

AREA 40 DISTRICT 11 A.A.

January 12, 2015

meeting minutes

ATTENDANCE *(by Group, Name)*

644: Dave O *(DCM)*, Lisa C *(Corrections)*, Rick S *(GSR)*

Downtowners: Chad NB *(GSR)*, Luis R

Recovery: Caitrin S *(GSR)*, Mike D *(proxy District Secretary)*

Serenes: Kim R *(GSR)*

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

Three Legacies: JoDee S *(GSR)*

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

Westend: Chuck D *(Hotline)*, Tom H *(GSR)*

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary- Mike D sat in for Claire who is on her Honeymoon in Hawaii! Mike provided the Minutes for last month's meeting. Rick S made a motion to accept the Minutes as read, Kim R 2nd. Motion passed.

DCM- Dave provided informational handouts for District 11. Welcomed all of our new trusted servants, and went over some general housekeeping items pertaining to the District 11 business meeting. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2931 Colton Blvd. Dave, Katie, and Don will be out visiting all of our District's groups. They will be happy to help in any way possible if anybody has any need for services. They will also be doing outreach for District 11, providing info and communication.

Treasury- Don provided a spend down report for District 11 the month of Dec 2014. We have had a welcomed increase in contributions, and we are doing well with funds. Some group contributions have already been received, and Don will be making a deposit on Monday. Luis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion carries.

Al-Anon- There was no Al-Anon Liaison present.

Corrections- Lisa C reported that she held her first committee mtg on Jan 4th. There were 29 present, we talked about how the committee is serving well, and ways we can grow to be of maximum service. A few points of interest: We definitely need more volunteers, this is the biggest concern! We also need to work on having better communication to the groups/membership about what is going on with Corrections. Lisa talked about possibly buying pocket size books for facilities instead of full Big Books, since they are about half the price. She would also like to put together a list of people who are interested in volunteering to carry meetings into facilities so she can update them with info and orientations as they come up! Contact Lisa C (406)696-7946.

Archives- We are still in need of an Archives Chair. If interested, you must show up at the District mtg.

Treatment- Bob has been trying to get in touch with Alisha at Rimrock to talk about the monthly AA info mtg we bring in on the 1st Tue of each month at 7:00pm. Bob would like to get some volunteers to help facilitate this AA 101 each month, 2 years sobriety required. Contact Bob K. (406)855-6922. Bob will also be establishing a contact with an administrator at the Psyche Center. A note for groups who take commitment for the Psyche Center: each month we need to bring the totes back to the District mtg so they can be passed on for the next group! Thank you!

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PSYCH CENTER 2950 10th Avenue N.	MON 6:15-7:15pm	JAN: Downtowners	FEB: Triumphant Arch
	THU 6:15-7:15pm	JAN: Westend	FEB: 644

Grapevine- Carla was not present.

PI/CPC- We still have a need for PI/PCP Chair. Caitrin shared about her service on the District 1 Area 28 PI/CPC committee. They had a training session for all volunteers. She helped provide handouts of pamphlets to professional's offices. She also helped provide AA info presentations upon request at public schools etc.

Crisis Center Sat 10:00am- Jan: Brownbaggers Feb: Recovery

CRISIS CENTER 704 N. 30th Street	SAT 10-11am	JAN: Brown Baggers	FEB: Recovery
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Hotline- Chuck D is happy to be serving as the new Hotline Chair, and will be beginning the work to update our hotline contact info.

Bridging the Gap- Denny E was not present. Dave gave some general info on BTG. What BTG does is help people who will be leaving Correctional and Treatment facilities get in touch with some BTG volunteers in the community where they will be going to. We get the contact info from the residents requesting this service, pass it on to the coordinator at their destination. That coordinator will make sure somebody on his committee makes the contact with the person returning to the community when they get back home, and take them to a few local mtgs, introduce them to AA.

Intergroup – Chuck D: Intergroup Positions have all been filled with candidates who meet the sobriety requirements. This was mostly accomplished by re-election. Travis will be serving another rotation as Intergroup Chair, and he is also the Bookstore Chair again. John has also been re-elected to serve as the Treasurer for another rotation. Secretary is Lindsay. Chuck D is the Liaison. These are all 2 year positions. Wayne is the new Special Events Chair, which is a one year commitment. The Christmas party was very well attended, lots of fun, thank you to all who participated!

II. OLD BUSINESS

Elections: Brian B will be standing for PI/CPC. We will consider his nomination in Feb, so if anybody else is interested they must be present. Kim R will be considering Archives, tentative for Feb as well.

2015 Budget: Don wants to hear feedback from the groups about the layout of his monthly statement. Downtowners has an issue with the spending on Big Books. A couple more groups share the same concern. Also, he wants to know how many groups are in favor of establishing a prudent reserve, and setting aside these funds in a second account. A motion will be necessary to do this. We currently only use an operating budget, and do not have any separate reserve set aside in case of emergency. Do we want to set aside a prudent reserve? How much money do we need to set aside? What is our plan to set aside these funds, do we put aside a small amount each month? Don would like to perhaps set aside a pooled budget for committees rather than a separate budget number specific to each committee. This would allow us to have a number of funds allocated, but will not over inflate our annual budget which makes it seem like we are always low on funds, when we really have enough to get by. Money is a tool which enables our trusted servants to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic. We want to make sure our committees have what they need to be active with their commitments. Please be ready to vote on these items next month, as we have already allowed 2 months to get the info out to groups.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Area 40- Area 40 has committee assignments for voting members of all Area 40 Standing Committees. Each DCM is assigned to a committee out of the hat. Each District is also assigned to provide representatives to serve on other standing committees as well. Each committee has 5 voting members including the chair. Dave O will be serving on the PI/CPC Committee. District 11 was also assigned to provide a rep for the Finance Committee, and the Literature Committee. Dave would like GSR's to consider volunteering for these assignments for this rotation (2015-16)

WCRSC- Dave will be attending the service conference in Norfolk, NE at the end of Feb. He is making travel arrangements with Area 40 DCM's and Committee Members.

District 11 Business- Dave would like to create some business cards for District 11 with some helpful contact info. He has shared 3 drafts with us, and asked for our input.

Proposed Agenda Item: Lisa C has proposed an agenda item to allow District Standing Committee Chairs to attend the Area 40 Assemblies. She suggests that 2 Committee Chairs travel with DCM per Assembly, alternating between Spring and Fall. This way they may all get an opportunity to participate without incurring unreasonably high expense to the District. Some discussion followed: Many expressed how this could be a helpful plan to allow our District Chairs to be very active, and learn from the vast experience of trusted servants present at the Assembly. We talked about ways we could make this happen in the most economical fashion: car pooling, sharing hotel rooms, etc. We will revisit this item next month.

Group Surveys- Dave sent out some group surveys, please share with your group, and return next month

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Does anybody have a business item they would like to submit to District 11? If there is anything you would like the district to consider, you can send your requests through your GSR, or to the DCM.

Group Reports (changes, highlights, announcements, requests)

Downtowners: We have mtgs at noon and 8:00pm everyday. Sundays there is a mtg at 10am. The attendance is doing very well.

3 Legacies: meets Mon and Thu at 7pm. First Thu is speaker mtg, last Thu is a Step or Tradition mtg.

Serenes: women's group meets at Mayflower Church on rehberg and poly. First mtg of month is the Step of the month, last mtg is the Tradition of the month. The other mtgs are all discussion mtgs.

Recovery: Meets Mon-Fri at 8pm. Wed mtg starts at 7:30 speaker mtg. Friday early bird mtg at 6:30am. The group sponsors a women's retreat Jan 30-Feb 1st. Men's Retreat Feb 27-March 1st. The group is having some financial issues, and will be holding a special steering committee to discuss possibility of moving, and continuing to provide babysitting.

Sunlight:

Westend: meets everyday at noon, and 8pm. 3rd sunday is speaker mtg. Last sat is a potluck at 6pm followed by 8pm mtg. Come join us! Just sent contributions to District 11, Intergroup, Area 40, and GSO.

V. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Upcoming events with District Committees are as such:

Archives:

Bridging the Gap:

Corrections:

Grapevine:

Hotline:

PI/CPC:

Treatment:

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn at 11:55 am, seconded, and carried.

Next District Meeting: Sat February 14th 10:00 am