

District 2, Area 46 – Meeting Minutes – May 10, 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) **Tradition of the Month:** – Oskar, 2 minute presentation on Tradition Five, Kristina handed out About AA, Singleness of Purpose by George E. Vaillant, M. D. Kathleen volunteered to present Tradition Six next month.
- 3) **Concept of the Month:** Hanna read from the 2015-2016 AA Service Manual: Right of appeal and petition protects minorities, Concept 5.
- 4) **First time to District:** Carrice, Downtown Group; Kate, new El Farolito Liaison; **Birthdays since last meeting:** Fred G., 27 years, Dave, 4 years.
- 5) **Secretary's Report:** Kristina – Megan made a motion to accept the Minutes for April 12, 2016 meeting, Ray seconded. Approved with Sarah's amendments.
- 6) **Treasurer Report:** Kristina – Written Report, postpone approval till next month.
- 7) **Registrar Report:** Lisa – No report.
- 8) **DCM Report:** Kristina – Will not be here next month, Joost will cover for Kristina. Attendance sheet, has a sign up sheet, invitation to GSR's to commit group to bring dish for hospitality at the Area Convention.
- 9) **Alt DCM Report:** Joost –There is a literature rack in the back with publications on service, traditions, concepts. Working on the Sponsorship Workshop this Saturday, Area Assembly planning.
- 10) **Ongoing Business:** Assembly Planning: Oskar: decided to hold assembly at IAIA, will need to work with the chef in the cafeteria, working out the details, lunch will likely be through cafeteria, snacks and coffee through AA. Moved forward on a fund raiser for the assembly total amount for the assembly will be higher than the donation from Area, July 23, at Alta Vista Park, will pay the city to use the park, will be in the afternoon food and suggested donation. Trying to raise money, may have open mike, will get a flyer together. Get to do list out next month for the actual assembly. Sponsorship Workshop: On Saturday May 14, 2016, 1:00 p.m.
- 11) **New Business:** Kristina – Special Guests from Bilingual service: Ana, Area 46 Chair for Bilingual translation all we do in Area, educates on how to get better at this; Maria, member of Spanish speaking meetings in the Northern New Mexico; Tom, does Spanish translation for Area. Ana: Chair of Bilingual Committee: Committee started in the early 90s at the Isleta Club in Albuquerque, goal is to increase participation in AA. Bilingual District 17 AA Convention in July Pasos de Libertad, anniversary registration is free. Maria: Program Coordinator for the 11th Spanish convention in Albuquerque July 1-3, 2016 at Hotel Casada, Maria's phone no on the flyer with information for registration. May also show up and pay at the door. Extend an invitation to all alcoholics to become a part of the Spanish convention, no deadline for reservations of rooms. If bringing children, \$15 per day to use the water park for this event. Would love to see good English speaking attendance. Encouraging unity. Good food and dancing. Rachel: would like to take up question for new position for liaison to District 17. Take back to groups: Would district like to have a representative to work with District 17? Bilingual committee is available to translate for future workshops and will also help with translation of flyers.
- 12) **GSR Reports:**
Wednesday Night Speaker Meeting Maureen: Wednesday made progress with group, group will do inventory with Kristina's guidance.
- 13) **Committee Reports**
Archives: Fred – No report.
Special Needs: Maureen – Announce at your meetings: if there is anyone that needs a meeting at hospital or at home, please call Central Office.
Bridge The Gap (BTG): Oskar – Picked up a guy from Rowe, ordered cards for distribution to centers and jails.
CPC/PI: Kathleen – No report.

Grapevine (GV): No report.

Corrections/Jail: Sarah – Please see Addendum, report sent in after the meeting.

Events and Entertainment: Kit – Has Founder’s Day picnic flyers for the group, pot luck for side dishes, burgers and hot dogs provided at group picnic ground number 2. Contact Kit for any questions. Budget request asking for is \$350.00, 81st Anniversary of Founder’s Day. \$5.00 per car parking fee will be picked up by the District. Please bring side dishes for hospitality committee to the area convention.

Treatment Facilities: Philip – Looking for group to take meeting to sobering Center on Friday nights, a solo alcoholic has been going there on their own every other Friday for past two years, but need a regular group. Had a meeting last month, Joe and Oskar, another meeting next Wednesday at 6:00p.m. at the Friendship Club. Need someone with day time hours to reach out. Need to know what the budget is for the committee so committee can put packets together. We already have a comprehensive list of shelters and center to approach with the literature.

Young People in AA: Joe – No report.

14) Liaison Reports

- a) Central Office: Denny – 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 L.
- District 17 Meeting is Second Saturday of each month at 7p.m. at 3rd and Claremont, Albuquerque, NM
- Looking for co-chair of YP in AA. contact Joe L.
- 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.
- **May 13, 2016**, AA/Alanon Potluck from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Friendship Club.
- **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
[Need volunteers for convention](#), contact David Leyba, 505-660-7693. Open service positions include hospitality, selling t-shirts, registration and more.
- **June 12, 2016**, District 2 Founder’s Day Picnic at Hyde State Park, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **June 25, 2016**, Young People in AA Althalon
- **July 1, 2016**, 11th Annual Bilingual AA Convention at Hotel Casada in Albuquerque, www.hotelcasadanm.com, call for information: 505-577-6836.
- **August 5-7, 2016**, Young People in AA, at Pilar Bridge, 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**:

Sent after the meeting by Sarah: Women’s Jail Volunteer Update: We have 9 active volunteers (2 new). One volunteer is on hiatus through June. Currently we bring two meetings per week to the jail. We are actively recruiting new volunteers to ‘vetted’ by the next orientation in June/July. If interested, Sarah will email you the attachments. The paper work needs to be filed with a background check completed first. Then the Orientation follows. The process usually takes a few months. Penitentiary Update Men & Women: Next Volunteer Training: Saturday June 11, 2016 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at New Beginnings Church: 3601 Montgomery Blvd. NE, Albuquerque. During the training a background check will be conducted. Please bring your driver’s license. Please pre-register at least 5 days beforehand, call 505-827-8541. NOTE: All trainings subject to last minute cancellation. Call again, the day beforehand to re-confirm. Friend of Bill contacts: For Women: Sarah F.: 206-550-3369 For Men: Jerry C: 505-603-4645 or Chuck Z: 505-699-6629.