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**Area 40 District 11 A.A.  
May Minutes  
5/9/15**

**Attendance** (by Group, Name)

**644:** Dave O (DCM)

**Brown Baggers:** Wayne R

**Downtowners:** Chad NB (GSR)

**Recovery:** Carla H (Grapevine), Claire M (Secretary, Fill-in GSR)

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

**Sunlight of the Spirit:**

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

**Three Legacies:** Brandon M (Alt GSR)

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

**Opening:** Dave opens at 10:03am and passes out event flyers. The flyers can also be found on aa-montana.org website. Chad NB opens sharing on Tradition 5. Don opens sharing on Concept 5.

**I. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Secretary-** Claire reads minutes from April. Brandon makes motion to accept minutes as read, Kim 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Treasury-** Don gives treasurers report for April. Don is learning that we spend a lot on printing and postage. May 2015, beginning balance of \$2054.56. Don has received much appreciated contributions. He is now keeping track of contributions by group. Will not be posted anywhere, but you can call Don if you would like information about the report. Don received minutes with

names from Claire and will open prudent reserve account in May. Brandon makes motion to accept report as read, Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

**Al-Anon-** Not present. No proxy. Deb L. is al-anon contact.

**Corrections-** Not present. Lisa dropped off flyer for women's prison orientation. Corrections committee meeting May 17, 10 am, intergroup building. Still looking for a co-chair. Dave participated in the men's retreat with 8 other AA members at YCDF. Discussed the steps with the inmates, good participation. Only 11 AA members at jail orientation. GSR's make sure information about orientations is getting back to the groups. Corrections/Treatment workshop in Helena on May 30. Flyer is on AA-montana.org website.

**Archives-** Kim R. got packet about Archives information from GSO.

**Treatment-** Proxy report from Bob K. He met with Jessica E, the Area 40 treatment chair. There were three other District treatment chairs at the meeting plus one BTG chair. They discussed different ways that AA is being brought in to treatment facilities around the state. Jessica is going to type up all the ideas and proven methods and distribute the memo to all Treatment and BTG chairs in Area 40.

**PSYCH CENTER**      Mon 6:15-7:15p    **May:** Brown Baggers    **June:** Recovery  
2950 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.    Thur 6:15-7:15p    **May:** Recovery      **June:** Triumphant Arch

**Grapevine-** Carla says to go onto grapevine website to check out new books. Special on popular book "No Matter What". Carla will leave some copies of grapevine magazine to use for events and such. Grapevine subscription contest is still going on. Dave encourages people to bring any old copies of Grapevine to district. Don says that groups can order Grapevine subscriptions as well. Grapevine subscriptions can be sponsored for facilities as well. Roundup is looking into having a La Vina subscription.

**PI/CPC-** Proxy report from Connie O. The first outreach AA meeting has been established at Park Care Center, 600 S. 27<sup>th</sup> St. It meets every Saturday at 6:30pm in the second floor conference room. The meeting has attracted residents, neighbors, and supportive AA members from around the city. The first Group Conscience meeting will be May 16. Thanks Travis for your help in this process! Sometimes it seems like the message spreads slowly...but it spreads the way it is supposed to. Please announce this new meeting at your home group.

There have been NO new volunteers for the PI/CPC Committee. Lee and Connie plan to continue as a two person committee, but the progress will be slower than if we get some help. GSR's please announce this service opportunity at your meetings. Encourage your members and sponsees to call Connie at 855-3735 to learn about this opportunity.

**CRISIS CENTER**  
704 N. 30<sup>th</sup> St.    **May:** 644    **June:** Sunlight of the Spirit

**Hotline-** Chuck says please do NOT put hotline contact info sheets from last district meeting on your bulletin boards. If anyone is interested in being on the hotline that did not get their name on the last sign-up sheet, contact Chuck and he will add you. Chuck spoke with AnswerNet lady about how calls are handled. They are respectful of anonymity. Brandon M. cautions directly contacting AnswerNet and suggests calling Luke, Area 40 PI chair.

**BTG-** Denny E. says things are going well. Some issues in the ranks, Denny wants to make sure no one falls through the cracks. Denny is meeting with Alpha house next week, there has been a drop in communication. All communication for Alpha house and BTG will be between Bryce (alpha employee) and Denny. Need volunteers for BTG committee. BTG e-mail is set-up.

**Intergroup-** Cooney camp-out in July. Westend is contributing chicken for Saturday night. Bring potluck side dish. Bookstore is doing well. Christmas party will be at the Shrine next year. Carla asks how to update the meeting list. Chuck says contact Travis K about meeting list.

**GSR's-** Go online to aa-montana.org, look at group meeting information and make sure it is accurate.

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

**Area Assembly-** Input from first timers.

## **III. NEW BUSINESS**

**Website-** Brandon M is new Area 40 webmaster, indefinitely. He says that there is a place on the website to put District events.

**Business Cards/Poster-** Dave made district business cards. Shows AA structure, websites, phone numbers, mailing address, time and place of district meetings. Claire will send one out with the minutes. Useful for PI/CPC to hand out to people. Used DCM budget to print 1,000 cards. What about putting up cards on bulletin board where community info is posted? District 11 posters to hang up at group.

**Agenda Item Proposal-** Don has filled out a form to submit an agenda item to area to make a change to the Policies and Procedures. Currently, there is no rule about people taking several positions at area, so Don is proposing that a person can only sit on one committee at a time during the Area rotation. Exceptions are that Area Chair can also be Alternate Delegate, and Treasurer is the Chair of the financial committee. GSR's take back to groups to see if they have any suggestions or changes.

**Unity/Traditions Event-** Some type of tradition event where each group takes a tradition and speaks on it?

#### **IV. GROUP REPORTS**

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

**Recovery Group-** No more babysitting at all.

**Westend-** 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**

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to close at 12:06 from Brandon, Kim 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Corrections mtg- 5/17, Sunday @ 10am in the intergroup building

Grapevine-

Treatment-

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

Hotline-

BTG-

AD Hoc committee-