

District 2, Area 46 – Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2017

- 1) **Opening:** Kristina opened at 6:37 p.m. in a meeting room in the Friendship Club.
- 2) **Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer:**
- 3) **Tradition of the Month:** Fred read the long form of Tradition 3.
- 4) **Concept of the Month:** Juliet gave 2-minute presentation on Concept 3. Phyllis volunteered to present on Concept 4.
- 5) **New to District or Visitors:** Cindy from Friday Women’s Sober Solutions.
- 6) **Birthdays since last meeting:** Juliet celebrated 35 years on February 20th. Oscar celebrated 10 years at the end of January
- 7) **Secretary’s Report:** Nothing to report.
- 8) **January Minutes presented for approval:** Norma motioned to accept, Lynn second, minutes approved.
- 9) **Treasurer Report:** John – The report handed out is fairly current. We are doing good financially. The expenses paid out were for the updating of the webpage. He will start to track literature that is given out to groups and carrying the message. Please let him know if your group is not listed on the report. Also, please make sure your treasurer is writing the group’s name on the check. Annie motioned to accept Treasurer’s Report, Fred second, motion approved.
- 10) **Registrar Report:** Lisa – She got a new report and will review and send out.
 - **DCM Report:** Kristina – Assembly: went to Special Needs/Accessibilities; GV and Literature. Discussed ways to increase our effectiveness in Accessibilities. For GV looking into the ever more curious web world; Literature discussed Safety. Web, Chat rooms? Did our group conscience report
 - Service Forum: Fundraiser Speaker meeting featuring Tom H our Bilingual Translator; Potluck, 50/50 raffle Saturday, April 8. 6 pm-8:30 Our Lady of Sorrows, Bernallio
 - DCM meeting: what to do with extra funds? Other places are finding they are less likely to do parties. Sponsor and support remote districts: District 1 and 6 in particular
 - Voted to have March pre conference in Roswell; Vote to allow Districts which host Convention to make arrangements to invite AlAnon if they choose to vs. the Area doing that.
 - Convention: 65 rooms left: Speakers confirmed including Don C from Colorado.
2017area46convention@gmail.com Raffle give always include Swedish massage, and king and double suites. Deadline May 1. Contest for Logo for theme it Stepping Into the Sunlight deadline May 14
 - Convention 2018 ongoing planning meetings in ABQ
 - 135 voting members: 2 oldest members with 40 years apiece, youngsters got sober in July 2016
 - Say what you mean, mean what you say, just don’t say it mean
- 11) **Alt DCM Report:** Joost – Literature rack is in the back, please have a look. Concept study still going strong, please join us. We are here to serve you, if there is a topic you would like to have a workshop on please let us know.
- 12) **Ongoing Business:** DIP amendments. Do we have rules, or do we have experience? Changed address for District 2. Secretary’s position has been updated. Corrections chair and co-chair updated with loose description because it’s the nature of the beast. Fun raising chair – change of name from “Entertainment”. Young People’s, have fun – be imperfect. The title of Special Needs was replaced with Accessibility. Housekeeping motion – paperwork changes made. Rachel made a motion to accept the DIP amendments, Lynn second. Discussion, Rachel formatting question. Oscar started discussion on liking the word Entertainment instead of Fun. Made motion to rescind June 14, 2016 motion, Zack second – all approved. No more discussion. Kristina made a motion to accept DIP amendments as amended.
- 13) **GSR Reports:**
 - Women’s Noon:** Annie R. Doing pretty good, about 35-person group. Only about 30% stay for group conscience. Had a discussion of what to do when people that rarely come to meeting make a change in the group conscience then stop coming to meeting. They called New York and were told to keep decision for 3 months and have another group conscience. Great example of a group calling New York for guidance.

Jaywalkers: Fred D. They have a new secretary. Don't have enough money to make distributions but can pay the rent.

Archives: Fred. Went to archives meeting at assembly. Discussed retaining some pamphlets.

Join the Tribe: Hal F. This Saturday is Red Road.

Downtown Group: Joe L. Meetings are big, 50 plus, 10-12 to come to group conscience. Good core group with a lot of positions.

Sunday 11AM Big Book: Juliet M. Meeting is moving along.

Roadrunners: Lisa K. New secretaries need help with job responsibilities, need a new treasurer, current has been volunteering since 2008.

Happy Hour: Lynn K. - GSR – Happy Hour – Changed group conscience to the first Thursday of the month due to scheduling issues of long-standing members. Adding new secretaries, keeping with every 6 months position rotation. Gave a report to the group from the assembly.

Wednesday Night Speaker: Maureen R. Need new alternate GSR. Meeting going well at the Women's Club.

Sober Solutions Women's: Norma O. Group is going good at its new location; 454 St. Michael's Presbyterian Urgent Care. They have given her complete right of decision with the assembly topics. Cindy is new GSR.

9:00 AM Sunday: Phyllis H. Having group conscience once a month. Went to assembly and took information back to the meeting.

Thursday Women's Group: Rachel T. Had a group conscience to discuss when to start the business meeting, also difference between group conscience and simple discussion.

An AA Group: Sarah C. Had a special group conscience. Only 2 people attended which made it very powerful to see the program process work even with just 2 people. Discussed agenda items.

Time Out Meditation: Tom P. Membership is stable, core group increasing.

Young People in AA: Zach F. Group is getting stronger. Secretaries are really getting involved in the groups. Need new secretary for Wednesdays.

14) **Committee Chairs:**

Finances Committee: Lynn. Had ad hoc meeting to allow time for discussions. Considering prudent reserve as a static figure rather than a percentage of operating budget. SWAA service assembly, asked every area to provide 2 delegates plus 3 people to handle the meetings. Couldn't do that so other areas had to send others. Translation equipment will always be covered outside of other funds.

Special Needs: Maureen. Updated contact info at Central Office.

Treatment Facilities Chair: Phillip F. Nothing new to report. The meetings are still continuing at the Sobering Center but will not add anything new until it is known if it will remain open. Corrections Correspondence Program – if you are interested you can correspond with an inmate. Need more men to sign up. Prisons are leading more towards having email. If interested, please look up on AA.org.

15) **7th Tradition** recognized and collected.

16) **Announcements:**

- Corrections Correspondence Program – if you are interested you can correspond with an inmate. If interested please contact Phillip F. - 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 Meeting 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.
- District 2 needs to fill the Entertainments/Events chair position, contact Kristina.
- July 15, 2017 - Service **Forum** in Albuquerque, more to be announced soon.
- Next meeting for Central Office is April 3, 2017, 6:00p.m. at St. John's Church
- Next District 2 meeting will be April 11th, 6:30 at the Friendship Club back room.

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 7:50 p.m.

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