

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

March 11th, '14

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 3rd Concept was read.

DCM REPORT: Betty reported that the Pre-assembly on March 8th was an excellent preparation for the Area assembly which is in Lewistown April 11th-13th. All GSRs & District chairs are encouraged to attend. GSRs are voting members and thus this is how your group's voice is given to G.S.O. Corrections Workshop was well attended, there were excellent speakers, and job well done by Shay and her committee. GSO and Grapevine operated in black. Contributions to G.S.O. increased last year overall and also from groups in our district. There may be an increase in literature prices in October.

SECRETARY REPORT: New GSR from Control is an Illusion. Minutes approved from February.

TREASURER REPORT: Betty reported for John as he was on a business trip. Betty distributed the monthly financial report. She reported that along with donations and the 7th tradition, we had a total income of \$143.00. Total expenses for this month were \$588.55. Most of the expenses were for the Corrections Workshop and the literature order. The Corrections Workshop was \$562.39 which left a checking balance of \$25.09. This left a net income of \$445.55. There was also a year-to-date financial report provided.

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 went to Watch on Monday and reported that it was well attended. Shad and Charlie went to Bridging the Gap in Connections. MCDC had 6 speakers which went well.

CORRECTIONS: Shay said 75 people were present at the workshop. Thank you to Connections guys for all the help as well as speakers and committee. Shay brought receipts for purchases. There is a lot of leftover soda that will be donated to the Delegate's picnic. Shay purchased \$43 of soda at Safeway from her own pocket which will be reimbursed. She passed around the Bridging the Gap sign up sheet for mail correspondence. Anyone interested can put their name and phone number on the list. Institution meetings are not updated yet and still working on this. Shay will e-mail to webmaster to get updated.

LITERATURE: Dan reported that he reordered the literature and is waiting for the order. He was at probation and parole and they are in need of meeting schedules. Groups can order literature online at www.aa.org.

P.I./C.P.C.: Peggy got a call into superintendent of schools and asked about bringing a panel in for AA. She is supposed to be back on that. Kevin offered support in this.

GRAPEVINE: Charlie reported that Grapevine is going well. He has been passing out older Grapevines and some groups have subscriptions. They have been spreading the word about it.

ARCHIVES: No report.

HOTLINE: No report.

ROUND-UP: Peggy reported things are going well. Kevin passed out an updated flyer. The committee is now meeting every 2 weeks. There was clarification that you do have to pre-order and pay for food prior to Round-up. It was also mentioned that Round-up are looking for groups to fund 15 guys from CCP to go for one day. It will cost \$15 per person.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Our delegate will be going to the general service conference. She typically comes to share following this and usually there is a picnic which has been in Anaconda the last couple of years. Benny Goodman park will be looked into. Teryl tried to e-mail them but has not been able to contact them as of yet. She requested to know what days and Betty asked for feedback from the group. July 19th is the weekend of Art in the Park and we will try for this day. Betty would like to look at who needs support for going to Area Assembly. District supports DCM and Alternate DCM expenses. Motion made to spend \$600. There was a minority report that ended up being a misunderstanding and thus motion accepted. Archives committee and Corrections committee does vote (which District is a part of) but otherwise District members don't vote. Peggy is interested in going but would need help with room. Shay expressed interest in going. Ana and Peggy may share a room and District could pay Peggy's share of the room. Shay and Robin were talking about splitting a room. District could provide \$100 each for Shay and Peggy. Motion made and passed to support Peggy and Shay (\$100 each). Shay wanted to know if she gets reimbursed for pop that she paid for from Safeway. Motion was made and passed that Shay will be reimbursed for the soda when John returns.

GROUP SHARE

Galena Street Group-Dan reported that doors are open, coffee is on.

Anaconda Group-Teryl reported group is doing well. Watch come twice a week and 14 meetings a week.

Keep it Simple Sheridan-Ana reported. She moved to Butte, but is keeping this group as homegroup. Lots of new people or visitors. One newcomer that has been sticking around and attendance up. The group did provide partial scholarship for Ana to go to Round-up.

Balderdash meeting is cancelled until spring.

Whitehall-Bill reported group going well. One Saturday that meeting didn't open. Both people that had keys could not make it. New meeting on Monday.

Live and Let Live-Zack reported. Good attendance. 15-30. Lots of first step meetings and lots of new faces.

Opportunity-Teryl reported transition went well to Castle on Hwy 48. Attendance stayed steady and good Butte and Anaconda support. May change name.

Sunrise-Charlie reported meeting small lately. 10-15 people with older sobriety. A few people that wander in. Can use support.

Friday night New 1-2-3- Mens meetings 30 people. Letting more guys come over. Support would be helpful. 6:30 on Fridays.

Conscious Contact Group-Located at CCP. 7:00 am on Saturdays. Open meeting.

Promises-Robin reported. Good noon meeting. Back to Basics on Saturdays and Corrections guys showing up.

Wed. Big Book in Dillon-Rick reported meetings are small but doors are open and coffee is on. Wed. at noon at Alano club. Last Sunday is potluck birthday at 6:00 pm.

Twin Bridges Candlelight-Going good. Attendance good. Variety of people. Newcomers.

Ladies Night Out-Robin reported. Going well. Kim W. celebrated 25 years.

Control is an Illusion-Meets at noon 5 days a week. 14 people a day. Long term, short term, new guys, guys and girls.

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

B I R T H D A Y S

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.