

District 2, Area 46 – Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2016

- 1) **Opening:** Kristina opened at 6:35 p.m. in a meeting room in the Friendship Club.
- 2) **Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer**
- 3) **Tradition of the Month:** – Kristina and KD, 2 minute presentation on Tradition Twelve.
- 4) **Concept of the Month:** Annie read from the 2015-2016 AA Service Manual: Concept 12. Sarah volunteered to present on Concept 1 next month.
- 5) **Birthdays since last meeting:** Sarah, 13 years on November 28, Annie, 2 years November 11; Kathleen, Nine years; Kristina 16 years, December 2.
- 6) **Secretary's Report:** Gloria – Thank you to Stacey for covering last meeting, this is my last meeting, it has been a privilege to serve, thank you.
- 7) **November Minutes presented for approval:** Lynn, made a motion to accept the Minutes for November 8, 2016, Hannah 2nd, approved as amended, see page 2, report for Thursday Women's meeting, "CASA" should be changed to "Casa Familia."
- 8) **Treasurer Report:** John – Written Report, John amended the report to be added to the minutes. Sarah. made motion to approve, Norma 2nd. Approved.
- 9) **Registrar Report:** Lisa – Talked to area registrar, updating using an excel list for each group; talked to young person he said he didn't want the GSR new packet in paper form, could we do a packet that we could email out? Want to work on converting the packet to PDF to hand out electronically through email.
- 10) **DCM Report:** Kristina – Thank you District 2 for sending me to the Carlsbad Area Assembly. My expenses were \$77.00 for travel (550 miles X \$.14) plus \$261.38 for two nights stay for total of \$338.38. Our District and its meetings sent 10 members, a pretty good portion of the 100 or so people who attended. There are several items I want to share with you about the Assembly: (1) the most moving moment came from the District 4, Carlsbad GSR, who has a year sober, a very young man, he told us that for the last 11 years he has been lost, now he has a purpose, and he couldn't thank us enough; (2) our countdown went from 40 years to 30 days; (3) the feeling of the Assembly was summarized by a statement from Jason O. DCM from District 10, Hobbs/Carlsbad: *Nothing recharges my battery like joining hundreds of alcoholics to squabble on the best way to love each other!*; (4) **Committee Reports:** **Accessibilities:** continuing to look at how to make meetings more accessible generally; **Archives:** old Grapevines are available in stacks of 12, got my sponsor a package from 1980, they make a great gift! **Fred:** stressing getting oral histories from old timers, looking for people to go to archives in Albuquerque, wants to find out what is in the archives in all the districts, importance of the archives to realize where we've come from, group history guidelines for writing group histories, Olivia was at the meeting, been the archivist for a lot of years, looking at digitizing things that are in the archives; **Bi Lingual:** their 4 key words are: enthusiasm, communication, unity and service and they reminded us that communication includes *Listening!!* They also added a thought about our First Tradition: unity helps us know other; **Bridging the Gap:** Oskar will make a report at the Committee Chair portion of the meeting; **Cooperation with the Professional Community:** there is a movement now in the recovery professions to go with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, or CBT, rather than 12 Step services. It is our responsibility to inform the public of what we do without generating controversy or promotion. There is a very informative article by the Surgeon General. Here is the URL: <https://addiction.surgeongeneral.gov/chapter-5-recovery.pdf>; **Corrections:** please see the El Farolito (EIF) for this one or if you attended the meeting, please let us know what you learned later in the meeting; **EIF:** the EIF chair is now Jeffery H. from Espanola, he has a long history with the newspaper publishing business, they are looking to increase subscriptions in 2017 by \$100.00/month. Jay will stay on as advisor, but they are looking for a back up person, an "alt alt" if you will, so that future rotations will have a trained servant ready on board. I highly recommend that each District Chair person get themselves a copy; in it you can follow what's happening in your section, i.e. Treatment or Corrections, throughout the Area, subscriptions are only \$3.00 per year or \$5.00 for two years for electronic copy via email; **Literature:** please see EIF or if you attended, please share what you learned later in the meeting; **Finance:** there will be an ad hoc finance committee to consider lingering items such as: size of prudent reserve, consolidating the number of standing committees (our Area has more than most) and what to do with the convention overage, should it happen, there was a \$4758 overage from the 2016 convention, and most of this was allocated to the Delegate's expenses at the Conference, you will

receive a copy of the finance report later this month or early next month; **Public Information:** Please see EIF or share what you learned later in the meeting; **Website committee:** working to protect our meeting data and has a new format which will more seamlessly link all meeting information across New Mexico; **Young People:** Anna, our Bi Lingual Chair will be speaking at the Young People’s 3 Legacies workshop on January 28 in Albuquerque, see: nm-aa.org, Young People are also working on a pamphlet for submission to the GSO on Traditions and social media; **The Ad Hoc Assembly Development Committee:** approved to host a Service Assembly on July 15, 2017 entitled: *“Fun and Service, Whaaat!!!!”* please save the date. It will be an all day affair with topics like: *What are the Concepts and why do I Care? Technology and AA: Wouldn’t Bill have loved the Internet? Self-Centeredness, the Mother of all Character Defects. What is a service sponsor and how do I find one?* It will be a terrific opportunity to bring your sponsees and give them a chance to see what service is about...I also have the new pamphlet generated by the Assembly Development Committee. You each have one at your seat, and I have more for you if you want them. We will go over it later in the meeting. The greater ABQ Districts, 3, 11, 12, 13, 17 and 18 will be hosting the June 2018 Convention. District 18, North West ABQ will be hosting the December 2017 Assembly on December 2 & 3, 2017. Year Long Conference Report: see pamphlet, and handout: a way of documenting what we did last year. Describes the “never ending conference process” how AA works with out concerns all year round. Sometime between January and February, we will be getting the agenda topics for consideration. How information goes from group to GSO to trustees, to service committees of trustees and back to us for consideration in our groups. Narrative describes what the process looks like, we will review in January as ongoing business. Please review the pamphlet and let me know if you have any questions.

- 11) **Alt DCM Report:** Joost – Concept study fell through this month will resume next month. Literature rack is in the back, have been in discussion with John for Budget for next year.
- 12) **Ongoing Business:** District Budget for 2017 for approval: Joost – written report handed out, with history of spending by District from 2013, move webmaster expenses to “office supplies, copies and web” as an operational expense in the report, cost for webmaster for 2017 will be \$220.00 approximately. Sarah made a motion to accept the budget for 2017, Rey 2nd, MCU. Kathleen – PI/CPC team chair, circulate an organization chart for review and comment contact Kathleen at: pisantafenm@gmail.com, the committee needs a schools and education liaison. Kristina – Circulated copies of printed announcements from First 3 Steps meeting, take a look at the handout on a two-sided piece of paper, handed out at each First 3 Steps meeting; Attention to the DIP, everyone should have a copy. Assignment from DCM: find your position and let Kristina know if it is accurate via email, district2@nm.aa.org, by next meeting in January.
- 13) **New Business:** Elections: Secretary – Stacey is willing to take the secretary position, no other person put their name in for nomination to be Secretary; Stacey is new District 2 Secretary, vote was unanimous. Treasurer: John said he is still willing to serve for two more years as Treasurer, no other person placed their name for nomination to be Treasurer, John is the continuing/new Treasurer, vote was unanimous.
- 14) **7th Tradition** recognized and collected.
- 15) **Announcements:**
 - Every second Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.: AA Concepts study before the District 2 Meeting at the MDB Auditorium, St. Vincent’s Hospital
 - District 17 Meeting (Bilingual/Spanish) is Second Saturday of each month at 7p.m. at 3rd and Claremont, Albuquerque, NM
 - 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 Event Entertainment/Fun Raiser chair position, contact Kristina.
 - January 28, 2017, 8:00 a.m., Young People in AA, Three Legacies Workshop at the Shepard of the Valley Presbyterian Church 1801 Montano, Albuquerque, NM
 - July 15, 2017 - Service Assembly in Albuquerque, more to be announced soon
 - Next meeting for Central Office is February 6, 2017, 6:00p.m. at St. John’s Church
- 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.