

District 2, Area 46 – Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2016

- 1) **Opening:** Kristina opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. in the MDB Auditorium at St Vincent's Hospital with Serenity Prayer.
- 2) **Tradition of the Month:** – Lynn, 2 minute presentation on Tradition Four. Oskar volunteered to present Tradition Five next month.
- 3) **Concept of the Month:** Doug read from the 2015-2016 AA Service Manual: Participation is the key to harmony, Concept 4.
- 4) **First time to District:** Michael, Alt. GSR for Sunday 11AM; Kathleen, Alt. GSR for Wednesday Old Friends; Harumi, New GSR for Women's Noon on Thursdays, Mark, Alt GSR for an AA group; Ray GSR for Thursday 12 and 12 Group. **Birthdays since last meeting:** Lisa, 13 years on the 10th, John 30 years on 16th.
- 5) **Secretary's Report:** Kristina – Presented March 8, 2016 minutes, approved.
- 6) **Treasurer Report:** John – Written Report, approved as amended.
- 7) **Registrar Report:** Lisa – Nothing new to report, see Lisa if you are new GSR.
- 8) **DCM Report:** Kristina – New District Information Pamphlet (DIP) is available, thanks to former DCM Michelle for updating. DIP describes what we do in the District, so alcoholics may find us, so we may serve AA needs. Covers procedures for the meeting, job descriptions. Commit to looking at your job description and let Kristina know what your opinion is regarding the job descriptions. Page 7, committee chairs, district does well in serving needs of AA by committees, would like for committee chairs to look at the descriptions and offer suggestions for changes to Kristina. Appendix on page 12 shows how District handles motions in the group, now that we have experience with this, gotten more patient with motions, honors minority opinion. It is a living document, not a set of rules, presented as helpful guideline. Need a new Public Information Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair person, someone that can get pamphlet literature to hospital and to other institutions.
- 9) **Alt DCM Report:** Joost – Reviewed the DIP again before it was revised. Busy with planning a sponsorship workshop, as well as area assembly committee footwork in finding a location for the area assembly. Please refer to the DIP to see what is reimbursed if your group does not pay for your attendance for the area assemblies.
- 10) **Ongoing Business:** State Convention: Jeff – having a fundraiser for the convention, is on May 7, 2016, at Friendship Club, 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Looking for someone to Skype in speakers through a DSL connection during the convention. Only rooms left are dorm style rooms, cost is \$35 per night, must purchase meals separately. Because so many rooms are filled, if you want to register up to the date of the convention that may be done now. Asking groups to bring a dish for hospitality, drop it off when you get there. Assembly Planning Committee: Oskar – group is meeting every week focusing on location, decide to make a decision on venue before this meeting, we have three venues to choose from, waiting to hear pricing on the prime location at IAIA, looks like we can get into the Santa Fe University of Art & Design and Santa Fe Prep, but both locations cost more than the seed money we've been allocated from Area. Discussing a fundraiser for July 23, 2016 tentative, will secure space at Frenchy's, considering barbeque, for the purpose of fund raising to make up difference in the cost of the assembly if needed. Planning group will continue to meet every week at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Friendship Club. Will pick venue as soon as we know what the cost of IAIA is going to be, should secure a venue a week from today. Area Assembly in Santa Fe is Sept 9-11, 2016. Need to know what we are doing so we can present at the Area Convention in June. Ask GSRs to speak in meetings about the assembly, will be looking to groups for support like hospitality, parking, etc. District has become very vital and we want to support the assembly. Flyer to ask groups to support, for business next month.
- 11) **New Business:** Kristina – Email addresses, last motion we had regarding email addresses did not consider anonymity, now we have a consideration for that with the new sign-up sheet.
- 12) **GSR Reports:**
 - Road Runners: Lisa – looking for a Sunday secretary need to get a speaker for the As Bill Sees It meeting.
 - 9AM Sunday Morning Meeting: Phyllis – had a group conscience on babysitting, because there was some controversy whether group was paying too much and whether it was too much responsibility for treasurer to pay babysitter. Pointed out where it is a separate service position, still have babysitting for the meeting.
 - Live and Let Live: Brian – Meetings are well attended, great speakers great group.
 - Lynn Happy Hour: last group conscience voted to change format, Preamble and 12 Traditions at beginning of the meeting, reduced amount of time spent on 12 steps, not doing How it Works portion, only reading the steps, it was thoroughly discussed. 3 of 4 four meetings we have are speaker meetings, considering whether one speaker should

choose a reading from AA literature, considering what day to change, more funds for literature form Monday evening group.

Downtown Group: Joe, Alt. GSR – new GSR for group (Galen); had an election, got new secretary. Meetings are well attended, usually collect \$50-\$60 per meeting, fellowship, bowling after the 7:00p.m. meeting every other meeting we go bowling at the casino.

Wednesday at a Time: Megan – closed women’s meeting, we meet at Unity Church off of 599, consistent members, great foundation already, bringing in new comers, enough money for rent, worked out deal with church, will start buying books for group, got registered with GSO, just about to read step two in “We Agnostics,” please join us.

Early Birds: David – Had to remind group about GSR report, talked about the Area Assembly in Taos, they were interested in the report. Brought up thinking about doing a 2017 state convention in Santa Fe and group thought it was a good idea.

Wednesday Night Speaker Meeting: Maureen – secretary is back, group is close knit, beautiful family, wonderful group, at next group conscience we will take an inventory regarding how we deal with people with special needs, will keep pushing the issue with the group.

12 and 12 Group: Rey – meets on Thursdays, this Thursday is group conscience regarding chips, small group 7-12.

An AA Group: Mark, Alt. GSR – meet Monday night 7:00p.m., things going well, decent attendance, just elected a new secretary. Philip – concerned last week about finding alternate locations to meet in the future, a long ways off, won’t happen in the immediate future. Construction planning will take a while.

Women’s Noon: Harumi – meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 12 noon at Christ Lutheran Church on Arroyo Chamiso, format: Tuesday, As Bill Sees It; Thursday, Daily Reflections. This is a well attended women’s meeting.

Jaywalkers: Fred – meets Thursday evening at 7:15p.m. at Salvation Army. Group conscience this past week, got permission to pay the rent, paid through June, the construction will not start before the 14th of June.

Old Friends: Kathleen – meets Wednesday at 12:00 noon, Kathleen is alternate for Megan, prudent reserve is healthy, good meeting in terms of discussions, very lively.

Young People in AA: Molly – attendance is low on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, but We Agnostics meeting is going well on Saturday, recently elected a treasurer and chip person.

First 3 Steps: Brad – meet Wednesday at 6:00p.m., around 35 people attend, treasury is healthy, new treasurer, contributions will be directed to the entities as described in the AA pamphlet.

New Beginnings: Doug, Alt. GSR – meets Monday to Friday 6:50a.m., average 14-18 people most mornings. Mostly a reading meeting: Monday, Big Book/12 and 12; Tuesday, _____; Wednesday, speaker; Thursday, meditation; Friday, As Bill Sees It. Group has a new treasurer taking care of things.

Sunday 11:00AM Big Book: Michael, Alt. GSR: meet at Friendship Club, last group conscience elected alternate GSR, clarified terms for secretary and treasurer, going to buy big books to restock the supply, meeting is growing.

Women’s Sober Solutions: Norma – things going well, new secretary, brings up an issue regarding spirit of rotation, not enough women stepping up so rotation is repeating, need more women in the rotation. Group conscience in the rotation, and suggest a group inventory.

Old Friends: Megan – group meets on Wednesdays at 12:15p.m. at Guadalupe Hall behind the church, group will have a group conscience next week to elected an alternate GSR, will be nice, the meeting is long standing meeting, lives up to its name, well attended. No problem filling service positions.

Wednesday Night Speaker Meeting: Maureen – Attended assembly this weekend, uplifting experience, had group conscience and discussed the consideration of plain language Big Book, 9 would consider, 2 against, lively and fun. Problem prying money for attendance to the assembly, need to be reimbursed by the group. Had a great new secretary that was working out well, something happened he has disappeared, don’t know what happened. Birthday speaker meeting on last Wednesday of the month with cake.

13) Committee Reports

Archives: Fred – Last month Gloria handed all the meeting minutes for last six months.

Special Needs: Maureen – If you want a flyer, email Maureen and she will send it to you. Phone numbers are on the flyers. Getting up and running, have a good group to help out. Have some intake forms for people organizing meetings etc. so we can coordinate the meeting, will get to meeting requests as soon as possible.

Bridge The Gap (BTG): Oskar – No calls this month, looking at DIP, several things on the “duties list” so inspired to get some of these things done.

CPC/PI: Jacqueline – Outgoing CPC/PI chair, if anyone is available to pick up the commitment, DUI class once a month, need help with literature. Hard to keep racks stocked, put in a big order for literature is ready to go.

Grapevine (GV): No Report.

Corrections/Jail: Sarah – 2 new volunteers, completed orientation this last weekend, for county jail, complete 2 forms, then vetted, then invited to orientation then in. Process is slow going to get volunteers. State Pen new people moving to town, that have experience with meeting in State Pen, go to training, June and September, bring license, once approved may go to any facility. By end of year a few women approved to get meetings to pen. Takes about four months to get approved, trying to address issues regarding the time it take to get approved, i.e. to streamline some of the problems.

Events and Entertainment: Kit – Founders Day: secured group picnic shelter in Hyde Park for Sunday June 12, horse shoes, volley ball, hiking, will start in the afternoon go to early evening serving hot dogs and hamburgers, will present budget and flyers next meeting. Kit will be involved in the fundraiser for the area assembly. Call Kit if you want to refer any newcomers to help out as volunteers.

Treatment Facilities: Philip – Sobering Center coverage is as follows: Saturday: hosted by An AA Group; Sunday: hosted by Long Table; Monday: hosted by Women’s Noon Group; Tuesday hosted by Narcotics Anonymous; Wednesday: Long Table Group; Thursday: Downtown Group; Friday is open at 6:00p.m. Sobering Center would like more afternoon meetings, right now the only meeting in the afternoon is at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Reached out to contact at Recovery Center, have not heard anything back yet, reinstating bringing people to Sunday evening Beginners Big Book meeting. Tuesday night meeting by Grupo del Monte Rey, checked it out, good meeting needs support, at the Recovery Center Tuesday night at 7:00p.m. Ready to start recruiting to expand committee, Oskar is on the list, would like you to ask people in the group if you are interested in joining the committee. Like people at least a year sober, have a sponsor have been through steps at least once and have honest desire to learn more about traditions, so they may represent AA. Difficult for me to make contact during normal business hours, availability for that would be helpful. Regarding Sobering Center, not an open AA meeting, limited to host and one or two speakers from your group.

Young People (YP) in AA: Joe – Sorry I missed last meeting, need a co-chair to help out, to get involved, in our district, a lot is going on, YP meeting is doing great. New GSRs are really taking over, changed group conscience to Saturday at the end of the month so it is better attended, working hard on starting a meeting at the Juvenile Detention Center. Submitted receipts for literature because group stocked the library at the Detention Center. At Area level we did a scavenger hunt Q&A at Taos Assembly, it was a lot of fun. State convention coming up in June, YP are trying to get activities going there as well. Working on a social media and anonymity pamphlet for Area, always looking for help with that type of issue. Picnic, camping trip this summer at Pilar Bridge, August 5-7, 2016. AA Athalon June 25th, kick ball, relay races. Looking for a group to support the Juvenile Center Meeting, contact Joe.

Sponsorship Workshop: Sarah – Flyers available, workshop scheduled May 14, 2016 if questions call Sarah, GSR get out to your home group. Want to involve AA community, hear from you regarding good people for the panel, need by Monday April 18, will draw names, ask that any person suggested have a sponsor, a home group and be involved in service. Workshop is for people looking for a sponsor, what issues that come up, get suggestions to Sarah. Index cards, are for the questions that are important for the AA community, please return completed cards to next District 2 meeting. Panel will include speakers from sponsor’s perspective and from a sponsee’s perspective, Alan S. will facilitate.

14) Liaison Reports

- a) Central Office: No report.
- b) El Farolito: No report.

15) 7th Tradition recognized and collected.

16) 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
- Every Tuesday (except second Tuesday) of the month, area assembly planning committee meets at Friendship Club, 6:30 p.m.
- Looking for a group to support the Juvenile Center Meeting, contact Joe
- GSRs if you have not done so already, please get back to Lisa with the group registration form for your group
- Need new liaison for El Farolito contact Kristina
- CPC/PI needs new chair contact Kristina
- Patrick from C/O working on new meeting schedule, if you want to update your meeting information please contact Patrick at Central Office. New meeting list is coming out in mid-May

- The Treatment Facilities Committee chair would like to know if you are interested in joining the committee: need alcoholics at least a year sober, that have a sponsor, have been through steps at least once and have honest desire to learn more about traditions, contact Philip
 - **May 6-8, 2016**, Red Road Convention, Crown Plaza Hotel, 1901 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102.
 - Contact: redroadarchives@gmail.com
 - **May 14, 2016**, District 2 Sponsorship Workshop at the Friendship Club, 1:30p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - **June 3-5, 2016**, State AA Convention at Ghost Ranch, register up to day of event, for information go to: http://www.nm-aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Area-46_2016_Convention_flyer_use.pdf
 - **June 12, 2016**, District 2 Founder's Day Picnic at Hyde State Park, more to be announced soon but save the date
 - **June 25, 2016**, Young People in AA Althalon
 - **July 1, 2016**, 11th Annual Bilingual AA Convention
 - **August 5-7, 2016**, Young People in AA, picnic, camping trip, save the date, more information to come
 - **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
 - Orientation for State Penitentiary Meetings:
 - **Saturday June 11, 2016** – Volunteer Training to carry the message to alcoholics in the New Mexico State Penitentiary, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., New Beginnings 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 beforehand to re-confirm.
 - Friend of Bill contacts: Women: Sarah F. – 206-550-3369 Men: Jerry C. – 505-603-4645
 - **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
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- 17) 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 8:00 p.m.
- 18) Addendum:**
 Submitted by Fred G. after the meeting:
Grapevine report: Initial contact made with Area Chair, moving forward with "attracting" AA members to Grapevine subscriptions for BOTH each Groups, and Individual subscriptions available. Meeting with Alice at this upcoming Assembly at Ghost Ranch.
B.Y.O.B.B. GSR Report - Fred: Meeting steady attendance, meeting growing slowly, yet "attracting" additional members to our Wed @ 7:00 p.m., closed meeting. First year anniversary is coming up on May 1, 2016, stand-by for flyer coming announcing celebration for 1 year.