

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

December 8th, '13

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 12th Concept was read.

DCM REPORT: Betty passed around a Christmas card from the Sheridan Keep It Simple Group.

SECRETARY REPORT: Requested stamps and envelopes. John will bring these to the next District meeting.

TREASURER REPORT: John reported that along with donations and the 7th tradition, we had a total income of \$229.00 Total expenses were \$52.50 leaving a net income of \$176.50. Anna requested that it be specified in financial report as Keep it Simple Sheridan to clarify any potential confusion with Keep it Simple in Butte. John is going to bring in a year-to-date report for the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Contact information for committee chairs can be found on our A.A. schedule.

Times and places for correctional/treatment meetings can be found at www.aa-montana.org

TREATMENT: Brent reported that he went to the Watch program, was a small group, had other classes they were doing the same time. One guy released to the Butte area this month and Brent took him to his first meeting.

CORRECTIONS: Shay has been announcing the next MSP orientation is January 18th. It takes 4-6 weeks to process the application. She ordered another case of 12 x 12 for CCCS and Watch. Peggy reported that applications are being processed so we waiting on a date to get back into the jail. Brent noted that Gary was going to e-mail him to update the Internet meetings but Gary has been out of town.

LITERATURE: Dan reported he put an order together. He did not get ahold of John because the total of the order exceeded \$100. The total for the order was \$155.98. He requested a check from John. He reported that the literature racks are low as literature is low.

P.I. /C.P.C.: Peggy reported that she would like to have a Corrections Workshop. Will talk about in New Business.

GRAPEVINE: Joe has made contact with Sam B. from Area but hasn't received an e-mail back yet. He is needing an order form to order Grapevines. He has been talking to Charlie. Shay brought a description of the role which explained the process on how to go about ordering and Betty also suggested going to the website. Joe noted that he could also get some recycled Grapevines to donate. The importance of encouraging people to subscribe was emphasized.

ARCHIVES: No report.

HOTLINE: John had nothing new to report. He reminded to everyone to bring Hotline forms that are signed.

ROUND-UP: Peggy reported that things are getting done and going well. Several groups gave money to Round-up. Virginia emphasized the importance of talking to groups to get some money together for scholarships.

OLD BUSINESS

The Archives position was reported still open and thus everyone was encouraged to continue to ask around to see if someone is interested in this position. The topic of utilizing the District computer for Round-up arose again. Charlie reported that he is still working on his computer and that Kevin offered to help with this. It was pointed out that the computer was purchased for District and thus should probably stay within District. It was suggested that the new Archives chair take the computer to organize and file new information that comes in. Chrissy offered that she would be interested in filling the Archives position and taking the computer to work on. She was nominated and accepted the position. A motion was made to give Chrissy the computer and was accepted. Congrats to Chrissy on her new position for District 71!!

NEW BUSINESS

Betty shared that we have one week that we take an AA meeting into MCDC. It's Wednesday afternoon. The AA communities that take meetings to MCDC are Helena, Bozeman, Missoula, and Butte. She reported that she was called by the Treatment chair in Bozeman who reported that the time they take the meeting into MCDC was difficult for them and they are interested in there being evening meetings. She contacted the Area 40 Treatment chair and each District will discuss what would work for them. It was noted that it is important to communicate with MCDC as they may not be able to accommodate meetings coming in at a later time. Bozeman brings in meetings on Wednesday at 2:30pm currently. Shay asked if Corrections could have co-chairs and inquired as to whether she could announce a co-chair position available at meetings. This was approved and it was suggested that this be announced to see if anyone is interested.

GROUP SHARE

All times and places of A.A. meetings are listed on our meeting schedule.

Twin Bridges: Roxie has not been in attendance much but reported that things are going well.

Galena Street Group: They are in the black. Dan thanked the previous GSR again and reported that they are getting organized. They are still looking at birthday meetings. A discussion of split has been tabled. Discussion of purchasing coins for the group has been tabled.

Promises Group: Resumed noon meetings M-Sat. Still looking for a GSR.

Live and Let Live: Started doing weekend meetings as well and now have meetings on Saturdays and Sundays as well. They are going to use part of 7th tradition for part of Round-up scholarships. Attendance has been good. Kristen M. 8 years and Tom D. 3 years.

Whitehall: Bill reported they have a new Treasurer. They have available funds to do a split. He asked how to do that and it was reported that it is up to the group on how they do a split. They also now have an individual who will open on Saturday.

Newcomer's 1-2-3: Doing well. Back at Leggit. Can use support. 27 guys on Friday.

Sunrise: Charlie reported that has been good attendance.

Sheridan Keep It Simple: Ana called members to request to have a Business meeting. They had a lot voted on. They decided that they are going to subscribe to the Area 40 Triangle and also agreed that they are going to donate \$20 to the pink can fund monthly starting in January. She reported that this may be the last District meeting she will be attending for some time due to travel.

Balderdash Meeting: Struggling. Ana reported it may end up being a spring and summer meeting.

B I R T H D A Y S

Kristen M. celebrated 8 years and Tom D. celebrated 3 years. Andy S. celebrated 11 years. Ed P. celebrated 8 years. Kari celebrated 2 months and Lori F. celebrated 3 months. Congrats to the birthday people!!

Our next business meeting will be held at Saint Ann's school on the second Wednesday of next month at 7:10 p.m.

We closed with the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.