

## District 2, Area 46 – Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2017

- 1) **Opening:** Kristina opened at 6:30 p.m. in a meeting room in the Friendship Club.
- 2) **Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer**
- 3) **Concept of the Month:** Kristina gave a 2-minute presentation on Concept 10. Oscar volunteered to present on Concept 11.
- 4) **Tradition of the Month:** Hannah read the long form of Tradition 10.
- 5) **New to District or Visitors:** Cindy - Alt GSR Sunday 9AM, Jordan Alt GSR Long Table, Pam, and Henry from Young Peoples
- 6) **Birthdays since last meeting:** None.
- 7) **Secretary's Report:** None.
- 8) **Minutes presented for approval:** Annie motioned to approve, Phyllis second, minutes approved.
- 9) **Treasurer Report:** John – Please include your group name on contributions. Thank you for the contributions.
- 10) **Registrars Report:** Lisa – Has updated District 2 Phone list, has copies of DIP, and in November will try to go 90% paperless.
- 11) **DCM Report:**

Tesuque meeting is registered now as the Tesuque Pueblo Group. Attended behavioral health presentation with Kathleen which was very informative. She helped do an inventory at Join the Tribe. If your group is interested in having a group inventory performed her and Joost can do it. Highlighted topics from GSO report: Our fellowship as a whole is giving more money to GSO. Also, the topic of putting together a plain language Big Book is still in the works.
- 12) **Special Accessibilities Committee Report:** Elaina from Albuquerque was in attendance to share with us how she got the deaf community represented in AA Albuquerque – The deaf community is so small here that it's hard to get them to come in to the meetings. There are interpreters in ABQ and Santa Fe that are the eyes and ears for the deaf community so we could reach out to them to see where the need is. Money is also an issue. Interpreters usually cost \$85/hr – she can get them for \$35/meeting. She went to her District for help. Since it's such a big cost it usually takes larger groups or multiple groups to put in the funds. In other areas of the country Central Office and Districts will contribute to the meetings. Elaina suggests contacting RGC Access that hires interpreters and also has the knowledge of how to navigate the process, and that will start the ball rolling. There is a deaf person that lives in Santa Fe but goes to ABQ meetings. So she thinks the need is here. To make sure we are available to the deaf community we can put a button on our homepage for deaf people, which will initiate contact with the appropriate service member. We could consider contacting the school for the deaf. The details of translation can cause issues.
- 13) **GSR Reports:**

**Women's Noon:** Annie R. - Have had monthly business meetings. Getting them down to 1/2 hr to attract more attendance. Now asking for \$2 but announcement says, "give what you can".

**Early Birds:** David L. - He thinks he has an Alt GSR. Group had a camping trip. Group conscience has had old timers that want things to change back to the old ways, they will be voting on some things soon. Attendance is good.

**Jaywalkers:** Fred D. - He'll be rotating out at end of year but will find replacement. Mostly men but it is not a men's meeting, attendance is good.

**Join the Tribe:** Sarah F. - Good meeting, good attendance. Had a group inventory, 8 people participated. Some of the founding members are stepping back and new members are stepping forward. Will have 2 tables at the Native American Conference in November.

**El Dorado Group:** Hannah B. - Not much new to report. Had their business meeting, have some new comers. Did have a long time member that could not get sober that passed recently.

**Sunday 11AM Big Book:** Juliet M. - Needs to make sure their group number is on the treasurer's report. Not too much to report. Still trying to find Alt GSR.

**Downtown Group:** K. D. – Have been discussing at group conscience having a group inventory, potluck at group conscience, etc. no decisions yet.

**Wednesday Old Friends:** Kathleen H. - Still receiving gifts of food etc. which is increasing attendance. No takers for GSR for next round but still searching.

**Happy Hour:** Lynn K. - Not much new to report. Did not have a business meeting this past month. Has not had success in getting a replacement, has received some suggestions on that. Have bought 40 new 12 & 12.

**Sober Solutions Women's:** Marliese V. - Has Alt GSR lined up. Now attendance is about 14 women. A lot of women are repeat newcomers but still good attendance.

**Wed Night Speaker Meeting:** Maureen - Has great speakers coming up. Needs more support from the local members. A lot of attendance of local treatment centers but this does not bring in a lot of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition.

**9:00 AM Sunday:** Phyllis H. - Continues to be a large meeting. Most of the people have attended for the last 20 years. Not a large business meeting. They are starting to become interested in District and Area.

**Thursday Women's Group:** Rachel T. - Having a business meeting hopefully getting new secretary. For the last 3 weeks no one has volunteered to secretary the meeting. Also, signups to speak at Casa have dropped.

**An AA Group:** Sarah C. - Had the workshop - was well attended.

**First 3 Steps:** Shelly D. – They were excited to pick up the Tuesday night Recovery Center Meeting - had people lined up to speak but is now dwindling down.

**Young People in AA:** Zach F. - Last group conscience elected Hanley as the new GSR. Zach will be relocating for his education.

**Young People in AA:** Hanley S. - 3 meetings per week. Hopefully will have participation for the Native American Conference in November.

**Long Table:** Jordan - Christmas party plans are coming along. Several service positions are available.

**Roadrunners:** Gavin - They will have a business meeting after their meeting starting next Saturday. Also, Central Office will be transitioning positions in December.

**Corrections Chair:** Sarah F. - Contact for Jail has changed positions so Renee is now the contact no longer Jo Ann.

**Grapevine:** Hannah - Another writing workshop coming up November 11th, 1:30-4:30 at the Friendship Club.

**14) 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition** recognized and collected.

**15) Announcements:**

- **AA Social Club, this Saturday, October 14, 2017, 7:30-10:30, Caveman Coffee, 411 W. Water Street, Suite B. Bottomless Coffee, games and pizza (they will remove taps, and specialty coffees can be purchased).**
- Another Grapevine writing workshop coming up November 11th, 1:30-4:30 at the Friendship Club.
- Talk to your group about the gap in providing ASL interpreter services to our meetings locally, is this something they would be interested in.
- Central Office needs volunteers for the 12 Step List volunteers to help answer phones in Central Office.
- Corrections Correspondence Program – if you are interested you can correspond with an inmate. If interested please contact Phillip F. (505.310.0552)- Treatment Facilities Chair.
- Men needed for County Jail meetings, contact Spencer W. (802) 377-9700 or Sarah F. (206) 550-3369
- Every second Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.: AA Concepts study before the District 2 Mtg at the Friendship Club.
- 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 through the Accessibility Committee.
- Next District 2 meeting will be November 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 at the Friendship Club back room.

**16) 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.