

Area 40 District 11 A.A.

February Minutes

2/14/15

Attendance (by Group, Name)

644: Connie O (*PI/CPC*), Dave O (*DCM*), Lisa C (*Corrections*), Rick M (*Alt GSR*), Rick S (*GSR*)

Brown Baggers: Joan C (*GSR*)

Downtowners: Chad NB (*GSR*),

Hardin Women's: Rebecca N (*Group Secretary*)

Recovery: Carla H (*Grapevine*), Claire M (*Secretary*)

Serenes: Kim R (*GSR/Archives*)

Serenity Seekers: Chris L (*GSR*)

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

Three Legacies: Jodee S (*GSR*)

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

Westend: Chuck D (*Hotline/intergroup*), Denny E (*BTG*), Sara G (*BTG*), Tom H (*GSR*)

Alanon: Deb L (*Liaison*)

Opening: Dave opens with serenity prayer. Introductions of everyone in the room. Dave reads 2nd tradition. Dave asks for input about what's going on with groups. Joan asks for ideas about how to get new participation at her group, people share ideas. Dave talks about unifying the district and then reads Concept 2.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary: Claire read minutes from January. Kim made motion, Jodee second. Motion passed.

DCM: Dave hands out flyers about upcoming events and such. Dave hands out some extra service manuals.

Treasury: Don reads financial information for the month of January: Expenses = \$203.70 Contributions (Income) = \$472 Net positive, ending balance = \$3091.60. Rent is paid. Money spent on easel and paper for the district. Dave asks that people make sure to turn in all receipts for district expenses, so that they can be reimbursed, and district can account for all expenses because we need to be self-supporting. Carla makes motion. Tom 2nd. Motion passed.

Al-Anon: Deb, Alanon Liaison, says the turnout for their event was about 25-30 people at the Lutheran Church, speakers and chili potluck. They intend to do this type of event where they invite AA, twice a year. They are trying to get more fellowship between AA and Al-anon. New Alateen meeting started in January at Peace Lutheran Church on Sundays at 1:30p, there are trained Alanon volunteers. Only Alateen meeting in town registered with WSO. March 4 is the founders birthday, Alanon does commemorative informational drive where they hand out literature to professional offices. Carla requests that she be able to set up the Grapevine display at the next event, Deb says absolutely. They are looking for AA speakers for their next event. Deb says feel free to come to her with any questions at all.

Corrections: Next mtg on March 8 @ 10 am in intergroup building, will be talking about unity in corrections and putting together a committee to put together some type of volunteer program to make sure everyone is on the same page. Lisa sent out e-mails to corrections volunteers. Everyone welcome to show up to the meeting. Carla says that she was not let in to a facility for 45 minutes. Lisa says she has had phone calls about meetings being cancelled. Don says that we are guests in the facilities.

Archives: Duties include getting copy of minutes and event flyers and giving them to Area Archivist. 2 year sobriety requirement.

Treatment: Bob K says they brought a mtg into Rimrock the beginning of February. He drafted AA 101 outline mostly from pamphlets and some from his sponsor. 20 residents attended mtg. The meeting is about what AA is and is not. Next mtg March 3. 1st Tuesday of every month at 7pm. Looking for volunteers, must contact Bob, he organizes the mtg. BTG representative at each meeting. Bob has not heard back from Alicia at Rimrock. He will contact her again. Missing 2 totes. Katie has 1. Call Bob if you have a tote.

PSYCH CENTER *Mon 6:15-7:15p* **FEB:** Triumphant Arch **MAR:** 3 Legacies
2950 10th Avenue N. *Thur 6:15-7:15p* **FEB:** Westend **MAR:** Downtowners

Grapevine: Carla H says there is grapevine subscription special 1 year \$24.97. Trying to boost subscriptions and win the 2015 subscription challenge. Past subscribers get a discount. 365 inspirational daily quote book available for \$10.99. Quotes contributed by AA members. Aagrapevine.org. Carla will have Grapevine display up at Founder's Day.

PI/CPC: Position Vacant. Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community. Committee puts literature out in the community and they interact with community professionals

Policies & Procedures Ad Hoc Committee: Don explains that they have gathered a lot of information including info from Archives from 1989-2014. They are trying to organize this info to make a policies and procedures manual. Still working on the draft that they will give to GSR's to take back to the groups and get input and then eventually GSR's will vote on passing the manual. The hope is to outline how district operates so that we have a reference point.

Don asks for committee chairs to give them an outline of their positions to put in the manual.

CRISIS CENTER
704 N. 30th Street **FEB:** Recovery **MAR:** 644

Hotline: Chuck hands out hotline sheets. 1 year minimum sobriety requirement for people who sign up. Chuck will pick up sheets at the end of the month or early March. Everyone should sign up, even if you have signed up before. It is important to put available times on there. Let Chuck know if you want an information sheet about how to take hotline calls.

BTG: Denny has 21 prospects (*people leaving the facility*). Temporary Contacts (*AA temporary contact*). Positive feedback from people. Problems with trying to contacts prospects at Alpha. Denny will look into how to improve that. Denny will be at mtg at Alpha on Sunday. Dave says to be careful about stepping on people's toes at facilities and go through proper channels.

Sara is working on BTG with Denny. They are verifying information and updating the BTG list. Call Denny and Sara with questions. Pamphlets and information are available.

Hardin women's group open discussion group meets Thursdays at 5:30p. 4th Thursday of the month is a speaker mtg. March speaker is Caitrin S. 220 3rd St. W. (*Triumphant Arch Group will be taking a traveling meeting to Hardin on March 6. Contact Don M for more info.*)

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II. OLD BUSINESS

Elections: Connie is standing for PI/CPC position. Connie gives service history. All GSR's in favor of Connie O becoming PI/CPC chair. Kim is standing for Archives chair, gives her service history. All GSR's in favor of Kim becoming Archives chair. All district 11 positions are now filled.

Budget: 2 formats for the budget, break-out or no break-out. 1 in favor of break-out format. 7 in favor of no break-out. 2 abstaining. No break-out format wins with a quorum.

Prudent Reserve: to have one or not. Don reads motion regarding prudent reserve. Rick 2nd motion. Open a separate savings account and put an amount voted upon by GSR's into account each month. Prudent reserve of 6 months of operating expenses. The history does not show that District has ever had a prudent reserve. It is suggested that we vote on a certain percentage to come out of monthly income into the prudent reserve. Kim makes amendment to take 10% of income each month and put into prudent reserve. Dave would like to amend that all voting members can vote and not just GSR's on this matter. Motion 2nd by Rick. 10 vote in favor of passing the amended motion. We now have a budget for 2015 and a prudent reserve. Contributions won't start until next month.

Area 40 Committees: Don M stood to represent District 11 on Area 40 Finance committee. JoDee S stood to serve on Area 40 Literature Committee. Thanks for stepping up!

III. NEW BUSINESS

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Lisa asks about sending 2 committee members to Area Assembly paid for by District 11 and they will rotate each assembly. No motion is made.

Dave made outline of District 11. How best to carry the message to outlying communities? What events and workshops can we do to promote unity and enthusiasm?

12:10 Tom made motion to close. Rick 2nd.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Corrections: March 8 @ 10am intergroup building

Ad Hoc Policies & Procedures: February 17 @ 7pm intergroup building (*every other Tues*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

F 3/8 28th Annual Sober Ski. Whitefish, 3/6-3/8
Sa 3/14 DISTRICT 11 MEETING
Sa 3/14 Pre-Assembly (District 11). American Lutheran Church, 12-3pm.
F 3/20 19th Pockets Of Enthusiasm . Helena, 3/20-3/21.
Sa 4/4 **DISTRICT 11 MEETING.** Regular mtg conflict with Area Assembly
F 4/10 **AREA 40 SPRING ASSEMBLY. Lewistown, 4/10-4/12**
Sa 4/11 12 Step Study. Great Falls, 10/10 - 10/12
Sa 5/9 DISTRICT 11 MEETING
F 5/15 AREA 40 SPRING ROUNDUP. Helena, 5/15-5/17
M 5/25 *Memorial Day*
W 6/10 AA Founder's Day. Akron, OH
Sa 6/13 DISTRICT 11 MEETING
W 7/1 *Deadline for Fall Assembly 2015 Agenda Items.*
Th 7/2 INTERNATIONAL AA CONVENTION. Atlanta, GA. 7/2-7/5