.**
 - **Discussed many suggestions would not be currently allowed because of pandemic/CDC guidelines including visiting Sr. centers, homes, giving rides to meetings, visiting or participating in in-home meetings, presentations, etc.**
 - **Jerry discussed the <https://tinyurl.com/AAFlyers> link for current flyers and meetings and will review this for any upcoming activities specific to Elder communities and forward to group.**
 - **Discussed and thanked Jerry for wealth of information he shared today and all the effort he is making to reach our Elder Alcoholics!**

Grateful in service, Sharon S.