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**Area 40 District 11 A.A.
April Minutes
4/4/15**

Attendance (by Group, Name)

644: Connie O (PI/CPC), Dave O (DCM), Lee J(PI/CPC), Rick S (GSR)

Brown Baggers: Joan C (GSR)

Downtowners: Chad NB (GSR)

Recovery: Caitrin S (GSR), Claire M (Secretary)

Serenity Seekers: Chris L (GSR)

Sunlight of the Spirit: Bob K (Treatment)

Triumphant Arch: Don M (GSR/Treasurer), Katie C (Alt DCM)

Westend: Chuck D (hotline/intergroup), Denny E (BTG), Tom H (GSR)

Opening: Dave opens meeting at 10:00am and reminds people to sign in with name and position. Connie reads Tradition 4. Connie attended a daytime meeting at a retirement home by South Park, they are thinking about setting up childcare so people with children can come. Dave wants to discuss the difference between a group and a meeting. Caitrin reads the concept 4 and talks about the right to participation. Dave encourages people who are starting new meetings to think about having them at times when there are no other meetings going on, so that people can get around to other meetings.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary- Claire reads minutes from March. Bob K has a correction for the minutes regarding treatment committee report. Correction is that there were 3 AA volunteers that attended the Rimrock meeting and 20-25 residents. Tom made motion to accept. Caitrin 2nd. Motion accepted.

Treasury- Don reads treasurer's report. Ending balance for March \$2,080.44. Don needs a copy of the minutes from Claire that states the 3 people that are going to be on the District 11 prudent reserve bank account at Western Security Bank. The 3 names for the bank account are as follows:

Dave Overturf – DCM

Don Metters – Treasurer

Katie Cerda – Alternate DCM

We have had lots of expenses and Don encourages contributions from groups. We are not strapped for cash, but we need contributions to continue to fund district. Connie makes motion to accept, Chris 2nd. Motion accepted.

AI-Anon- Not present. No proxy.

Corrections- Not present. No proxy.

Dave discusses not stepping on people's toes. Dave encourages people to let District committees handle what's going on when it's related to district committees. People need to go through the proper channels, so district can make decisions as a collective group. Don gives an example that a group was taking an event into the women's prison without going through the Corrections Committee. This kind of stuff should be taken to the district for support. If you are interested in the jail orientation, you have to fill out an application and send to the jail to get approved for orientation. People must contact Lisa C. if interested in jail orientation. YCDF orientation is April 21, at 6:30pm. Chad asks how to put up names at his group. District decides that a list should be hung up that can include first name, last initial, position and phone number of district members. Dave will create a new list. Passages orientation on April 13 @ 6pm, contact Mandi Hurr 294-9609 ext. 205. Must have a letter to get into the orientation. Please announce at groups, need women AA volunteers.

Archives- Not present. No proxy.

Treatment- Bob K. spoke with Gary about Rimrock Foundation. 2 meetings at Rimrock, Saturday night recovery meeting @ 7 pm @ Marillac Hall. 1st Tuesday of every month AA informational meeting brought in by District, Treatment/BTG. Bob K doesn't want to rock the boat at Rimrock. Katie said they have talked to Rimrock about how to frame meetings; it's up to them what they want to do with that information. Tuesday has 2 different presentations, NA in one room and AA in the other. Good turnout. 20-25 people in each one. Bob has sent Alicia 2 e-mails and she hasn't responded. Bob will continue to bring in 1st Tuesday of the month meeting. Mal will represent BTG. They hand out an AA outline and a BTG form, and they do AA 101 for an hour. Bob doesn't know who to contact for the psych center. More discussion about the totes. How many totes are accounted for? Where are the totes? Who has the totes? Let the record show that Tom never voted for the totes in the first place. Bob will have a treatment committee meeting sometime next month; will discuss the method of the totes.

PSYCH CENTER Mon 6:15-7:15p **Apr:** Recovery **May:** Brown Baggers
2950 10th Avenue N. Thur 6:15-7:15p **Apr:** Westend **May:** Recovery

Grapevine- Not present. No proxy.

PI/CPC- Met once already. Lee J. is co-chair, her and Connie got a packet from GSO and split up the duties between the two of them. Committee meeting 3rd Sunday of each month intergroup bldg. at 4pm. Will get a list of the professional organizations. Connie will get together with Travis to see about getting bulk meeting schedules. Connie spoke with the lady from the nursing home about making the meeting public, possibly having daycare so people with children can come. Dave says to be careful about singleness of purpose, liability and not affiliating AA with the facility.

CRISIS CENTER
704 N. 30th St. **Apr:** Sunlight **May:** 644

Hotline- Chuck has updated Hotline list. Hasn't had a chance to contact Luke from the area yet. Chuck will contact him this week and let him know that the list has been updated. Don't put this list on bulletin boards.

BTG- Denny has 5 people on his committee. A committee member suggested announcing BTG on transport vans and buses to meetings. 30 prospects (people requesting an AA contact) in the system. Good group of coordinators in several towns. Working with 8 different treatment centers in the state. Met with Alpha house, they were very receptive to BTG. BTG will be printed at the top of the Alpha House self-help meeting schedule. Discussion about being safe when picking up people from correctional facilities. Don asks if BTG is going into passages. Denny will contact Mick and possibly Rhonda Stennerson at Passages.

Intergroup- No intergroup meeting last month due to Founder's day. No new news.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Pre-Assembly- About 20 people attended. Centered on the General Service Conference agenda. The purpose is so delegate gets a sense of how the Area feels about topics, so that she can take that to the General Service Conference.

Spring Assembly- Dave reads list of people who are going to which break-out sessions. Still needs to know from a few people. Archives and grapevine are open. Caitrin has room for people to carpool. Dave invited Travis for intergroup sharing.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Minutes- Claire asks if we should continue to print the minutes that are provided for the GSR's at the district meeting. Bring back to groups.

District Unity - To promote unity. What can each group do to support the district as far as an event goes. Workshops, speaker events, etc... Perhaps a traveling district meeting?

IV. GROUP REPORTS

Westenders- Game nights after meeting on Friday nights. Movie night after the meeting on Saturday nights. Campfire meeting starting soon on Saturday nights.

Serenity Seekers- Chris went to the jail in Roundup this past week to take in a meeting.

V. UPCOMING EVENTS

Sa 05/09 DISTRICT 11 MEETING

F 05/15 AREA 40 SPRING ROUNDUP. Helena, 5/15-5/17.

M 05/25 Memorial Day

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to close at 12:15 from Rick S. Bob/Tom 2nd.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Corrections mtg-

Grapevine-

Treatment-

PI/CPC- 3rd Sunday @ 4 pm in the intergroup basement

Hotline-

BTG-

AD Hoc committee-