

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

May 14th, '14

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 5th Concept was read.

DCM REPORT: Area Assembly was awesome! We had 9 people from our district in attendance which is the largest representation we have had for many years. An Area committee investigated the possibility of a different venue for Area meetings because of difficulties with accessibility for people with special needs. The Yogo Inn is working with us to resolve the issues and the assemblies will remain at the Yogo for now.

The Area Treasurer presented information about self-support. If each AA member in Montana contributed \$5.34 per year or if each group contributed \$105.59 per year, Area would be self-supporting. Since 38.1% of the groups contribute, \$277 from each contributing group would make the Area self-supporting. For GSO to be self-supporting, a contribution of \$6.43 per person per year or \$138.69 per group per year would do it.

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes approved.

TREASURER REPORT: John reported that along with the 7th tradition and donations, total income was \$91.00. Total expenses for the month were \$471.31 a total balance of \$2164.95.

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 out to Watch. It went well. Two men out of WATCH got out. They are in need of women out at MCDC. We take a meeting the 3rd Wed. at 2:30 pm. Contact Arthur. 406-565-2483.

CORRECTIONS: Ana reported for Shay. Ana spoke to Gary about getting Institution meetings updated online.

LITERATURE: Not present.

P.I. /C.P.C.: Peggy asked Betty to report that she had there will be a Marathon run (Recovery Run) on July 4th. The committee is the Recovery Focus Group. This is to get more visibility for long term sobriety. 5k. Kids can run. It will be held just before July 4th parade.

GRAPEVINE: Been out of circulation. Not much to report. Charlie's pushing Grapevine.

ARCHIVES: Nothing to report. Had a good time at the Area Assembly. Reported that she learned a lot and attended the Archives.

HOTLINE: Nothing to report but plans to get another sign-up sheet.

ROUND-UP: Betty participated in the Round-up meeting wrap up session. It was an awesome Round-up. Peggy has been getting calls from people saying it was the best Round-up ever. There were 400 people total. One concern was a lack of literature. District doesn't stalk literature and this wasn't discussed but will be considered for next Round-up.

OLD BUSINESS

The Delegate's picnic is August 2nd at Benny Goodman in Anaconda. Charlie is working on the flyer and will have it by next month. It is from 11:00 am-4:00 pm. The picnic will be around noon and the report will be around 1:30 pm. We will be getting meat from Meat Block and anticipate feeding 60-70 people. This will be a potluck (meat will be provided) and people with a last name that begins with A-L are asked to bring side dishes or salads and people with a last name that starts with M-Z are asked to bring a dessert. The contact person for all questions relating to the Delegate's picnic is Betty. She can be reached at 406-431-9970.

NEW BUSINESS

It was reported that squares are being sold for a quilt that any group can buy to contribute to the next fall Round-up. Charlie reported that they don't have any books in CCCS and wants to donate books. Gary stated that he was talking to Lee Galt about the pink can funds. He was going to contact Shay and talk to her about this. Books will be donated to the jail.

GROUP SHARE

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

Whitehall: Bill reported that things are going well. They have had a few resignations in positions. So, Bill is Treasurer and acting GSR. They do have a Literature chair. Good recovery.

Newcomer's 1-2-3: Charlie reported doing good. 25 guys from center. Friday night have 3-4 people from the outside that come in.

Sunrise: Charlie reported 12-24 at Alano club. Good sobriety. Going good.

Twin Bridges Candlelight: Roxie reported that things are going well. Getting more people.

Sheridan Keep It Simple: Ana has not been there but her sponsor reported they are doing really well. Good attendance. Repeat faces.

Live and Let Live: Krissy has a list of birthdays. Lots of 1st step meetings. 45 people at one point.

Opportunity: Castle is doing well. Food and eating meeting.

Anaconda: Teryl reported things are going well.

Promises: Robin reported things are going well. Charlie J. is celebrating 4 years on the 23rd.

Ladies Night Out: Jacque reported they have a new opener. She is feeling better and is back. Made a \$50 donation and collected \$64 for Round-up and made a basket for the raffle. Teresa M. has 21 years.

Conscious Contact: Attendance has been 8-9 guys to 10-15 guys. Good meeting and all welcome. 7:00 am Saturday mornings.

B I R T H D A Y S

Teresa M. has 21 years. Charlie celebrated 4 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.