

GSR Report for South Coast Unity Group Business Meeting

(To be delivered Saturday, January 17, 2026)

My name is Ram B., your alcoholic Group Service Representative. This is my report from the District 8 meeting held on January 11th.

District Finances and the 2026 Budget:

The new Treasurer, Dave, presented a conservative budget for 2026. He noted that donations to the District have dropped, making current spending look unsustainable. However, the consensus is that groups have stopped donating simply because the District is sitting on an enormous stockpile of cash.

To fix this, a new **Ad Hoc Committee** was formed to figure out how to responsibly spend down this surplus on Twelfth Step work, rather than hoarding it. **I volunteered for this committee.** My goal is to ensure this money is used effectively so that groups see the value in supporting the District again.

Our Motion for a Newcomer Book Fund:

Under new business, I made the motion our group authorized: for the District to create a standing budget line item to fund books for newcomers.

The Treasurer correctly identified this as a budget item that should be considered by the new Ad Hoc committee. In keeping with the District’s own procedure, which we passed in September—to table all non-urgent business for group discussion—I made a follow-up motion to table my own motion. This passed unanimously.

This means our motion is **not defeated**. It is now a primary topic for the new Ad Hoc committee that I am a part of. The issue was raised that providing books could violate Tradition 7. I will be working within the committee to address this concern, framing it as a Twelfth Step activity for the District, not a subsidy for any single group.

District Operations:

The District is moving forward with plans to rotate meeting locations between Reedsport, Coos Bay, and Florence four times a year. I must note there was **no discussion** of providing a Zoom or Hybrid option for these meetings. This could impact accessibility for GSRs who cannot travel, and I will be monitoring this.

Service Opportunities:

The District has a critical need for trusted servants. The following positions are vacant and need to be filled immediately:

- **Alternate DCM**
- **Hotline Chair**
- **Corrections Chair**

I am asking our meeting secretaries to please continue announcing this need.

Our Group’s Needs:

Finally, I continue to remind the District that while we are solvent, our greatest need is human. We have a steady stream of raw newcomers who need guidance. I appeal to any veteran members here: your experience is needed at the Alano Club to sponsor these new members.

That concludes my report. I will keep the group informed on the progress of the budget committee.