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**Area 40 District 11 A.A.
June Minutes
6/13/15**

NO DISTRICT MEETING IN JULY

Attendance (by Group, Name)

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

Brown Baggers: Joan C (GSR)

Downtowners: Matt H (Alt GSR)

Recovery: Caitrin S (GSR), Carla H (Grapevine), 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), Katie C (Alt DCM)

Westend: Denny E (BTG), Sara G (BTG), Tom H (GSR)

Al-Anon: Deb L (District 7 Liaison)

Opening: Dave opens meeting at 10am. Passes around flyers. Flyers are available to print on Area 40 website. Tradition 6 is Chris. Concept 6, Dave/Don.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary- Claire reads minutes from May. Motion. Caitrin 2nd.

Treasury- Don gives treasurers report for May. Prudent reserve is set up. \$100 from general fund used to open the account. As long as we maintain \$100 balance there is no cost for the prudent reserve account. Otherwise, if we go below there is a \$2.20 charge. Ending balance for May = \$1973.56. We do a lot of printing and postage. Contributions from groups are appreciated. We haven't spent any money on committee work yet. Committees who are planning events should come to district with a proposal on how much money they need for

their event. Fireman's Point is coming up, district does the breakfast. Money for the breakfast is already set aside in the annual budget. Bob motion. Connie 2nd.

Al-Anon- Deb L. reports that summer picnic in the park is being planned for Saturday, August 15th. All AA and Al-Anon members and their families are invited. Location being planned for is Rose Park. A flyer will be distributed upon confirmation of some remaining details. Activities are to include a potluck lunch, games, such as horseshoes or volleyball, followed by two speakers, one from AA and a second from Al-Anon.

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

The phone number 657-0776 listed in the DEX phone book as Al-Anon. This is not an Al-Anon number. It is connected to AA. Al-Anon District 7 officers have asked Deb to relay this request to have the label 'Al-anon' removed from this phone number.

Corrections- Next meeting is last Sunday in June, 6/28 at 10am. New co-chair is Renee. New secretary is Justin C. Possible Corrections workshop in August or September. Mini conference at MSP in September, deadline for applications has already passed. New approved men volunteers at the jail. Some gang violence at the jail, which is causing meetings to be cancelled at the last minute. Medium/minimum security issue for the women's side of the jail has been resolved. Working on trying to get women's meeting at YCDF jail at an earlier time. Lisa still has lots of books if anyone needs them.

Archives- Not present. No proxy report.

Treatment- Bob K. sent an e-mail to Lynette at Rimrock, since Alicia hasn't responded to his e-mails. Rimrock meeting is going smoothly. Mix of male and female AA members. So far, so good. Hand out, AA 101 leaflet. A number of Treatment volunteers, but no formal committee. No answer for the tote problem yet. 10 minutes of tote discussion.

PSYCH CENTER	Mon 6:15-7:15p	July: Westend	August: 644
2950 10 th Avenue N.	Thur 6:15-7:15p	July: Brown Baggers	August: Westend

Grapevine- Carla H. shows this month's grapevine, prison issue. Grapevine has new calendars for 2016; pocket calendar and regular size calendar. Quote of the day subscription online. They send you a grapevine quote every day. Subscription competition is still on until the end of the year, started in January 2015. The area with the most subscriptions gets a special section in 2016 grapevine or La Vina. They will use stories from that area or state. Talk to groups about

buying a subscription for an institution. Language of the Heart audio edition is now available. Grapevine products available at grapevine.org.

PI/CPC- Connie O. and Lee J. still need volunteers for their committee. They have begun recruiting volunteers. Nursing home meeting going well, they will see if other nursing homes would like AA meetings. Working on outreach with Hardin. Dave suggests doing more outreach with small towns.

CRISIS CENTER

704 N. 30th St.

July: Recovery **August:** Downtowners

Hotline- Not present. No proxy report.

Bridging The Gap- Going well. Denny needs to resign the BTG chair position. Need a new BTG chair, please come to the next District business meeting if you are interested in standing for this position. Compiling a pretty good list of contacts. The men's contact list is stronger than the women's. GSR's please encourage women to be sign-up on the list to be an AA contact for someone getting out of an institution and introduce them to AA. Some problems with making contact in Alpha House, pay phone or front desk phones only. Sara will get a new sign-up sheet to the groups. Sara will remain as assistant to BTG and will be added to district phone list.

Intergroup- Not present. No proxy.

GSR's- Check Area 40 website to verify meetings. Please transmit the information that we discuss at the district business meetings to your groups.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Policies and Procedures Manuals- Committee is almost done with the manual. Hopefully by next district meeting it will be ready to go to the groups for input and feedback. District feels that committees should be able to vote on their own co-chairs.

Agenda proposal- Wording has changed a bit, but the concept is the same. Don makes a motion that we as a district send in the Area 40 agenda item as proposed on the form. Caitrin 2nd. All GSR's vote in favor. Motion passed.

Business cards- Cards have district and AA contact info. Committee chairs let Dave know if you would like some cards to hand out.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Outreach- We need to get out to other communities in our district and check in with AA.

Fireman's Point- District cooks breakfast on Sunday morning at the campout. Come campout and help us cook breakfast.

July District Meeting- Don makes motion to cancel July district meeting. Doug 2nd. Motion passed. No district meeting in July.

International Conference- Coming up July 2-5. Carol C. and Terry M. are both speaking on panels at the conference. Dave O. chairing a meeting.

IV. GROUP REPORTS

Downtowners- Softball, Sundays at noon at Optimistic Park. Show up and play.

Recovery Group- Beartooth coming up July 17, 18, 19. No more babysitting at all.

Triumphant Arch- Passages volunteers please let the Passages women know that there is still an open AA meeting on Tuesdays at 7pm at the Friendship house. Friendship house added a new room, so the meeting room may change, look for the AA symbol and you will find the meeting.

Westend- During the Summer: game night on Friday at 9pm, Movie night Saturdays at 9pm, Fri & Sat are family nights, campfire meetings are starting. Last Saturday of the month at 6pm are birthday nights.

V. UPCOMING EVENTS

W 07/01 *Deadline for Fall Assembly 2015 Agenda Items.*

Th 07/02 **INTERNATIONAL AA CONVENTION. Atlanta, GA. 7/2-7/5.**

Th 07/02 **Big Book Study. Kalispell, MT. 7/2-7/4.**

Sa 07/11 **DISTRICT 11 MEETING**

F 07/17 **Beartooth Mountain Conference. McLeod, MT. 7/17-7/19.**

F 07/31 **Fireman's Point (District 12). Columbus, MT. 7/31-8/2.**

Sa 08/08 **DISTRICT 11 MEETING**

Sa 08/08 **Hot Springs ODAT Group Campout. Rainbow Lake, MT. 8/8-8/9.**

F 08/21 **West Central Regional Forum. Casper, WY. 8/21-8/23.**

F 08/21 **Lower Yellowstone Soberfest. Glendive, MT. 8/21-8/23.**

F 09/11 **Bridging the Gap workshop. Park City, UT. 9/11-9/13.**

Sa 09/12 **DISTRICT 11 MEETING**

Sa 09/12 **MSP Mini Conference. Deer Lodge, MT.**

Sa 09/12 **Iathead Valley Fall Refresher. Kalispell, MT. 9/12-9/13.**

F 09/18 **AREA 40 FALL ASSEMBLY. Lewistown, MT. 9/18-9/20.**

F 10/02 **Havre Mini-Conference. Havre, MT. 10/2-10/4.**

F 10/09 Fall Roundup . *Kalispell, 10/9-10/11.*

Sa 10/10 DISTRICT 11 MEETING

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to close at 11:55am. 2nd.

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- 6/28, Sunday @ 10am in the intergroup building

Grapevine-

Treatment-

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

Hotline-

BTG-

AD Hoc committee-