

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

April 9th, '14

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 4th Concept was read.

DCM REPORT: Betty did role call and began her report. This month 75 years ago, the first printing of the Big Book was available. The Box 459 (quarterly newsletter put out by GSO) will celebrate (can get at aa.org) this event. Delegate's day picnic is August 2nd, 2014 at Benny Goodman Park. Thank you to Teryl for organizing this. Time is 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

SECRETARY REPORT: There were some corrections on the notes from last month. In the treasurer report from last month, the total balance left was \$2509.26. Also, Bridging the Gap should be under Treatment. Corrections Correspondence was passed out by Shay under Corrections. Delete Bridging the Gap. Motion to approve as corrected. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: John reported that along with the 7th tradition and donations, total income was \$117.00. Total expenses for the month were \$82.00 leaving a net income of \$35.00 and a total balance of \$1694.26. John will reimburse for Area after event.

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 all went well at WATCH and he went to Connections also. Shad went to MCDC and the new building is breaking up groups, one for men and one for women. Six people spoke. They need more women to attend for the female clients. The meeting is held at 2:30 pm the 3rd Wednesday of the month. GSRs, please take back to groups and offer opportunities for service.

CORRECTIONS: Ana reported for Shay. Nothing to report. Shay relayed that she is sorry she didn't call back those that tried to contact her. She had to go to Kalispell for a funeral. She wants Peggy to be in charge of bringing meetings into the jails. Sara is going to do the scheduling and to mend any problems, Mark will get ahold of Peggy. Shay isn't going to Area. Betty had asked Ana to follow up on getting Institution meetings updated online. She suggested that Ana get with Gary as he has done it before and Ana agreed.

LITERATURE: Roxie reported for Dan. His order came in and will be getting racks filled.

P.I. /C.P.C.: Peggy reported that she is attending meetings at Recovery Group. AA and NA is reportedly a big part of that. They are trying to raise enough money to pay rent. Grants are being worked on to get the

place open. Peggy asked if District would like to donate \$100 “as all part of AA” . This appears to be outside affiliation as it is outside the 12 steps and 12 traditions. Betty noted that individuals can donate if they would like. This would be a Boys & Girls Club with a meeting room.

GRAPEVINE: Charlie reported that he has been passing Grapevines. New subscriptions are low as groups say they can't support them.

ARCHIVES: Chrissy had nothing to report.

HOTLINE: John had nothing to report.

ROUND-UP: Peggy reported that things are going well. The ice cream social is \$6. All meetings and ice cream social is \$98. If people are just going to see speakers, the cost is \$30. It is \$35 after April 15th. If having meals, they need to know a week before so sooner the better. If anyone is donating food, call Teyrl 797-3380 or Tom is 563-2987. GSRs are to take this back to groups. Anything donated is welcome.

OLD BUSINESS

Betty reported that the picnic and park is reserved. The event will be 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. The picnic is around noon and report around 1:30 pm. We will need a flyer and get it on website and will need to look at getting things together for picnic. Ana asked if we could provide directions to the park on flyer. Charlie said he would make a flyer with a map. District has historically provided hamburger and hot dogs and then had potluck. Tom says there are great deals at Western Meat Block and suggested this for picnic. The soda from Corrections Workshop will be donated. The Assembly is in 2 days and will have 11 people from District in attendance that said they are attending attend. Neither Shay nor Peggy will need funds as Shay is not going and Peggy is being financed by Opportunity Group. Live and Let Live is paying for Zack to go. Chrissy already reserved her room. Peggy suggested and made a motion to give Ana and Chrissy \$100 each for Area. This was approved by the group.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

GROUP SHARE

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

Whitehall: Bill reported that meeting is going well. There has been discussion on the structure of the meeting but all is good.

Newcomer's 1-2-3: Charlie reported that Newcomers 1-2-3 donated \$100 to Roundup. Had 28 guys and starting to put money in basket and teaching how to run meetings and conduct themselves in meetings.

Sunrise: Charlie reported they donated \$200 to Roundup. Good meeting! About 15 people and have been in program a long time. Some people off of the street attended also, report that the meeting is going well.

Butte Keep It Simple: Meeting is going well. Sponsoring 3-5 people for Spring Roundup, New Happy Hour meeting at club 5:15-6:15 pm, Monday thru Wednesday. (4-8 people now but hopeful that more will start to attend.)

Twin Bridges Candlelight: Roxie reported going well. Nice to talk to them about Assembly and get feedback. Not a lot of money to fund but can pay rent. Attendance is okay.

Sheridan Keep It Simple: Ana reported they are doing really well. Not going to do a split but sponsored Ana for scholarship to go to Roundup and Area. Attendees include younger people that just got out of treatment. Ranchers and farmers are coming back as the weather warms up. Come visit the meeting if in the area.

No Nonsense: Charlie reported for Chris. Meeting held at Saint Mark Lutheran Church. Reported that meeting is going well. Speaker meeting once a month. The 3rd Thursday of this month, Vicky S. will speak Thursday at 7:30 pm. There has been good sobriety and quite a few Newcomers.

Live and Let Live: There have been a lot of first step meetings and new faces. Good attendance. The scholarship registrations for Round-up were mailed in.

Opportunity: Peggy reported going good. It is now held out at the Castle (old Anaconda airport).

Anaconda: Teryl reported they did send in a couple scholarships for CCCS guys. They have WATCH guys coming to the meeting also. Kevin reported that they had a cool thing happen. Father, mother, and son came for a first step meeting for the first time and group bonded with them very well. They have been back since then. Also, there is birthday night the last Saturday of the month. Big potluck, good food, good turnout. Also played board games after meeting and had a great time. Tom brings great potato salad, Kevin can't get enough!!

Promises: Everything good. Took on 7:00 am meeting (Conscious Contact, cookies and great sobriety). Noon meeting works out well for people. Some people come back in after going out and going well. Sponsoring 2 people to Roundup also.

Ladies Night Out: Things going along well.

B I R T H D A Y S

**Congrats to Machele H. on 5 years, Michael C. 1 year, Tracy C. on 1 year,
and Jerry P. on 11 years.**

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.