

District 11 Meeting Minutes

10 April 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:58 a.m. by DCM Lynne W. followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Isabelle read the 12 Traditions.

The GSR's/Alternate GSR's from the following eight groups were present: 644, 848, Brown Baggers, Downtowners, Recovery Group, Serenes, Sunlight of the Spirit, and West End.

GROUP REPORTS:

Each group announced their meeting times. Lynne committed to updating the website.

Downtowners – Softball starts next Sunday at noon at South Park (South Broadway, 6th Ave. South). All equipment will be supplied.

West End – There will be potluck/ barbecue at the West End on April 24.

644 – Is now open with no restrictions.

848 – There are no restrictions. Attendance is up again to about 18 or 20 people. They are good meetings with newcomers. There is a zoom meeting at noon every day separate from the in-person meeting.

Brown Baggers – They are doing well and wearing masks. The 12:10 meeting is a rotating 12 x 12 and Big Book study.

Recovery Group – Every meeting is a hybrid (in-person and zoom) meeting. The Beartooth Mountain Conference is August 13 – 15. 180 participants will be welcomed. Sign-up sheets are available at the Recovery Group meetings.

Sunlight of the Spirit – Meetings are held in the Downtowner's space and are going as usual.

Serenes – Serenes is doing well. They are dividing our meeting space between the mask-wearing social distancing members and non-distancing, non-mask wearing members.

The **Veterans** meeting is Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at the Vet Center on Enterprise Avenue and Overland. Attendance has dropped off.

Great Reality meeting – The Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday meetings at 7 PM are still all on-line. There are discussions about moving to in-person meetings. The likely location is the First Congregational Church.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Karen T. read the March meeting minutes. Diane moved to accept the minutes as read; Amelia seconded the motion. M/C Unanimously

TREASURER’S REPORT

Available Balance: \$6208.20
Prudent Reserve: \$2120.07

Rent was paid. Group contributions in March were \$750.00.

Dan will pay the Recovery Group for the use of their facility for the Area Assembly after the meeting.

Amelia moved to accept the Treasurers Report as read; Diane seconded. M/C Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Al-Anon – No report

Corrections – A jail orientation will be held at the Hope United Methodist Church on Monday at 244 Wicks Ln at 7:00 PM.

Volunteer activities will start at the Montana Women’s Prison on April 26. If you have questions, please contact the Religious Activity Coordinator Suzanne Moran at 406-247-5156 or Associate Warden Mike Moorman at 406-247-5154.

Alpha house will soon be open for meetings also.

Treatment – Dave has not heard back from New Day or the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch.

Psych Center 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.---They would like you to be there by 6:00 p.m.

April Mondays: Recovery

April Thursdays: 848

May Mondays: Downtowners

May Thursdays: 644

Crisis Center (Saturday – 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.) in May: Recovery

Grapevine – Spencer is working on gathering a list of sober living houses.

PI/CPC – No Chairperson

Bridging the Gap – Stephen brought Bridging the Gap business cards. The cards are designed to be given to professionals to direct them to an on-line page. When people are leaving a facility, treatment center, hospital, rehabilitation center, nursing home, etc. the professionals will go to the website to fill out the form on the page. The Corrections and Treatment Chairs, and Stephen are responsible for distributing the cards, but anyone can deliver them. The cards should **NOT** be given to patients but given to the facility to fill out with permission from the patient.

Copied from the Area 40 AA website: “...A member of A.A. will accompany the BTG participant to their first few A.A. meetings, taking them around to meet other A.A. members and visit groups. This same member will introduce the BTG participant to other A.A. members, and will explain the difference between open, closed, discussion meetings, book study groups, and will provide a local A.A. meeting schedule. They will introduce the BTG participant to our conference approved books and brochures (especially the Big Book). They will explain what group membership is, and the importance of having a home group. They will talk about sponsorship.”

Archives – Billings A.A story has been updated and was given at Founders Day.

Hotline – Wade reported 9 calls for the month of March. All calls were answered. All callers were looking for meetings. This morning he got a call from someone looking for a meeting who went to one that was posted on the web site but there was no meeting. It is imperative to update the website.

Hotline in May –848 is responsible for delegating one female and one male to answer the hotline in May.

Intergroup – No liaison – The Cooney Campout is July 16, 17, 18, 2021. No date for Fireman’s Point yet.

OLD BUSINESS

Grasshopper – Without a PI/CPC chairperson, we are not ready to go forward with Grasshopper.

Follow-up on Area Assembly – General Discussion:

Contact information for Connie Robinson, Area 40 delegate is free2b722@gmail.com. We have her permission to use this address. You can also email her from the Area 40 website. Lisa liked meeting as a group. The literature agenda items were overwhelming, and some seemed redundant.

Jim brought up the GSR Orientation and if there are other workshops that could be offered. Lynn will follow up with this suggestion. Aside: The Big Horn Resort did not charge for the Pre-Assembly because their technology was not up to par.

The only vote was on who will be the Area Web Master. The Fall Assembly (Sept 17, 18,19) is slated to be in Great Falls. Perhaps there will be a hybrid meeting of in-person and virtual. Some groups are now designating a tech person.

Lynne is always open to suggestions as to how to proceed.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting minutes: Dave moved for the secretary to read the minutes from committee reports down; Seconded by Amelia. M/C Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Amelia moved to close the meeting; Dan seconded. M/C Unanimously

The secretary requests that chairpersons submit their reports to her in writing. Thank you!

Meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m. Meeting closed with Responsibility Statement.

Next District Meeting: May 8, 2021 at 10 a.m. at the West End