

## District 2, Area 46 – Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2016

- 1) **Opening:** Kristina opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the MDB Auditorium at St Vincent’s Hospital with Serenity Prayer.
- 2) **Moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer**
- 3) **Tradition of the Month:** – Kristina, 2 minute presentation on Tradition Eight, Kate volunteered to present Tradition Nine next month.
- 4) **Concept of the Month:** Sarah read from the 2015-2016 AA Service Manual, Concept 8: Trustees function as custodians but not as immediate managers.
- 5) **First time to District:** None; **Birthdays since last meeting:** Peggy 4 years last month.
- 6) **Secretary’s Report:** Gloria – if you forward the announcements out to anyone in your group, please delete the email addresses before you send the email. Please help District 2 keep the sign up sheet up to date, if you replaced someone as GSR, then please delete the old GSR’s name from the sign up sheet. If you do not say “yes” in the “share contact information” section of the sign up sheet, I will put your name in the “blind copy” section of the email. I think I misplaced some email addresses in the “cc” section instead of the “blind copy” section of the email in the last sending of the announcements please forgive me, I’ll be more mindful in the future.
- 7) **July Minutes presented for approval:** Lynn made a motion to accept the minutes for July 12, 2016 meeting as amended, Tom seconded. Approved as amended.
- 8) **Treasurer Report:** John – Written Report. Sarah moved to accept, Lynn, seconded. MCU.
- 9) **Registrar Report:** Lisa – Need to make amends, haven’t been here for a few months. Have new updated version of GSR list from GSO, focus on this month will be to update the list, if new GSR hasn’t received their blue folder from GSO, let Lisa know and she will follow up, if your group has an alternate GSR get names to Lisa so she may update the registrar list.
- 10) **DCM Report:** Kristina – Minutes will be posted on AA Area website. Minutes are on the [santafeaa.org](http://santafeaa.org) website. Recently I went to the Assembly Planning meeting in Albuquerque. Everyone is really excited about the Santa Fe Assembly. Thanks to all of you and your groups for supporting this important service. A couple of important points will come up for discussion at the Assembly, and your groups might want to have an opinion. There will be a motion to move the March Assembly back a couple of weeks to give you more time to discuss agenda items. The motion proposes that this happen as soon as possible, but at least by 2018. There is also some talk about Area 46 sponsoring a one day Service Assembly in the summer months to give us all an opportunity to discuss Service topics like: (1) *What are the Concepts and Why do I Care?;* (2) *Group Inventory: How does our group serve the Alcoholic who still suffers?*
  - o *The Three Sided Triangle: How does your program grow in Recovery, Unity and Service?* Would your group support something like this?
- Our Area 46 Young People sent a video to the AA Literature Committee on our experiences in AA. This was a request sent out by the Conference last year. It will be screened at our Assembly and is I also want to encourage all Committee chairs to contact their Area Committee Chairs for support in the work you are doing. These folks want to and need to hear from you. Whatever is happening in your service, they will gain from your experience, and may have helpful suggestions. Email is a good way to reach them. Committee Chair emails are the title [@nm-aa.org](mailto:@nm-aa.org) for instance, [corrections@nm-aa.org](mailto:corrections@nm-aa.org) or go to [www.nm-aa.org](http://www.nm-aa.org) and find them there.
- 11) **Alt DCM Report:** Joost – Availability to do service has been limited over past month due to work commitments, I have been showing up for assembly planning meeting, will be the clean up chair for the assembly, need help with that. Will start the Concept study over again on September 13, Joost will be the new guide. Starts with Concept 12.

- 12) **Ongoing Business: Assembly Progress:** Fred - The Assembly Planning committee meets every Tuesday night, at 6:30 p.m. at the Friendship Club in the back room, except for second Tuesday of the month. Oskar in Gallup. No signed contract yet, but will be signed two weeks prior to the event, probably next week. Put out information in El Farolito on lodging and met last week. Put out the agenda for the assembly. Need volunteers from groups to help with clean up, hospitality, registration. Please put word out to groups. Hospitality committee: Kit – need help with dessert potluck on Friday night, bring a desert on Friday night. If you want to make coffee or to work on lunch contact Kit, be available if you are there see any committee chairs on the day of, we can put you to work. Chair people for the assembly are: Set up Oskar, Clean up Joost, Registration is Maureen. Meeting at the Hogan at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday during the dinner break. Joost will send information about the assembly to John for the website. Teresa: Traditions workshop starts off with explanation of the traditions, then break off into work groups to discuss factual scenarios, determine what tradition applies to the scenario. How do you use the traditions, does more than one tradition apply? Discussion within a group, how do you make traditions come alive, purpose is to bring the traditions to life. It is a shared experience.
- 13) **New Business:** Think about: AA announcements, why do we have them and does your group care? How can the announcements be more effective for your group? How can we be more intentional about what we are doing?

#### 14) **GSR Reports:**

Road Runners: Lisa nothing new, all secretary positions filled, group conscience is this weekend.

El Dorado Group: Hanna – Nothing new all is well, some newcomers.

Happy Hour: Lynn – Last group conscience was filled with questions about area assembly. We have sec positions filled a lot of them are being shared. Going to have two representatives from the jail at the meeting tomorrow night. Everyone is welcome to attend. Should be a lively meeting. Want to give them a good idea about what an AA meeting is all about.

Downtown Group: Joe – Still have good attendance for meeting, new treasurer, gp inventory in a month or two, voted to fund five scholarships to NMCYPAA convention. It is this weekend, it is free, get in touch with Joe, will car pool down there.

Jay Walkers: Fred – Attendance is stable, about 10 people every meeting, paid all bills, have money in 7<sup>th</sup> tradition available. Rent due three times a year, made all distributions to GSO and Central Office and District and Area.

Wednesday Night Speaker Meeting: Maureen – Need new coffee commitment person, intense commitment and long process, person has to get there at 5:30 brew coffee and then come back at 7pm to set up and shut down after the meeting. Try one person, at first, but may need back up. Group inventory is on the 28<sup>th</sup> with Kristina.

Wednesday Step Meeting and Monday Women's Step meeting: church that Pres church and tut h noon meeting has hit demand for insurance coverage. Found out this is a growing trend, may be asked to provide coverage. May become a bigger issue.

Thursday Women's Group: Rachel – Meetings are going well, have child care at every meeting, take a meeting to Casa Familia, two women go together to the meeting, doing well. Women taking that meeting get a lot out of it, we provide speakers for that meeting as well.

Phyllis 9am Sunday Am meeting: happy with gp being gsr has been good for me, will look at having a monthly gp conscience, have invited Kristin to tell gp what a gp inventory is. Gp has babysitting.

Brian live and let live meets tues at fc at 6pm. Have great meetings, well attended 50 to 70 people. Good meeting. Trying to announcements at each meeting, feed back it was too much, could we post announcements in the club. In four different locations in the club.

Harumi women's noon tues thurs: meeting is well attended, meet at pres church, faith Lutheran, treasurer a few weeks ago has been asked for liability insurance, hack around paid 500 for annual premium, it would be

worth looking into. Meet quarterly business meeting, voted to have a timer for 3 mins. Tried for three months, for most part it has been well received, a lot of dissention for some people. Most people like the timer. More people get to share.

Hal Hogan Meeting: the gp is going to participate in assembly as a group. There's an effort to explore ways to have stronger relationship with IAIA for 12 step work. Maybe extend work to the counselors at IAIA, have flyers up within the buildings.

Sarah An AA gp – hosting a step workshop in October, 7-9 Bob O from Denver and Mike S. open to all groups, flyers are available. Contact Joost and Teresa \$25 for registration for the three days. Workshops are usually awesome, please announce to your groups. At Salvation Army. Breakfast at the Lodge.

Early Birds: Dave – New treasurer, for the group, start giving money to district, group gives out books at the meeting meets every day of the week at 6:50. Attendance is usually 20 to 30 people.

YP camping trip will be next year first week in August.

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Saturday Morning Group: Betty – Group meets at Friendship Club, well attended meeting, usually 60 to 80 people at the meeting, doing well.

12 and 12: Ray –

Working with two primary home gp members, trying to build up membership, every thursday at 12 12 pm at holy trinity ort ch on Cordova.

Peggy: New beginnings; nothing substantial to report, wanted to check that the contribution to Dist;ret donation was made. Will pass along step study info to gp

Tom for Time out gp on Tuesdays: Attendance is up slight surplus in 7<sup>th</sup> trad, average between 8 -12 people meditation meeting.

Galen downtown gp: joe already covered. Only psn present at yp group conscience. Will get stuff together.

## **15) Committee Reports:**

Fun Raising: Kit – Yes I'm having fun, thanks. Next event planning will be Halloween. Working on assembly now.

Archives: Fred – Received information from Joe recording secretary for Downtown Group, need to compile.

Young People in AA: Joe – have a co chair of juvenile detention center meeting, may sponsor via district, under corrections. Will plug in with corrections. Talking with area committee chair, need to get a slot where we can attend. Camping trip was good. Meetings at the assembly: working on besides the video, do a service workshop each year, working on social media and anonymity, going through the traditions and anyone and the internet age. Hosting the fund night on Saturday. Do ice breaker games. Open to suggestions for the games.

Sp Needs Maureen: group is formed and ready waiting for first call to be of service to someone that needs a meeting. Contact co.

Phillip Treatment two things, sobering center still in need of a gp to sponsor a meeting on Friday nights at 6pm, different gps have a night to sponsor a meeting at sobering center, currently has an individual handling the meeting every other Friday. Sobering center would like to have meetings at 2pm in afternoon, if any gps are interested contact Phillip. Tues night meeting open at recovery center at \_\_\_\_, being run by individuals, guy running it for 9 months, needs back up and speakers. And better formalized structure.

Sarah corrections; excited that two representatives from county jail will attend meeting at fc another opportunity to network/ they can learn more about aa. July orientation was unexpectedly cancelled, this happens. Has been rescheduled for 28<sup>th</sup>, for volunteers that have been approved. Three more women will be joining the group. Men are needed for meetings taking meeting into the jails. Contact sarah if there

are questions. Working with chris in the recovery fair, will invite jail to that, try to get more services for folks in the jail.

**16) Liaison Reports:**

- a) El Farolito: Kate: facilitate how to get a copy of the El Farolito. Editor Jay Moore, nm-aa.org
- b) Central Office: Kristina: would be extremely wonderful if your groups would appoint a position called intergrp liaison. Need for volunteers to work at the office. Contact Patrick. Shifts are uncovered. They have a lot of money that groups send to them, should track what co is doing with the money. Quarterly meetings. Next meeting: Oct 3 at 6pm at st John's Methodist.

**17) 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition** recognized and collected.

**18) Announcements:**

- Every second Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.: AA Concepts meeting before the District 2 Meeting at the MDB Auditorium, St. Vincent's Hospital.
- Assembly planning meetings are every Tuesday (except second Tuesday) of the month at Friendship Club, 6:30 p.m. in the back meeting room.
- The area assembly planning committee is looking for groups to support the hospitality and other committees including, registration, welcome, set up, clean up. Please attend the planning meeting or contact Oskar if you want to help.
- District 17 Meeting is Second Saturday of each month at 7p.m. at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Claremont, Albuquerque, NM
- Please announce to your groups: if you know anyone that needs a meeting at hospital or at home, please call Central Office to arrange a meeting.
- Need volunteers for the juvenile detention center meetings. Get in touch with Joe.
- The Sobering Center is looking for a group to sponsor a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Friday nights.
- The Sobering center would like to have meetings at 2pm in afternoon, if any group is interested in sponsoring that meeting please contact Phillip.
- The Tuesday night meeting slot is open at Recovery Center, it is currently being run by one individual, running it for 9 months, needs back up and speakers and better formalized structure.
- Web committee: need people to funnel AA information to John to put on the website. Would be nice have the website full of announcements. Not utilizing the web as much as we should.
- **August 12-14, 2016**, New Mexico Conference of Young People in AA (NMCYPAA) in Las Cruces. Check: nmcypaa.com for more details as they develop.
- **Saturday September 10, 2016**, Volunteer Training to carry the message to alcoholics in the New Mexico State Penitentiary, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., God's House Church, Albuquerque, NM. RSVP at least 5 days before attending: 505-827-8541
- NOTE: All trainings subject to last minute cancellation. Call again, the day before to re-confirm.  
Friend of Bill contacts: Women: Sarah F. – 206-550-3369 Men: Jerry C. – 505-603-4645
- **September 9-11, 2016**, Area Assembly in Santa Fe: if your group wants to help please contact Oskar or attend the planning meetings on Tuesdays (except second Tuesday) at the Friendship Club
- **Sept 16-18, 2016** - Taos Mountain Fiesta
- **October 7-9, 2016**, An AA Group Anniversary Retreat, go through the steps with Bob O. and Mike S., from Denver, CO. Salvation Army, registration is \$25.

**19) What's on your mind:** Please send email to Kristina if you have any comments.

**20) Closing:** "I Am Responsible" – I am responsible, when anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that, I am responsible. Meeting closed at 8:05 p.m.