

District 2, Area 46 – Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2016

- 1) **Opening:** Kristina opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the MDB Auditorium at St Vincent's Hospital with Serenity Prayer. Tradition of the Month – Maureen, 2 minute presentation on Tradition Three. Brian volunteered to present on Tradition Four next month.
- 2) **Concept of the Month** – Brian read from the 2015-2016 AA Service Manual: The right of decision makes effective leadership possible.
- 3) **First time to District:** Sarah, GSR for Monday night AA Group; Megan, Wednesday Women's Group; Kate visitor. **Birthdays since last meeting:** Lynn, just passed 4 years. Brian, just passed 2 years.
- 4) **Secretary's Report:** Kristina – Presented February 9, 2016 minutes, passed, no amendments.
- 5) **Treasurer Report:** John – Written Report, approved.
- 6) **Registrar Report:** Lisa – Attended assembly met area registrar, he will send copy of area directory this week then will get in touch with Central Office to compare notes, received non-voting sign-in sheets. New group: Beginner's Big Book will be registered, has not yet decided if they want to become a group. Lisa will consult with group.
- 7) **DCM Report:** Kristina – Need of a Grapevine chair, and new liaison for El Farolito (EIF). CPC/PI needs help, see Jacqueline. Assembly: District 2 most represented in the Assembly; If groups would contribute \$20 per year EIF would be solvent, EIF connects groups, committees and area officers, it is free to all; Area contributions were down this month: if your group does do proportional contribution of 7th tradition please include Area, follow general guidelines from AA; 11th annual bi-lingual state convention is on July 1, English translation provided, bilingual chair considering asking conference to create bilingual workbook to facilitate working together, will hear more about that at September assembly; Linguistic DCM will visit District 2 during May meeting; Sat in on literature committee, 66% of AA expenses are paid by literature, get books from Central Office, think about what AA loses if books purchased from Amazon, chips do not support AA, perhaps celebrate AA birthdays with giving an AA book. Might be a topic for the group to discuss how to support alcoholics in trouble. Distributed copies of a story from Box 459, quarterly report from AA about getting sober in N. Canada where everyone is drunk, how does one get sober there. Kristina's expenses for the assembly: \$374 out of \$600 reserved for DCM, Kristina will spend money again to go to Hobbs.
- 8) **Alt DCM Report:** Joost – Working on creating a workshop about 7th tradition and working with Sarah on sponsorship workshop.
- 9) **Ongoing Business:** State convention: Kenny – treasurer for District 15 and for 2016 state convention at Ghost Ranch. Jeffrey – Dates are June 3-5, at Ghost Ranch, convention will have national and local speakers, early morning hike, campfire meetings, day care center run by parents, Friday evening meals served, Saturday purchase meals at Ghost Ranch cafeteria, special meals are available, Sunday morning pancake breakfast. David – Co-chair of 2016 Area 46 state convention, looking for donations for raffle items, looking for donations for Hospitality room to feed folks that do not get meals from cafeteria. Rooms need to be ordered one month in advance, rate is discounted on the flyers. Campground/RV hook ups available. Maureen – meals included in the room cost for 2 nights, includes Saturday meals. Next convention planning committee meeting on Saturday March 19, 2016 at 2:00 in Espanola at St. Stephen's Church. Contact daleyba@santafenm.gov if you want to donate something for the raffle.
Assembly planning committee: Oskar – group is focusing on getting a venue, so far two locations that have given an o.k.: (1) Santa Fe Community College and (2) Santa Fe University of Art and Design. We can expect at least 200 people at this assembly, one of the venues has capacity of only 186, may not be a good option, SFCC not ideal because they want to sell food coffee on Saturday. Oskar asked coffee chair of Taos assembly how much coffee was served during Taos assembly, 60 gallons of coffee served, 60 gallons of coffee at SFCC would be \$1500. We are still looking into other venue options: Warehouse 21, waiting for response, Carmelite Monastery did not work out due to another event there on that weekend, waiting for Santa Maria de la Paz to respond. If you would like to help, show up each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Friendship Club. Area Assembly in Santa Fe is Sept 9-11, 2016.

Motion from Joost to amend the District Information Pamphlet (DIP), text to be added in after the liaisons, to be named Chapter G:

Chapter G Webmaster

District 2 shares a 50/50 responsibility for the santafeaa.org website with Central Office. Operations, alterations, additions in text, layout will be initiated and overseen by a committee of Central Office (2 people) and District 2 (2 people) and a vote tie breaker which can be recruited from either Central Office or District 2.

The task of web master is a paid position, to be executed by a special worker. This webmaster will be recruited and managed by the committee of trusted servants described in the paragraph above. The expenses for the maintenance of the website (i.e. webhosting, webmaster fee, etc.) will also be shared 50/50 between Central Office and District 2, via invoice from Central Office to District 2.

Lynn, 2nd. Discussion. John called the question. Vote: 23 in favor, no oppose no abstentions. Kristina will work with Michelle to update the DIP, new DIPs will be distributed next month.

10) **New Business:** Kristina – Announcement from David - no one stood up to do the Area 46 Convention for next year. Kristina: Please think about whether you want to take to group and think over see if it is something Santa Fe wants to do, date, first weekend in June of 2017. Pray, take to groups, give it some thought, perhaps entertain a motion in May.

11) **GSR Reports:**

Road Runners: Lisa – New Secretaries coming on board, still having challenges with group conscience, same motion being presented month after month and voted down.

9am Sunday Morning Meeting: Phyllis – next Sunday having a group conscience regarding babysitter who is paid \$45 per meeting. Meeting is well attended, after meeting 2-3 minutes give announcements from District 2 meeting, cutting out announcements from secretary and passing them around.

El Dorado Group: Hanna – things going well, Tuesday meeting is the original meeting in El Dorado, getting better attendance, all is well.

Bring Your Own Big Book: Fred – good solid group, meets Wednesday night, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the El Dorado Community Room, good Big Book study, come and join us.

Wednesday at a Time: Megan – meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., study the Big Book with smart women, 1212 Unity Way, at Unity Church. Now official group with GSO, on the website meeting list. This week, having a group conscience at 5:30 p.m., just starting to read More About Alcoholism.

Happy Hour Group: Lynn – last group conscience was on the 2nd, some of the secretaries are not attending group conscience, will come up with suggested guidelines for the secretaries, guidelines to meet for each meeting. Group has had similar problem with one person regarding 24 hour chips, object to fact that people that are not new comers getting 24 hour chips, but group has always made that available. Group is tabling motion, made agreement to state at meetings that there is no rule for collecting of 24 hour chips, but they are primarily for new comers.

Live and Let Live: Brian – meets on Tuesday at 6:00p.m., meetings continue to be strong, getting larger in new building, Group conscience three weeks ago, elected new secretaries for beginning of March, each secretary trades off every other week, working well.

Downtown Group: Oskar – group elected a new GSR. Meeting is going well, strong, lots of people, service positions taking meetings to Sobering Center and LHC.

Early Birds: David – group meets 6:50 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. at Friendship Club, first meeting of the month is group conscience. Did a survey about the Big Book question, opinion by a member/old timer, concerned about the God issue, this opinion was not expressed here last month.

Jaywalkers: Fred – meeting is at Salvation Army on Thursday at 7:15 p.m. Temporary move, may move to the chapel. Group conscience held every month on the first Thursday of each month. Last group conscience, voted on question regarding the plain language Big Book, 3 to 2 in favor of consideration, one person against stating Big Book should be interpreted by sponsor, so that it is understood by the sponsee.

Women's Sober Solutions: Norma – Second Friday of each month group conscience.

Young People in AA: Molly – meet on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday at 8:00 p.m. at Friendship Club. New group called “We Agnostics,” Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Well attended, group will look at what to do with the money collected. Moving group conscience to Saturday to get better attendance, appoint new treasurer, on Sat 19th, unanimous vote to consider a plain language Big Book. Joe is spearheading a meeting to the juvenile detention center, circulating paper work, orientation Friday at Friendship Club.

Steps 1-3: Brad – Meets Wednesday at 6p.m. Haven’t connected w/ group yet, but first thing I will suggest is having group conscience, well attended about 30 people. Attended assembly this past weekend, to get on same page with AA behind the scenes and how it really works. Getting involved in service.

Old Friends: Megan – group meets on Wednesdays at 12:15p.m. at Guadalupe Hall behind the church, group will have a group con next week to elected an alternate GSR, will be nice, the meeting is long standing meeting, lives up to its an me, well attended. No problem filling service positions.

Wednesday Night Speaker Meeting: Maureen – Attended assembly this weekend, uplifting experience, had group conscience and discussed the consideration of plain language 9 would consider, 2 against, lively and fun. Problem prying money for attendance to the assembly, need to be reimbursed by the group. Had a great new secretary that was working out well, something happened he has disappeared, don’t know what happened. Birthday speaker meeting on last wends of the month, cake. Love being of service.

Join the Tribe: Hal – main thing to get summaries of all issues, give group info, get informed group conscience. Did not mention plain language but two people after meeting came up to Hal to discuss, plain language is hot issue. Once regular group conscience meetings seems to grow. Getting more people, 30 to 40.

An AA Group: Sarah – group has to figure out whether a new location is needed for a few weeks, last group conscience wanted to discuss changes to plain language, but not enough time, prayerfully tabled till next meeting.

12) Committee Reports

Archives: Fred – Met with Stephanie on February 6, spent two hours together, went to Central Office saw all the files, and how to access them. Attended area 46 archives committee meeting got more information there. Ready to start working.

Special Needs: Maureen – Went to assembly and attended the special needs meeting, got a lot of material, inventories, group level and at District level. Will pass that on once reviewed, came up with a logo. “AA to go...we will hook you up with sobriety when you cannot get to a meeting.” Once get rest of team’s approval will put information on one sheet and return to the hospital and forward to Patrick.

Bridge The Gap (BTG): Oskar – received about 4 phone calls from people at Sobering Center expressing interest in getting to meetings. All guys so far, three checked themselves out before appointed time, Oskar took one person to a meeting. Attended the area assembly BTG committee, have contacted area chair, this month will create cards that are pivotal piece of BTG to distribute to clients at the treatment centers to fill out when release date is known. Email or text Oskar, he will coordinate transportation to meetings.

CPC/PI: Jacqueline – The DUI class is going well, it is supported by Santa Fe alcoholics no problems getting Speakers/introducers. The rack at the Hospital has been fully stocked with exception of meeting directories. Also dropped an informational package off for doctors at the railroad emergency care facility, will either go door to door with literature for emergency care facilities or snail mail a package, several people have volunteered to help. PI/CPC now has a good supply of meeting directories so the hospital rack will be stocked within the week. Jacqueline did not attend the Taos assembly, Norma recorded the PI session, thank you to Norma.

Grapevine (GV): Kristina – GV is the "Bridge the Gap" between the Big Book and daily sobriety, it relies on subscriptions and is not funded through our General Service or other contributions. The GV is considering publishing 4 new books from its archived stories: Young People II, Beginners II, Steps 4 & 5, Atheists & Agnostics. Does your group think this is a good idea? GV also is collecting Audio stories, record your story over your phone. These stories are published on the GV website and are available for free as examples for others who wish to record their stories. Check out aagrapevine.org for more

information. Here are some topics for your group to consider: Some groups give old or new GVs to newcomers, Some give a subscription to the GV for one year anniversaries, GV would like to have pictures of your meeting place. Information for the GV workshop will be provided soon.

Corrections/Jail: Sarah – We have 8 volunteers, all re-certified in February. Women’s meetings in the jail Monday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon & Friday 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., seeking new volunteers to expand. New Mexico Penitentiary: Plan to meet with Rev. Robinson in the next month. Continue to announce at meetings the upcoming trainings in Albuquerque, see announcements for volunteer training schedule. Jerry: All going well, Jerry has two solid volunteers helping, is getting a meeting in every Tuesday at level 2. Plan to expand offering to hold at least 2 more meetings weekly at level 6 & 4, working closely with the Chaplin to make this happen in the months ahead. Funds are needed for Big Books to give to our fellows who regularly attend meetings. Jerry is traveling until the 19th March, but answering emails.

Events and Entertainment: Kit – Did not get to assembly, munchies for last two meetings cost \$30 total, contributions accepted. Mardi Gras Leap Year dance, good attendance, good time, total cost, \$300.

Treatment Facilities: Phillip got instructions, starting working, thanks to Joe for the help this month. Contacted Sobering Center (SC) last week, no shows on Mondays/Wednesdays, it is disruptive if there are no shows, please call the SC if not going to make it, Phillip has the phone number. SC is having problem with contraband, no books to be given away until further notice. Reaching out to Santa Fe Recover Center and Life Healing Center, working with committee members to make contacts, handful of out patient programs that may want help.

Young People in AA: Joe – No Report.

13) Liaison Reports

a) Central Office: Denny – nothing to report.

b) El Farolito: Analee – Analee’s last District 2 meeting, will write report this week and get to EIF by Friday. Need somebody to take the EIF position, contribute monthly article not over 200 words. Attended assembly, discussed target audience of EIF. EIF needs group donations, about \$20 per group, send to nm-aa.org. Elf has totally separate budget, go to EIF website to get information, 70% of groups are contributing. Flyers may go into EIF, will edit out phone numbers/email addresses.

14) **7th Tradition** recognized and collected.

15) Announcements

- Red Road Convention, May 6-8, 2016, Crown Plaza Hotel, 1901 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102. Contact: redroadarchives@gmail.com
- Every second Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.: AA Concepts meeting before the District 2 Meeting
- GSRs please get back to Lisa with the group registration form for your group
- Need of a Grape Vine chair, also need new liaison for El Farolito, CPC/PI needs help, see Jacqueline
- Groups are encouraged to donate \$20 per month to El Farolito, see nm-aa.org for more information
- To share information from your group’s conscience regarding discussion of a plain language Big Book send an email to Jim at: delegate@nm-aa.org
- July 1, 2016, 11th Annual Bilingual AA Convention
- **Saturday March 12, 2016** –Volunteer Training to carry the message to alcoholics in the New Mexico State Penitentiary, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Victory Outreach Church, Albuquerque, NM, RSVP at least 5 days before attending: 505-827-8541
- **Saturday June 11, 2016** – Volunteer Training to carry the message to alcoholics in the New Mexico State Penitentiary, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., New Beginnings Church, Albuquerque, NM, RSVP at least 5 days before attending: 505-827-8541
- **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 F. – 206-550-3369 Men: Jerry C. – 505-603-4645

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.