

## District 2, Area 46 – Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2016

- 1) **Opening:** Joost 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:** – Kathleen, 2 minute presentation on Tradition Six, Fred G. volunteered to present Tradition Seven next month.
- 3) **Concept of the Month:** Fred G. read from the 2015-2016 AA Service Manual: Acknowledge primary administrative responsibility of trustees, Concept 6.
- 4) **First time to District:** Anne, Alt. GSR Women’s Noon; Shelly. **Birthdays since last meeting:** None.
- 5) **Secretary’s Report:** John made a motion to accept the Minutes for May 10, 2016, Fred G. seconded. Approved, no amendments.
- 6) **Treasurer Report:** John – Written Report.
- 7) **Registrar Report:** Lisa – Nothing new to report.
- 8) **DCM Report:** Joost for Kristina – Kristina says “have a good meeting.”
- 9) **Alt DCM Report:** Joost – Debriefing the sponsorship workshop, will set another date for another sponsorship workshop in the future.
- 10) **Ongoing Business:** **Assembly Planning:** Kit: Flyers were handed out at the Area Convention, met with committee. Fred: discussed discount at hotels and motels on the south side of town, contract for location not solidified yet because the contact from IAIA was out of town. Lisa: Will start going to hotels to get rates next week, David was going to Inn at Santa Fe. Groups are needed to step in for the planning and for assembly to help with hospitality, set up, clean up, concierge etc. There will be a schedule for group sign up at next District 2 meeting.
- 11) **New Business:** Kit made a motion to change the name of the “Events and Entertainment Committee” to the “Fun Raising Committee” in the DIP, on p. 9, No. E6. Norma 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed, 1 abstention. Joe asked when the DIP is expected to be amended. Juliet: Work with the Spanish speaking community, talked with Maria regarding announcement of the Bi-lingual Convention on July 1 weekend, the conference will have Spanish to English translation available via headphones, please let you groups know. Peggy: send flyers to Patrick for website.
- 12) **GSR Reports:**  
**Bring Your Own Big Book (BYOBB):** Fred G. – give report to group as a whole during the meeting, by delivering a “blurb” of what transpires in District 2 that needs action. Good bit of what we do “gets lost” or sometimes ends up “sideways.” Promote spirit of rotation amongst group members.  
**An AA Group:** Sarah – Usually make announcements during group conscience, not during the regular meeting, group meets once a week, should make habit of announcing during the meeting.  
**Women’s Noon:** Harumi – Group business meeting is quarterly, we can call group conscience if there is something to discuss. Announcements get relayed from District 2, I use my own judgment about what to relay, save items that are happening later for later. Meetings are well attended.  
**Jaywalkers:** Fred D. – Group meets at the Salvation Army at 7:15 p.m. on Thursdays, group is growing, 12-13 attending now. I copy the District 2 meeting, and assembly meeting minutes and hand them out and also summarize for the group during announcements.  
**New Beginnings:** Peggy – Group meets Monday through Friday at 6:50 a.m.. Flyers do get disbursed. The group as a quarterly business meeting, make sure flyers are available for that.  
**Early Birds:** John Michael – Meet at 6:50 a.m., group gets a lot of new comers, meetings are well attended. David makes announcements and AA related flyers are made for the group, all events through September. Recently noticed that the group is not contributing to District 2, will have a group conscience meeting about that, most all of the extra money goes to literature for the group. Weekly donations are low even though attendance is high.  
**Old Friends:** Kathleen – Meets on Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. Sometimes there are too many announcements, a list of announcements would be nice.

Sunday Morning Big Book: Juliet – The idea that the group should have a GSR was “revolutionary.” Meeting is 30 years old and never had a GSR. There is a lot of sobriety in the meeting, attracting a lot of different people. The group gave all of its money to the Friendship Club for 29 years, now there is a prudent reserve and splitting the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition as prescribed by GSO. I keep announcements short and make copies of flyers for what is coming up in next 2 to 3 weeks.

Women’s Meeting: Norma – I make regular announcements at the end of the meeting. During the group conscience on the second Friday of each month I discuss more of the “nitty gritty” of District 2 events etc. There has been some grumbling regarding format, will options and then vote, see how it goes. I use my judgment about what I announce.

Happy Hour: Lynn – Last 2 group conscience meetings had considerable discussion about whether the group should read all of How It Works, or just read the steps, group voted to read full How It Works. Group has more than one secretary alternating. The format for the Wednesday meeting was changed to have a reading of AA literature and then sharing about what was read. Announcements sometimes get “eye rolling.” I make announcements at the end of the meeting, there is a group conscience once a month.

Downtown Group: Joe – Business meeting is on Tuesday, group conscience is the last Friday of the month. Format is speaker and sharing, mostly good attendance. There is usually a brief moment during each meeting for the GSR to say something. Oskar got Joe interested in service with a “good hook” about doing service. There is usually a longer report about District 2 during the group conscience meetings on the last Friday. Great meeting with lots of new comers and old timers, the group needs more help with service positions.

Young People in AA: Zack – Last group conscience meeting there was a complete turnover of service positions. Meetings have good, better attendance, Monday chair is Hanley, Wednesday chair is Lucy and Thursday chair is Richard. Attendance at the Saturday meeting is not yet high enough to have “staying power. Group has not received a lot of money in 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition yet so no contributions have been made to District, group is building a prudent reserve. Future agenda topic for next group conscience is whether the YP in AA should sponsor the meeting at the Juvenile Detention Center. Home group fluctuates, having four meetings for one group could make it difficult. Group conscience is the last Saturday of each month. Group wants to get involved in Area Assembly.

El Dorado Group: Hanna – Group has five meetings each week and has a business meeting three to four times per year, subject matter of these is usually how to get along with the land lord. I attend every meeting after District meeting and make announcements, I print out the GSR reports and place in front of the format for reading during the meeting, I copy flyers for the notebook. People seem to expect to hear announcements.

Roadrunners: Lisa – Used to briefly go over what happened in the District, but now go over announcements. I type up the announcements so the secretaries may make the announcements. The discussion in the next group conscience may be about changing the secretary’s commitment from 6 months to 1 year.

### **13) Committee Reports:**

Archives: Fred – Nothing new to report.

Special Needs: Maureen – No report.

Bridge The Gap (BTG): Oskar – No report.

CPC/PI: Kathleen – No report.

Grapevine (GV): No report.

Corrections/Jail: Chuck – Need more male volunteers for meeting at the correctional facilities. CPC will have meetings with warden and his staff to try to make things happen. Sometimes paperwork gets lost. There are restrictions regarding what may be taken into the facility. Sarah: in working with Renee, asked ro volunteers participate in a service presentation for staff. I try to keep track of the applications that get turned in. Good things are happening but still room for improvement.

Events and Entertainment: Kit – The Founder’s Day Picnic went well, fellowship at 8900 feet, on a hot sunny afternoon. We had 2 grill daddies, 1 soulful speaker, lots of watermelon, high level of spiritual

growth and fun raising, priceless. Cost of the entertaining event was \$350.00.

Treatment Facilities: Philip – Getting together with Patrick from Central Office to get some packets for distribution at treatment facilities. Oskar put together some nice cards for BTG program, they have room for a full name and address and there is a phone number on the card for texting. Still looking for a group to sponsor the Friday evening meeting at the Sobering Center.

Young People (YP) in AA: Joe – Played volleyball and horse shoes at Founder’s Day, Fred killed it in horseshoes. June 25 is second annual AA Althelon in Albuquerque. Funds are needed for food to support the barbeque, will send flyer to Gloria for distribution. Looking for volunteers for the detention center meetings maybe on Saturday or Sunday, application should be filled out, there is a one hour orientation. Need more help in YP in AA.

#### 14) Liaison Reports

- a) Central Office: No report.
- b) El Farolito: Kate – Please contact Kate if you want something published in the ELF.
- c) Web Master: John – splitting costs with Central Office. There are some complaints that meetings are not being represented in the schedule. Contact Patrick at Central Office. Send AA related flyers to Patrick, he will review and place on the website.

#### 15) 7<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - The Area Assembly planning committee is looking for groups to support the hospitality and other committees including, registration, welcome, set up, clean up. Please attend the planning meeting or contact Oskar P. if you want to help
  - Young People in AA: 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
  - **June 25, 2016**, Young People in AA Althelon, Contact Joe L. for more information
  - **July 1, 2016**, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bilingual AA Convention at Hotel Casada in Albuquerque, [www.hotelcasadanm.com](http://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.
  - **August 12-14, 2016**, New Mexico Conference of Young People in AA (NMCYPAA) in Las Cruces. Check: nmcypaa.com for more details as they develop.
  - **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
  - **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. NOTE: All trainings subject to last minute cancellation. Call again, the day beforehand to re-confirm.
  - Friend of Bill contacts: Women: Sarah – 206-550-3369 Men: Jerry – 505-603-464
  - **October 7-9, 2016**, An AA Group Anniversary Retreat, go through the steps with Bob O. and Mike S., at Salvation Army.
- 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.