

District 11  
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**Area 40 District 11 A.A.  
August Minutes  
8/8/15**

**Attendance** (by Group, Name)

**644:** Dave O (DCM), Connie O (PI/CPC), Rick S(GSR), Derk W (visitor)

**Brown Baggers:** Joan C (GSR)

**Downtowners:** Melissa L (Alt GSR)

**Lockwood:** Geoff D (GSR)

**Main Street:** Cleve H (GSR)

**Recovery:** Caitrin S (GSR), Claire M (Secretary),  
Renee V (Corrections Co-Chair)

**Serenity Seekers:** Chris L (GSR)

**Sunlight of the Spirit:** Bob K (Treatment), Doug M (GSR)

**Triumphant Arch:** Don M (GSR/Treasurer),

**Three Legacies:** JoDee S (GSR), Susan A (Alt GSR)

**Westend:** Chuck D (Hotline/IGR)

**AI-Anon:** Deb L (District 7 Liaison)

**Opening:** Dave opens at 9:59am with the serenity prayer. Dave reads Concept 8. Bob talks about tradition 8.

**I. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Secretary-** Claire reads minutes for June. Connie makes motion to accept minutes as read. Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Treasury-** Don reads treasurer's report. District 12 did a 7<sup>th</sup> tradition bucket for District 11 to help pay for the breakfast. Don will have exact numbers on how much we spent at Fireman's Point breakfast after he talks to Katie and finds out how much we spent. Going over our postage budget because we do a lot of printing. Rick motion to accept treasury report. Susan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**Al-Anon-** The date for the Al-Anon/AA summer picnic in the park has been changed to Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. All AA and Al-Anon members and their families are invited. The picnic is at Rose Park. Activities are to include a potluck supper, games, such as horseshoes or volleyball, followed by two speakers, one from AA and a second from Al-Anon. An email has been sent to the AA district mail string which has an attached flyer.

Please announce at your AA meetings that there is an Alateen meeting on Sunday afternoon meeting at 13<sup>th</sup> and Avenue D in the basement of Peace Lutheran Church at 1:30pm. This meeting has had some teens attending on a sporadic basis. Al-Anon has volunteer members committed to keeping this meeting open and available of teens each week. It is hoped that more teens will attend and the meeting will eventually become well established.

Al-Anon information line, **406-694-5332**. It not a crisis hotline. Person who answers the phone answer questions, steers newcomers to meetings, and explains the difference between open and closed. This number is not in the phone book. Deb hands out some Al-Anon meeting lists, she will bring more meeting lists to the next district meeting. Most Al-Anon meetings are listed in the newspaper.

**Corrections-** Co-chair, Renee V., gives report. Change in jail meetings. PI/CPC and Corrections workshop in October. Women's prison needs women to sponsor women at the prison.

**Archives-** Not present. No proxy.

**Treatment-** Bob K. met with Lynette at Rimrock. She recognizes some friction with AA and Rimrock in the past, but that's the past and they want their patients to get exposure to 12 step meetings. There are other facilities associated with Rimrock where they bus people to meetings. AA and NA meeting at same time, same night, on different floors, seems to have resolved some of the friction.

Bob proposes that for the totes he handles tote transactions, so only one person is in charge. Twenty minutes of tote talk. Don makes motion to accept Bob's proposal. One GSR votes no. Minority opinion is heard. Motion passed. Bob will ask if they can leave the tote there.

**PSYCH CENTER**  
2950 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.

Mon 6:15-7:15p  
Thur 6:15-7:15p

**Aug:** 644  
**Aug:** Westend

**Sept:** Recovery  
**Sept:** Brown Baggers

**Grapevine-** No proxy. Not present. Lisa from Brown Baggers will be filling in for Carla while she is gone.

**PI/CPC-** Trying to change Al-Anon phone number in the phone book. Connie will talk to Jerry or Debbie at Cook. Connie wants to order more PI/CPC booklets. Connie will look into getting more copies of public service announcements, the Doors AA video. PI/CPC committee needs more committee members, get in touch with Connie if you are interested. Community Crisis Center meeting will be added to the meeting list. Connie encourages people to go to the nursing home meeting at Parkview. There are other nursing homes in Billings that AA can reach out to, but people need to be committed to getting these meetings started, let Connie know if you are interested in doing this.

**CRISIS CENTER**

*704 N. 30<sup>th</sup> St.*

**Aug:** Downtowners    **Sept:** 644

**Hotline-** Hotline is working. Issues with hotline dropping calls and lack of timely communication from AnswerNet. Trying to resolve issues with AnswerNet.

**Bridging The Gap-** Chair position is open. Please show up at next district meeting to stand for this position. 2 year minimum sobriety requirement.

**Intergroup-** Last meeting was in June. Talked about Cooney Campout, went well. Travis purchased books and grapevine materials for the bookstore.

**GSR's-**

**3 Legacies** – Susan will be replacing JoDee as the GSR.

**All Groups** – Discussion about if kids should be allowed in meetings.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Bridging the Gap coordinator – Need someone to fill this position.
- B. West Central Regional Forum coming up – People looking to carpool.
- C. Fireman's Point recap – Good turn-out, passed the basket for District 11 breakfast.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Service, revisited. GSR's please get information that is discussed at district out to your groups.
- B. Area Fall Assembly is coming up, make hotel reservations now.

#### IV. UPCOMING EVENTS

F	09/11	Bridging the Gap workshop	<i>Park City, UT. 9/11-9/13.</i>
F	09/11	17th Annual Men's Retreat	<i>McLeod, MT. 9/11-9/13.</i>
Sa	09/12	DISTRICT 11 MEETING	
Sa	09/12	Prison Mini Conference	<i>Deer Lodge, 12:30 - 6:30pm</i>
Sa	09/12	Flathead Valley Fall Refresher	<i>Kalispell, MT. 9/12-9/13.</i>
F	09/18	AREA 40 FALL ASSEMBLY	<i>Lewistown, MT. 9/18-9/20.</i>
		District 81 P.I. Informational	
M	09/21	Meeting	<i>Missoula, 5-7pm</i>
F	09/25	Western MT Men's Retreat	<i>Seeley Lake, 9/25-9/27</i>
F	10/02	Havre Mini-Conference	<i>Havre, MT. 10/2-10/4.</i>
F	10/09	Fall Roundup	<i>Kalispell, 10/9-10/11.</i>
Sa	10/10	DISTRICT 11 MEETING	
Sa	11/14	DISTRICT 11 MEETING	
		Deadline for Spring Assembly	
Tu	12/01	2016 Agenda Items	
Sa	12/12	DISTRICT 11 MEETING	

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to close at 12:01pm. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committees need more volunteers! Please show up to committee meetings to participate, or get in contact with the committee chair person.

Corrections mtg-

Grapevine-

Treatment-

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

Hotline-

BTG-

AD Hoc committee-