

DISTRICT 71 NEWS LETTER

February 11, 2015

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

DCM REPORT: Roxie conducted the meeting as DCM. Roll was taken. Roxie advised that new group forms are available and newly formed groups and groups not registered with the District should do so. The pre-Assembly will be held in Boulder on April 14 and the Area Assembly will be held on April 21 in Lewistown. Other business was discussed as set forth below in this Newsletter.

SECRETARY REPORT: Minutes approved. The meeting schedule was circulated and changes were noted. They will appear on the new schedule. Any GSR who wants to recognize members of their group that celebrated a birthday during the month in this Newsletter are requested to submit a written list to the Secretary.

TREASURER REPORT: Elizabeth reported. There was very little activity so no financial report was distributed. The balance in the account is \$4030.06 which includes an \$850.00 prudent reserve.

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: Charlie reported. He has taken over the chairmanship from Brent. They went to WATCH and CCP. They will try to go to MCDC in the coming months.

CORRECTIONS: Ana reported that she met with Denny and is going to focus on jail meetings. Ana, Denny, and Charlie have applications for jail. They are also available at the Alano Club. There has been some delay in getting applications approved because it is not a priority with jail personnel. The jail meetings are nonetheless going well. The Chief of Police in Anaconda is still denying access to the jail for meetings. The committee meets on the second Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m, at the Alano Club for anyone that is interested. The Corrections Workshop will be discussed so people are urged to attend.

LITERATURE: Shannon reported. She has filled literature racks in Butte. She is making progress on filling the racks in Anaconda and Dillon and is asking local AA members for assistance. She has enough literature to fill remaining racks before needing to order more.

P.I. /C.P.C.: No report. They are trying to gather ideas for the workshop.

GRAPEVINE: Zach reported. He is available to help any group or individual obtain a subscription to the Grapevine. Zach suggested that we sponsor Grapevine subscriptions to jails, MCDC, and other institutions.

ARCHIVES: No report.

HOTLINE: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Roxie's name has not yet been substituted for Peggy's name on the bank account. They said it would be done before the next meeting.

The key to the supply cabinet was obtained from John C. (John's recovery is going well)

NEW BUSINESS

The Corrections Workshop was discussed at length and a number of positive ideas were voiced. Denny requested some guidance from the District and the consensus was to make the workshop a localized event open to anyone who wishes to attend. Putting first things first, it was decided that the Committee would decide on a date and place for the Workshop for District approval. We then will start putting into place the details such as format, speakers, flyers, food, clean up etc.

There was a discussion on whether to implement a budget process for each of the Committees within the District. No formal action was taken and the issue was tabled. Committee chairs were encouraged to estimate what their financial needs on a voluntary basis.

There was an e-mail from Area concerning "Bridging the Gap." Charlie said he was coordinating efforts with his contact person in Helena. More work needs to be done on accessing and updating the computer files matching candidates who are being released and volunteers.

GROUP SHARE

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

Whitehall: Bill reported that all is well. Attendance is good. They have some newcomers who they are trying to get involved.

Sheridan Keep It Simple: Ana resigned as GSR but is still acting GSR. No new GSR has been elected but the meeting is still going.

Georgetown Lake: No report.

Anaconda: Lisa reported that meetings are going well. Large group of people are in sobriety and are doing well. There are several members in early sobriety that seem to be doing well. They had a large birthday meeting this month.

Control is an Illusion: Ted reported that things are going well. Meetings have grown to 18-20 people. Tuesday is a soup meeting and 20 to 25 people generally attend. The group is planning a 4th Step Workshop at St. Ann's on March 14. Flyers are available.

Promises: Charlie reported. Attendance is good.

Sunday Morning Breakfast Group: Fred reported. Attendance has been improving.

Keep it Simple: Ken reported. The group is going strong. They recently elected new trusted servants i.e. Ken was elected GSR, Chris secretary, and Casey treasurer. Birthdays are celebrated the last Thursday of the month. Books are being provided to newcomers.

Dillon Wednesday Big Book: No report.

Twin Bridges: Roxie reported that group is awesome. 5-10 people. Real good AA.

Newscomers 123: Charlie reported. This meeting men's meeting hosts 25 to 30 men from CCP. The meeting is going well. More outside members are encouraged to attend.

Galena St.: Ken reported. The group is fairly well attended. The group hosts people from the Butte Release Center (males and females attend on alternate nights). The group is struggling financially and could use more outside support.

Live and Let Live: Brent reported. The group is well attended; 20-25 people, and seems to be thriving.

Opportunity Group (Castle Meeting): Teyrl reported the group is doing well. The group reaches out to WATCH guys and people living at the Castle (sober living). They will only have dinner on the first Tuesday of the month instead of every Tuesday. Meeting is at 7:00 pm. Snacks will be provided when no dinner is served.

B I R T H D A Y S

Happy birthday to all our birthday people! Some of the groups did not report birthdays this month. Anaconda reported the following: John G. 5 mo., Trish K. 10 mo., Danny K. 10 mo., Kari 1 yr., Jim J. 6 mo., Jake 5 mo., Mandy M. 6 mo., Pam N. 5 mo., Kathi 5 mo., Wayne 6yr. Micalah 1 mo.

Sheridan Keep It Simple Group reported a 20 year birthday for Bill S. Twin Bridges Candle Group reported a 35 year birthday for Chuck B.

Our next business meeting will be held at Saint Ann's school on the second Wednesday of next month, February 11, 2015 at 7:10 p.m.

We closed with the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer.