

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

August 13th, '14

We opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The 8th Concept was read.

DCM REPORT: Betty reported that the picnic went well. She thanked those that participated. Fall Assembly will be September 19th-21st in Lewistown. District elections will be at our next meeting in September. Descriptions may be provided and can be distributed with the minutes.

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes approved. One change was that MCDC was added to treatment.

TREASURER REPORT: John made copies. Was not here but Betty distributed report. Along with donations and the 7th tradition, total income was \$294.00. Total expenses totaled \$257.86 which left a net income of \$36.14 and a total balance of \$2,791.59.

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: Butte goes into MCDC on the 3rd Saturday at 7:00 pm. It will also be the 5th Saturday of every month if there is a 5th Saturday. The meeting used to be Wednesdays at 2:30 pm, which was sometimes an inconvenient time for people due to traveling and/or working during the day. Brent reported that 30 people were at Watch. The 1st Tuesday at Connections went well also. Brent will be updating the Bridging the Gap contact list as well.

CORRECTIONS: No report.

LITERATURE: No report.

P.I. /C.P.C.: No report.

GRAPEVINE: No report.

ARCHIVES: Krissy has been organizing the computer. She presented a handout that described some of the work she has been doing. She deleted spam e-mails, organized and created folders, organized e-mails in appropriate computer file folders. She began organizing the current files on the computer. There was a question as to whether paper copies of e-mails were necessary, but it was suggested to follow up on this.

HOTLINE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

We talked about side conversations and the challenges that can come along with it at District. There was a suggestion made last meeting that someone raise their hand if they would like to speak. There was a proposal to run the meeting in that the chair person will call on those that have their hands up. There was one individual that opposed and a discussion was held but proposal passed. The discussion included the fact that it is difficult at times for chair persons to chair the meetings and that it is important that courtesy and professionalism is important in a business meeting. Roxie suggested that she state at the beginning of the meeting that this is a business meeting and there will be hands raised during discussions. This way, if it does start to get out of order, Roxie will have something to fall back on. There was also a suggestion to set a limit on discussion period. It was decided that this will be the design starting with next meeting. The Area Assembly is also coming up. District Chair has been encouraged to attend as well as alternate DCM. It is encouraged that people go. One person in District attends Archives and Corrections committees at Area and thus it would be great if Archives chair could go. It appears that Krissy is interested in going, with the hopes of riding with someone. It is the 19th through the 21st of September. Rooms are either \$80 or \$85 per night before tax. If anyone else is planning to go, please contact Betty at 431-9970. Roxie printed off a copy of the agenda for Area and offered to allow those in District chair positions to look at this. District chairs are periodically assisted financially and will be considered for those that are interested in attending. There was a discussion about the benefits of going to Area and learning a lot about AA as well as sharing information with groups, representing our District, and being of service. There was a great showing from our District last year and those that went felt very represented.

GROUP SHARE

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

Candlelight: Roxie reported that things are going well over in Twin Bridges. Have had a lot of people show up and new people coming in.

Ladies Night Out: Doing well. Tamara F. celebrated 2 years.

Anaconda: Doing well. Two meetings each day and most meetings have 8 to 15-20 people. Virginia has 36 years. Lori has 1 year. Cheryl has 1 year. Trish 4 months. Danny has 4 months. Terry has 6 months.

Control is an Illusion: Meet at noon every day and may open up weekends. Still trying to decide. Getting between 8-16 people a day. 2 months up to 2 years for birthday. They are going to have a seminar on sponsorship in October around the middle of the month at St. Anns church.

Georgetown Lake: Averaging 4-12. New people coming. Online now. Picnic is September 6th, Saturday, 2:00 pm at Castle and groups from Anaconda and Georgetown will provide the meet. The leftover pop from Delegate' s Day was donated to this picnic.

Live and Let Live: Big and going. Lots of birthdays.

Sunday morning 9:00 am meeting at Chef' s Garden. Met twice so far. Hoping to have a name and a GSR next month.

B I R T H D A Y S

Virginia has 36 years. Lori has 1 year. Cheryl has 1 year. Trish 4 months. Danny has 4 months. Terry has 6 months. Tamara F. celebrated 2 years. Congrats to all 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.