

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

- 1) **Opening:** Joost 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:** Phyllis gave a 2-minute presentation on Concept 4. Brian volunteered to present on Concept 5.
 - 4) **Tradition of the Month:** Phyllis read the long form of Tradition 4.
 - 5) **New to District or Visitors:** Michael is here to volunteer for the Events and Entertainment and Patricia looking for a position.
 - 6) **Birthdays since last meeting:** On March 23rd Hanna celebrated 35 years, Brian celebrated his 3rd year on February 22nd, and John celebrated 31 years in March.
 - 7) **Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.
 - 8) **Minutes presented for approval:** Fred noted that #8 should read "February Minutes" instead of January. Also, Annie mentioned Women's Noon Meeting. Sarah motioned to approve, Juliet second, minutes approved with noted changes.
 - 9) **Treasurer Report:** John – Expenses were sending people to Area, office supplies and other monthly expenses. There are still people that are not putting the group name on the envelope or check. Rachel noted 12 step initiatives YTD totals aren't right. Joost noted that we are well ahead of our goal. Fred noted we have a Downtown Group and a Santa Fe Downtown Group, are they the same group? K.D. will check the group numbers and get back to John. Annie motioned to accept the report, Rachel second, motion approved.
 - 10) **Registrar Report:** Lisa – Not present.
 - 11) **DCM Report:** Kristina – Not present.
 - 12) **Alt DCM Report:** Joost – Literature rack is in the back, please have a look.
 - 13) **Ongoing Business:** Shelly raised the question that we were supposed to ask our groups what they wanted to do with extra District funds and discuss it more but she hasn't heard anything mentioned. Secretary will check with DCM and it will continue to be discussed.
 - 14) **GSR Reports:** Joost asked the GSR's to give their reports as well as answer the following question: How does your Group Conscience or Group deal with Newcomers?
- 9:00 AM Sunday:** Phyllis - The main reason the group started having business meetings is because they wanted to attract new comers. They have new service positions. The group decided that anytime there is to be a vote on something they will hold off so they can announce it to members of the group to get as many members voting as possible.
- Eldorado Group:** Hannah – All service positions have been filled. They get a lot of new comers, traditionally older new comers.
- Sunday 11:00 AM Big Book:** Juliet – The meeting just appointed a GSR within the last year but they get a lot of new comers and the group supports each of them by gearing the meeting toward them, giving out numbers etc.
- Thursday Women's Group:** Rachael – They are making sure they have a regular business meeting. They welcome the new comer with newcomer packets, hand out phone lists and announce to new comers to right down the name of the person that says something they like so they can call them. They also have in their announcements a statement to ease the new comer and those who feel uncomfortable to share.
- Live & Let Live:** Brian – They normally don't have a group conscience except to rotate positions. For the newcomer they welcome them in the announcement, state that there is literature available etc. but nothing formal.
- Jaywalkers:** Fred – Almost done with the Big Book then they will start with the 12 & 12. They also have 1 Tradition meeting per month. They hold their Group Conscience standing at a table to keep it short. They get a lot of new comers, they have phone lists and literature and exchange phone numbers with the newcomer.
- Hogan:** Hal – Male and Female greeters to make sure new comers are integrated into the meeting. They are having a Red Road meeting once a month. Thinking of getting training from Colorado. Sarah announced that Don C. is giving a Red Road training May 3rd in Espanola.
- Wednesday Old Friends at 12:15:** Kathleen – The meeting has been diminishing but hopefully it will pick back up again.

First 3 Steps: Shelly – Intended to be a newcomers meeting but hasn't been getting any new comers so they picked up the Tuesday meeting at the Sobering Center. Hopefully that will attract newcomers. They have a great format for newcomers. Group conscience has been small.

An AA Group: Sarah – They get a lot of new comers, it is asked if any new comers need a new sponsor to please raise their hand but they are nervous to raise their hand. Also, she wants to bring up announcing themselves by name in GC to welcome the newcomer. They have a Group Inventory coming up.

Women's Noon Meeting: Annie – They announce at their meeting “anyone here can help you find sponsor” for the newcomer.

Downtown Group: K.D. – Filling positions. Group Conscience 1/month 1 hr before meeting. Tuesday group 1/mo about 10 minutes which goes well for filling positions. Ask NC to raise their hands. Issue of announcement continues to be discussed. She will bring it up the group again to see if there are new ideas.

Wednesday Night Speaker: Maureen – Group Conscience 1/month. She brought up do they want an AA Group Chat Room and her group voted absolutely not. They get new comers. They ask them to raise their hand and make announcements to them about the importance of home group.

Early Birds: Dave – Their Group Conscience is a little long. Discussing having a Group Inventory.

15) Committee Chairs:

Young People's: Joe – NMCYPAA coming up in ALBQ see him for date. Camping at Lake Powell soon. Needs Co-chair and Juvenile Detention Center Co-chair.

Bridge the Gap: Oscar – Bridge the Gap – If anyone needs cards with contact information on it to go into the Sobering Center or Life Healing Center etc. If they know the release date the committee will find an alcoholic to contact them and take them to a meeting wherever the newcomer is at.

Treatment Facilities: Phillip – Appreciates groups keeping him informed on problems of filling the positions at meetings taken to treatment centers. He suggests getting alternates for secretaries taking meetings to centers. Sobering Center is having problems with people coming in with addictions other than alcohol, which they are not set up for. They are trying to set up a place at the hospital where they can triage that. He will get Steps and Traditions shades to be available at Sobering Center, District can purchase for him.

Special Needs: Maureen - Special Needs – Please announcement if anyone needs a meeting brought to them please call Central Office.

Archives: Fred – Looking for groups that have histories written down for the archives. His focus is to get the history of all of the local groups.

CPC/PI: Kathleen – Garage full of pamphlets being distributed. Trying to get Spanish pamphlets handed out. They have a new volunteer doing the ER Room at St. Vincents.

Grapevine: Hannah – Encourage groups to get subscriptions. Can get for new comers. Another writing workshop on June 10th snacks will be available.

El Farolito Liaison: Kate – Nothing to report but looking for any activities to include.

Central Office: Joost - Business is usual – they still have spots that need to be filled.

16) Voting: Michael was voted and accepted new position of Events and Entertainment Chair.

17) 7th Tradition recognized and collected.

18) 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 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.
- The District 2 needs to fill the Entertainments/Events chair position, contact Kristina.
- July 15, 2017 - Service [Forum](#) in Albuquerque.
- Next meeting for Central Office is April 3, 2017, 6:00p.m. at St. John's Church
- Next District 2 meeting will be May 9th, 6:30 at the Friendship Club back room.

19) 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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