

District 11 Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by DCM Lynne W. followed by a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Isabelle read the 12 traditions. There were 10 groups in attendance.

HOME GROUP REPORTS

644 – Meetings are going well. They still have an 8 p.m. zoom meeting. They plan to buy a projector for movies on Sunday. They are planning a big event in May of 2023. 644 is providing the speakers for Rimrock in March. They were not allowed in one week due to a quarantine.

848 – Attendance had fallen off in the last few weeks due to a mask mandate. Masks are now optional, and attendance is picking up again. They have the psych center in March.

Brown Baggers – Meetings are going well. The Thursday morning meeting (6:30 a.m.) is not included in the schedule. It is an open meeting. They are getting a new coffee pot. They have new people but are concerned when they don't see them again.

Great Reality – There isn't much to report although they are growing in numbers.

Recovery Group – The group doesn't have to move right away. They will be able to stay this year. The building is being torn down. They will have a group conscious meeting this week to determine if they continue the zoom meetings. Eighty-two men attended the retreat.

Serenes – New people in attendance.

Serenity Seekers – The first Friday of the month they have a speaker meeting. Their last speaker was from Lewistown. Rich is the alternative GSR.

Sunlight of the Spirit – They are doing alright. Attendance is picking up.

Three Legacies – They are doing the psych center meetings.

West End – Not a whole lot new to report. Meetings are very busy especially the 8 p.m. meeting. They are conducting a group inventory.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Karen read the February meeting minutes. Diane moved to accept the minutes as read. Dave K. seconded. M/C Unanimously

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer – Daniel has the receipts from the regional meeting. The total cost was \$647.00 which is \$147.00 over the approved cost. Lynne explained the additional cost. (The average cost to attend the meeting was \$1,200.) Dave K. moved to cover the additional cost of the regional meeting; Diane seconded. M/C Unanimously

Starting Balance: \$7,931.96

Available Balance: \$7,775.96

Prudent Reserve: \$2,120.27

Contributions: 00.00

March rent paid.

Diane moved to accept the treasurer's report; Isabelle seconded. M/C Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Al-Anon – Nothing new to report.

Corrections – No Report

Treatment:

Psych Center 6:00-7:00 p.m., show up at 5:45

Monday March: 848

April: Brown Baggers

Thursday March: Three Legacies

April: 848

Rimrock Speaker 7:00-8:00 p.m., show up at 6:45 every other Friday

March 4th & 18th: 644 Group

April 1st, 15th & 29th: West end

Crisis Center Saturday 10-11 a.m.

March: Westend

April: Recovery Group

HotLine March: Recovery Group

April: West End

Wade's report: Rimrock and White Birch were on quarantine. They really appreciate the people showing up to speak. There were 9 calls in December and 3 calls in January. Please let your volunteers know to get the phone number of the callers and call them back. There was a 20-minute call last month and we were charged for 8 calls!

Bridging the Gap: No report

Grapevine: Nothing new to report

PI/CPC: Danny reported things are not moving forward as fast as he had hoped. April should be reasonable as a starting point for Grasshopper. It was decided that a revolving team of people rather than groups would be more efficient. *Public information:* Diane is moving forward putting together a team. She will be meeting with the superintendent of schools to arrange going into high school PE classes. *Cooperation with Professionals:* Colleen is moving forward. Everything is coming together.

Archives: Kara resigned. Ask in your groups if anyone is interested in the being the archives chair.

Intergroup: The liaison position is open. Please announce it at your groups and let them know if anyone is interested in serving, they should show up that the Intergroup meeting which is the first Saturday of the month in the basement of Westend. Founder's Day is March 19 at the Shrine. Intergroup will give an archival presentation.

OLD BUSINESS

Follow Up:

- a. Printing/Postage line item on budget. Before we had the Dashboard, it was the DCM's job to make photocopies of the material from GSO and Area 40 to pass out. It was over 500 pages. When we got the digital option it cut back on the need, then Covid wiped out hard copies all together. Currently the Dashboard is around 1,200 pages. Lynne will reach out to intergroup regarding use of the printer in the bookstore. The usual rate at businesses is 61 cents for color and 15 cents for black and white. Also, the cost of the post office box is included in postage line item.

- b. The DCM had been using the printer at her job for copies. That is no longer an option, so there will now be monthly receipts from the DCM for printing.
- c. As a District, do we want to incorporate digital capabilities? It would help us reach dark areas of the District and connect to Area 40 as a whole. Many of the DCMs Lynne spoke to at WCRAASC have hybridized. She requested we talk to our groups and bring ideas back to the meeting.
- d. District 11 Minutes are now available on the aa-Montana.org website. Scroll to the bottom, and click on “District Mini-Sites”, then “District 11-Billings”

Local Forum—Lynne spoke to the GSO about a local forum at the Service Conference. Progress is being made. GSO usually does a couple each year. Lynne spoke to the NY representatives. They are still trying to figure out their own offices (covid) and currently they have no capacity to do a local forum. It may happen the next rotation, but Lynne will continue to work on it.

DCM Report from the West Central Region AA Service Conference: Lynne is willing to come to our home groups to relay what she learned. She learned that outward facing pamphlets are for non-alcoholics, inward facing is for AA people. Overall, the fellowship is reacting to the changes made in the 2021 GSO meeting. Some are suggesting no further changes be made to the writings of Bill W. They discussed the changed wording in the 12 x 12 be handled by footnotes rather than changes directly to the text. One agenda item suggests all changes to our literature be slowed down. There is a current trend to try to adapt our language to relate to certain portions of the population. Sometimes the change is to appease local communities, and sometimes it is because the population the literature is for have reached out and asked for the change. For example, some countries are not satisfied with their translations of the Big Book. GSO is proceeding with the 5th Edition Big Book and the “plain language” translation, which is aiming at a 5th grade reading level. She will be holding information sessions on Tuesdays at 6 at the Westend beginning March 22. It is important to study the current list of Agenda Items for the Service Conference because it isn’t always clear why each item is assigned to which committee. GSO is using what they call the Equitable Distribution of Workload process, meaning some committees were given items from overloaded committees to help make sure everything could be covered.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Area Assembly, Great Falls Holiday Inn Convention Center April 8-10 (\$120 approximately.)

They are currently making progress on a hybrid option.

Hotel code: AA4 or call the hotel and tell them you’re with Area 40 AA.

Propose Viewing Parties for the following Area 40 Zoom Events. Agenda on the website.

Sunday, March 20—1-5pm, virtual Pre-Assembly go through line-by-line Saturday, March 26—.3-5 pm, Virtual Q&A with Connie (Area Delegate), Kacie (Area Chair), and Paul (past Delegate), hosted by Dist. 91 (Helena) – questions and answers

Area Assembly Information Session: Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Westend: March 22, 30, April 5.

ADJOURNMENT: Daniel moved to adjourn; Diane seconded. M/C Unanimously

Next District Meeting: **April 16, 2022**

(3rd Saturday because Area Assembly is happening the second weekend in April)