

District 11 Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by DCM Lynne W. followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Kara read the 12 traditions. The GSRs/Alternate GSRs from the following six groups were present: 644, 848, Brown Baggers, Recovery Group, Serenes and West End.

GROUP REPORTS:

644 – They are having potlucks the last Saturday of the month. A lot of newcomers are attending. There are floating meetings at Lake Elmo on Saturdays at 2 p.m.

848 – Things are going well. They are back to an average of 10 to 15 people attending. There are a lot of newcomers. They are having a barbecue for their group today.

Brown Baggers – Lisa appreciated the workshop for meeting openers and chairpersons. She would like more workshops. Brown Baggers is going well.

Downtowners – No report.

Recovery Group – Meetings are going good and for now we are still hybrid – in person and zoom but we may be shifting to in-person. Recovery Group will be hosting “Girl Talk” on September 10 – 12. Cost is \$140 until August 19. It then becomes \$140.

Serenes – Meetings are Thursday nights at 5:30 at the Mayflower Church. We have been having newcomers – some stay and are doing well other do not. We have begun to meet socially outside the meeting.

Sunlight of the Spirit – They are struggling with attendance on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30.

Three Legacies Proxy Report – Not much change this summer, averaging around 8 people Monday & Thursday nights at 7pm. A few newcomers and some long timers. The group is unavailable for psych center & crisis center service commitments at this time; however, we are available for the other commitments. Also, there is a Men’s retreat coming up August 20-22 near McLeod, MT.

West End – They have a birthday night barbecue the last Saturday night of the month. They had a sleeper in the building. They are looking for a chairperson for Sunday night.

Great Reality – No Report

Lockwood – No Report

Vet Meeting – It is on Tuesday and is having low attendance.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Karen read the June meeting minutes. Dave moved to approve the minutes as read; Diane seconded. M/C Unanimously

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Starting Balance: \$6755.15

Available Balance: \$6,949.15

Contributions: \$350.00

Prudent Reserve: \$2,120.12

July rent has been paid.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report. M/C Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AI-Anon – no report

Corrections – no report

Treatment – Dave L.

Thanks to the volunteers for going to the Crisis and Psych Centers. Thanks to the GSRs for their volunteer lists. The Rimrock male meetings are covered for July. I am waiting on return calls from female volunteers. I spoke with Diane who is on my committee, and she will be responsible for female volunteers as soon as I give her a list of names.

ADDENDUM: I spoke with Lynn after the meeting. It was suggested we have a volunteer orientation for those interested in volunteering for Rimrock. I will reach out to GSRs to implement a date and time.

Psych Center

August Mondays – Brown Baggers

August Thursdays – Recovery

September Mondays – 644

September Thursdays – Sunlight of the Spirit

Crisis Center

August – West End

September – Brown Baggers

ADA house – Diane shared that it is important to take someone with you to train them for the going another time because you are building a relationship. Six people have come to West End – each one has a sponsor now.

Grapevine – Spencer reported that not that many places/people are receptive to the idea of a Grapevine subscription; however, he will continue to work on it.

PI/CPC – Diane is actively working on Grasshopper. The hotline is separate from Grasshopper. Grasshopper is **only** for 12 step calls to the hospital. The cost will be \$26/month. If no one is available, Diane will go.

Grasshopper for September(ish) – West End

Bridging The Gap – no report

Archives – Skip H. and Barry J. were interviewed. Kara will mail Earl, Area Archivist the memory stick with District information. She will also purchase a new memory stick. (She has a \$75.00 budget.) The talks will be available to people requesting them only when permission has been given.

Hotline – Proxy report – 5 calls were received in the month of June. The hotline is not getting switched over on the first of the month. Volunteers are responsible from the first of the month to the last day of the month.

August – Recovery Group

September – 644

Intergroup – All positions are filled for the Cooney Campout. There will be no open fires at Cooney – gas grills only. Also, no generator on grassy areas. The Beartooth conference is full. Intergroup has updated addresses for their newsletter. They are working on a comprehensive meeting list for District 11 and 12. District is responsible for on-line meeting updates. The rotation list for the bookstore needs updating. The PI/CPC position was once held by Intergroup; however, they do not know if they currently have the resources to handle the work.

Old Business

a) **PI/CPC Chair: Diane W. will take over position; Grasshopper update.** This item was covered previously in the meeting.

b) Area Assembly – September 17-19, Great Falls, MT; approve expenses for DCM Travel

There is no guarantee for zoom options. Mitch moved to approve \$500 for the DCM to attend the Area Assembly; Isabelle seconded. M/C Unanimously

If you are a new GSR and want to attend the Fall Assembly, ask your home group for the money to attend. If you call the Holiday Inn to reserve a room, refer to *AREA 40* to get the conference discount.

Deadline for submitting agenda items is July 16.

Deadline for submitting agenda items for GSC is September 1.

Forms for both are available on the aa-montana.org website.

c) Area 40 needs a new Alternate Webmaster

d) Make sure campout commitments are set (Cooney and Fireman's Point)

Cooney has enough volunteers; however, Fireman's point still needs volunteers.

New Business

District 11 Agenda Item (for next spring): Should all who serve Area 40 live in the geographic area? The current webmaster lives in Oklahoma. The webmaster position has been advertised plus at the last Area Assembly, three people were nominated, and all declined. The concern is that someone outside the Area has a vote.

Mitch moved we submit an Area 40 agenda item to discuss whether all who serve Area 40 live in the geographic area. Dave seconded. M/C Unanimously.

The DCM requested we go back to our groups and get their feedback on the agenda item.

District 11 Facebook Page: how the district wants it to be used, ran, and overseen

It has over 500 members. The previous District 11 committee is still monitoring the page.

It was suggested we repost guidelines for use of the page. Have clear-cut rules been established? Should we switch over to new District committee membership? How much control do you want the DCM to have? Talk to your groups and come back in September with their input.

In the discussion it was clarified that the District 11 website is "district mini site" on the Area 40 website.

Adjournment

Dave moved to adjourn the meeting. Diane seconded. M/C Unanimously

Next District Meeting: September 11, 10 a.m. West End