

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

February 12th, '14

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 2nd Concept was read.

DCM REPORT: Betty reported that there are some upcoming events. Area Assembly is on April 11th-13th in Lewistown. The Pre-Assembly is on March 8th, 2014 in Boulder, MT. Betty encouraged everyone (especially GSRs as they are voting members) from District 71 to attend. She expressed interest in knowing who was planning on going. She also noted that GSO put out some excerpts of writings about anonymity written by Bill W. She passed around a flyer for anonymity online and the importance of respecting traditions. The Anonymous People video will also hopefully be available to view more in the community and the importance of AA members engaging with the community while respecting the tradition. Put as BCC so others can't see people's name. Betty also saw Anonymous People and noted the video is hopefully going to be available to view more in the community. She emphasized the importance of AA members engage more with community regarding carrying the message.

SECRETARY REPORT: Attendance was great this month. A couple corrections were made on last months notes.

TREASURER REPORT: John reported that along with donations and the 7th tradition, we had a total income of \$98.00. Our total expenses for this month were \$73.65 leaving a net income of \$24.35.

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 Treatment is going well.

CORRECTIONS: Shay reported that Corrections Workshop flyers are out on the District 40 website. Roxie suggested that GSRs print copies and bring them to their home groups. Charlie also had copies to distribute. She requested to get a budget approved for costs. The location (Aldersgate Methodist Church) of the workshop costs \$125 with a \$75 deposit. The meat costs \$250.00 for 50 lbs. They also went to Broom & Brush to get an estimate on water, soda, and coffee. Napkins are also needed. The total was \$398.57. Motion was made for these funds to be provided by District and motion was accepted. John gave Shay blank checks to pay for costs. Dave B. and CCCS will be providing cakes and helping with set-up and clean up. Their generosity and service is greatly appreciated. Shay also reported that we can now take books directly to MSP and thus can save on shipping. The topic of Corrections correspondence was discussed as there are 80 inmates waiting for AA members to write them. The pamphlet explains more about the process and one can get it at www.aa.org. It was noted that an individual will typically be assigned someone from a different part of the country.

LITERATURE: Dan reported that racks are low. The total cost was more with the shipping costs increasing from 10% to 19% and thus he needed more funds. The hospital rack needs attention. Flyers for AI-anon fundraiser were brought by Dan and are to be brought back to groups by GSRs. This will be at St. Ann's on March 8th at 5:00 pm.

P.I./C.P.C.: Nothing to report.

GRAPEVINE: Nothing to report. Has been announcing grapevine at meetings. Charlie has been distributing some to groups.

ARCHIVES: Krissy met with Rick and Virginia and talked about organizing the files on the computer. They came up with a game plan on how to organize the computer and figured out how she will file all information on said computer. They created the system and will eventually put together a guide/instructions for other future Archivists. They will start scanning papers to the computer and files and pull important documents from www.aa.org and file on computer.

HOTLINE: No activities.

ROUND-UP: Peggy reported that it was a big group tonight and everything is getting taken care of. They are meeting every other Wednesday at 5:30 now.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There appeared to be some confusion over jail meetings and who was in charge of taking them in. The importance of communication and respect was emphasized as well as respect for the institutions that allow us to bring meetings in. Mark from the jail reportedly would like Peggy to be the contact person in organizing but this is Shay's position as she is Chair and thus she will be in charge of organizing meetings and being contacted by volunteers who are interested in taking meetings into the jail. Shay suggested periodic meetings for people interested in Corrections that want to take meetings to jail so that communication is consistent and there is encouragement to participate in this. Ana reported that she would be willing to be a co-chair. Motion made and accepted. Peggy also talked about Anonymous film and workshop and she brought cards. She reported that there was an emphasis on retaining anonymity while carrying the message in the community. Shay also asked about how to work with Brent in Butte on Bridging the Gap. Brent clarified that every District has their own database.

GROUP SHARE

Galena Street Group-Still in the black. There have been a few 1st step meetings.

Anaconda Group-Teryl reported there are 14 meetings per week. One women's meeting. Tape study and book studies. Meetings where WATCH groups come. Potluck and BBQ for birthday night. Lots of support from Opportunity group and Castel.

Keep it Simple Sheridan-Doing good. Ana reported. B-day is last Wednesday of every month. Going to do a split again soon. Sending in \$20 every 6 month.

Balderdash meeting is cancelled until spring.

Whitehall-Meeting going well. Two meetings Wed. and Sat. and get about 10-12. Lots of good recovery. Bill reported. Lots of newcomers. People drive from Dillon and Pony.

Live and Let Live-Zack reported. Has been full between 15 and 30.

Opportunity-Has been moved off Highway 48 between Warm Springs and Anaconda. 35-40 people. Meal every Tuesday. Roger reported.

Sunrise-Charlie reported they have about 15-20 people, good group.

Friday night New 1-2-3- Mens meetings 22 guys.

Conscious contact at 7:00 am on Saturdays. Open CCP.

Promises-Robin reported. Rock n Rollin at noon. Good group.

Wed. Big Book in Dillon-Rick reported meetings are small but doors are open and coffee is on.

Twin Bridges Candlelight-Not a lot of attendance but going well overall. Meetings good.

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

B I R T H D A Y S

Congrats to all of our birthday people: Graham M. had 15 years. And Shane P. had 18 years last month. Chuck B. had 34 years. Wayne had 5 years. Lynn had 17 years. Mike J. had 29 years. Jon M had 7 years. Walt C. had 23 years. Michelle D. and Robin M. had 18 months. R.I.P. and thanks for your dedication and service: Loren J. celebrated 35 years in January a week before his passing.

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.