

District 11 Meeting Minutes

13 March 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 by DCM Lynne W. followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The GSR's/Alternate GSR's from the following groups were present: 644, Brown Baggers, Lockwood, Recovery Group, Serenes, Sunlight of the Spirit, West End.

HOME GROUP REPORTS

644 is going well; nothing major to report. Tomorrow they will be meeting to discuss covid changes – whether masks will be mandatory and whether capacity can be increased. They had the bookstore last month and it went well. 644 is responsible for the panel “Focusing on AA Service Basics” at Founder’s Day.

Sunlight of the Spirit meets 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 17 N 31st St.

The Lockwood group meets Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at 1911 Highway 87 East (Hope Lutheran Church)

West End proxy report given by Brian – West End is responsible for the Founder’s Day panel “Looking in the Rearview Mirror-Collecting Stories.” They are focusing their meetings on alcoholism – some push back but it is going well.

Brown Baggers has the Bookstore and Crisis Center in March. They are recruiting members to participate in service work rather than relying on the same people. Brown Baggers is responsible for the panel, “Attracting Rather than Promoting” for Founder’s Day. Meetings are well attended and they are sticking to Covid guidelines.

Recovery Group is doing the same hybrid meetings in person and zoom. They have had a lot of newcomers. At Founder’s Day they are doing the panel “Clear Vision for Singleness of Purpose”.

Serenes – Karen introduced Chachi who is the new GSR for Serenes. All is serene at Serenes.

***Meg moved to accept the reports/Brian seconded. M/C Unanimously*

Secretary’s Report:

Karen T. read the February meeting minutes.

*** Motion made to accept the minutes as read / seconded. M/C Unanimously*

Treasurers Report:

Available Balance: \$5214.20

Prudent Reserve: \$2121.05

Rent was paid. Group contributions in February were \$350.00.

***Brian moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report / Dave seconded. M/C Unanimously*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Al-Anon – No report

Corrections – No report

Treatment – Dave reached out to Andy at Rimrock but has not heard from anyone. The Psych Center clinical director thinks we may be able to take a meeting there in the next month. He talked to Warren at the Crisis Center. Warren will put up an AA meeting flyer hoping to get clients to attend the meeting. Dave also reached out to Alpha house and New Day. He left a message with Walter at the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch. 644 agreed to take a meeting into the Crisis Center in April. Dave K. suggested we go back to using the hat to choose which group will take meetings into the various facilities. All agreed that we will do that next month. Jails are not yet open, Dave K. motion to accept Treatment report / Brian seconded. *M/C Unanimously*

Grapevine – Spencer is reaching out to the sober living houses and to the Crisis Center. Each Grapevine is a meeting. He has the order forms for both the Grapevine and La Vina. A discussion ensued regarding the 6th tradition and gifting the Grapevine to various entities. A personal contribution would be okay. The question was raised about Big Books being donated to jails and institutions. Also, our primary purpose is to carry the message of AA and recovery. Subscriptions will be funneled through the District Grapevine Chair so there will not be a duplication of efforts.

***Lisa moved to have Spencer provide a list of sober living homes / Zach seconded. M/C Unanimously*

PI/CPC – No report

Bridging the Gap – Stephen apologized for not being at the last meeting. The volunteer phone list is currently being updated. Volunteers will be called and if they do not respond, they will be taken off the list. He will be working with the treatment centers. He will be bringing cards to the next district meeting. A Bridging the Gap meeting will be held with Jessica, the Area Chair.

***Meg moved to accept the Bridging the Gap report / Chachi seconded. M/C Unanimously*

Archives – Kara is updating the Archives story for Founders Day. The last update was in 2016. If you have anything you would like to add for your group, please reach out to Kara.

***Brian moved to accept the Archives report / Dave seconded. M/C Unanimously*

Hotline – Wade reported that for our district there were 13 calls in January and 12 calls in February. There is a new plan on how calls will be answered in the future. Whichever group is chosen for the month, they will submit the name of one male and one female to Wade. If they do not answer the call, the area hotline chair will be contacted who will then make sure the call is answered. For April, Diane volunteered Brown Baggers will give Wade two names, however, Brian agreed to be the male. The hotline number that appears on your phone is 406-540-5131. The group to serve on the hotline will be chosen as we choose other district outreach opportunities.

***Dave moved to accept the Hotline report / Brian seconded. M/C Unanimously*

Intergroup – District does not yet have a liaison from intergroup. The Founders Day flyer is out. The flyer has speakers scheduled from 7 PM to 9 PM, but there will only be two speakers speaking for 30 minutes each. Lynne explained that the time frame will fluid -perhaps a speaker will go over the 30 minutes. That was one explanation but then again it might straight up be a mistake made on the flyer. Apologies.

OLD BUSINESS.

Grasshopper – No PI/CPC chair to implement grasshopper.

GSR school – questions regarding the cost of the rented space at the Big Horn Resort. After discussion, the following conclusions were reached.

- A. There are costs incurred in carrying the message.
- B. \$125 is within the bounds of being reasonable. The church charged us last year.
- C. The DCM had the right of decision.
- D. The DCM's intent was not to circumvent the process.
- E. The treasurer asked if we should consider using the Big Horn instead of the West End because of the disparity in cost. (\$156 vs. \$125) It was clarified that we can use the West End space for additional meetings plus our supplies and archives are stored there. The DCM suggested we could form an ad-hoc committee, but the group decided it was not necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Area Pre-Assembly is today at the Big Horn Resort from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Area Assembly is March 26 -28. We will be using the Recovery Group's meeting space at 934 Lewis Avenue for the Saturday and Sunday portions. The Saturday session will open at 7:30 for sign in. (You may join on zoom yourself if you choose. The information is on the AA Area 40 website) On Friday night we most likely will be on our own. There will be **NO coffee or snacks on the carpeted area.** Dave will find out if we can bring food or if we can pitch in for food at the time.

Currently there is no Al-Anon or Intergroup representation at District plus we are still looking for a PI/CPC chairperson.

Brian moved to close the meeting / Dave seconded. *M/C Unanimously*

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

Meeting was adjourned at 11:14. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement.

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