

## District 2, Area 46 – Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2016

- 1) **Opening:** Kristina opened at 6:31 p.m. in the MDB Auditorium at St Vincent's Hospital.
- 2) **Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer**
- 3) **Tradition of the Month:** – Joe, 2 minute presentation on Tradition Ten; Sarah volunteered to present Tradition Eleven next month.
- 4) **Concept of the Month:** Tom read from the 2015-2016 AA Service Manual: Concept 10.
- 5) **First time to District:** K.D., new GSR, Downtown Group; Annie, GSR Women's Noon; Paula, Alt. GSR, Thursday Women's Group; Jim, Alt. GSR, Wednesday Night Speaker Meeting; Don Standing in for Hannah, El Dorado Group; Chaz is visiting; Stephanie, PI Co-Chair. **Birthdays since last meeting:** Shelly, 4 years today. Joe, 3 years last week.
- 6) **Secretary's Report:** Gloria – Stacey will be covering for me next month.
- 7) **September Minutes presented for approval:** Kathleen, made a motion to accept the Minutes for September 13, 2016, Annie 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved as written.
- 8) **Treasurer Report:** John – Written Report. Kathleen made motion to approve, Sarah 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.
- 9) **Registrar Report:** Lisa – No Report.
- 10) **DCM Report:** Kristina – New GSR's and Alt. GSRs, please send contact information to Lisa, District Registrar, include name, group name, position, and U. S. mail address to get registered with GSO. Thanks for the opportunity to serve this terrific District! We have 6 volunteers at this point for the NANIAA convention thank you for your service! I have also attended the Assembly Improvement Committee and am working on a pamphlet for our DCMS and GSRs explaining the conference process as well as a summer Service Assembly in 2017. Please do read some of the articles in the Final Conference Report. I really enjoyed the ones on connecting with the newcomer and reaching out to the new generation of alcoholics. There have been a couple of changes in our use of the MDA, Wednesday night meetings now cannot meet here due to construction issues. I am actively looking around to see if we are going to want a backup for the District meeting. The Sunday morning meeting at the Friendship Club has gone through a process where they are committing to doing an inventory on a specific question about attracting newcomers. It has been a privilege watching them consider and commit to this. The inventory will be at the end of this month. Also, you will find that there's now a Grapevine subscription app, which brings your Grapevine directly to your phone. It costs \$23.99 and with it you can read your Grapevine on your phone.
- 11) **Alt DCM Report:** Joost – Busy with concepts study, took over from Kristina last month, Listening to CD's by Chet P. from Orlando, regarding how Concepts came to be, you are invited. Will have copies of CD if you missed first part. Literature rack is in the back, literature is geared towards general service i.e. Jack Alexander article is in the rack. Chaired committee that organized the anniversary meeting for home group.
- 12) **Ongoing Business:** Financial Report from Assembly: Funds were allocated about the same way as the group decided to allocate, worked out the about the same way as the motion. Cap was set, \$1100.00 from District funds was spent, minus about \$30.00. Area's contribution of \$1000.00 was delivered to District last year.
- 13) **New Business:** Zack – The Young People's group voted to host the Halloween dance at Friendship Club, on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Actively forming committee now, still need to firm things up with Kit regarding catering and will make a proposal. Oskar moved to have District pay \$350.00 for food for the Halloween dance on the 29<sup>th</sup>, Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>. MCU.
- 14) **GSR Reports:**
  - 7:30 Speaker Meeting: Jim – No report.
  - Downtown Group: K.D. and Joe: working on setting up group inventory, need to fill service position to take meeting to Life Healing Center on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., other open service positions, attendance is about 50 people per meeting. Sent in a check to District, trying to distribute more regularly. Alt Treasurer is Oskar. We have a van full of mostly guys coming to the meeting from Lodge and LHC.
  - Old Friends: Kathleen – Distributed 7th Tradition to various AA entities.
  - Time out Group: Tom – Meets on Tuesdays. Group conscience is on September 27, to discuss how to distribute funds, will keep a prudent reserve, will distribute when we get a group number.
  - Sat AM Sober: Betty – No news to report.
  - El Dorado Group: Don standing in for Hannah – Sponsoring a Grapevine writing workshop, on November 15, but subject to change.
  - Live and Let Live: Brian – Meets on Tuesdays at Friendship Club, group continues to hold incredible meetings, about 60 to 70 people attend. Soulful meetings.

Join the Tribe: Hal – Had a good time at assembly. Good speaker, more food than needed, business as usual.

Young People in AA: Zack – Group is planning Halloween dance, Hanley, Alt. GSR led discussion at last group conscience two things were discussed: (1) Dance; and (2) group voted not to keep “We Agnostics” meeting under the Young People’s group umbrella. That meeting will have separate discussion about whether to become a separate group. Young People’s group was just spread too thin. Moving the group conscience to Wednesday night at 7:45p.m. before the Wednesday meeting, rather than the last Saturday of the month.

Wednesday Steps 1, 2, 3: Jim – Group conscience to discuss hospital eviction issue. Only proposal raised is to go to Friendship Club. Should be full GSR after tomorrow night. Group discusses steps 1, 2 and 3, alternates speakers each week, struggle with attracting new comers but this is a great meeting for newcomers.

Women’s Noon: Annie – Had some struggles, but all settled down, group has grown. Attendance is about 35 women twice a week.

An AA Group: Sarah – Group hosted a anniversary workshop on 12 steps, it was awesome.

Old Friends: Kathleen – Meets on Wednesdays around noon, Megan has stepped down, acting GSR till we find someone else to replace Megan.

9AM Sunday Meeting: Phyllis – moved to Santa Fe at 11 years sobriety, has been my home group for 25 years, seen people since the day she came in, group has been registered, group conscious every month. Looking at having a group inventory at the last Sunday of this month. Love this group.

Sunday 11:00AM: Juliet – Making progress as a group, have treasurer and bank account. Large attendance now, great to watch the meeting grow. Reading Big Book from first page to last page, getting towards to the end of the book, start over again soon. Very soon group will build a prudent reserve, pay 80 percent to F C. looking forward to becoming self-supporting with 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. Now operating as a registered meeting of AA.

Thursday Women’s: Paula – Meeting starts at 5:45p.m., and has childcare. Meeting is 75 minutes long.

## **15) Service Committee Reports**

Web Committee: John – Sent minutes to Alex to get published on the website. Cleaned up the website, use the website, can announce any AA information on the site. Haven’t gotten the bill on some of the work but will follow up on that. Not getting the volume of information that we would like, site address is: [santafeaa.org](http://santafeaa.org)

Accessibility: Kristina for Maureen – Haven’t yet brought a meeting to anyone’s home, had a couple of requests for drivers. Contact the Central Office, help people that are shut in for any reason.

Bridge The Gap: Oskar – Have a list of people that have expressed interest in being on the committee, add your name to the list. Know where you live to hook up newcomer with someone that is nearby. Oskar has index cards to hand out to people in treatment centers. Newcomer puts contact information there and on the other side of the card is Oskar’s address. In contact with state chair or other state’s chairs for BTG to assist alcoholics in getting to their first meeting.

CPC/PI: Kathleen – Created a chart for places to distribute information. Looking for people for a committee, it is a manageable job, volunteers would serve as a contact for an entity to distribute literature. Making contact lists for PI. To contact Kathleen use the following email address: [pisantafe@gmail.com](mailto:pisantafe@gmail.com)

Grapevine: Kristina – Grapevine Workshop on November 15, the workshop is an opportunity write down your story and send off to the Grapevine. 2 Grapevine reps, Hanna, Megan is alternate.

Corrections/Jail: Kristina for Sarah – Four new women taking meetings to the jail. Joe: Juvenile Center, trying to get some training going, team up with NA to organize.

Treatment Facilities: Phillip – Thank you to Shelly for putting the template together. Sobering Center (SC) has issues with no shows on Saturday and Sunday night, talking to people involved. Important to show up if group has commitment at SC or Recovery Center (RC). If you cannot make it for some reason, call the place or call Phillip. Phillip has the contact information for the centers. Friday night still open for sponsoring a meeting at SC, need a group to sponsor Tuesday night meeting. Looking for groups not individuals to sponsor meetings. SC would still like afternoon meetings on Monday-Saturday, opportunities for service. Working with SC to develop guidelines for how meetings should be taken to treatment centers, will compile a set of guidelines for the groups. Brainstorming ways to adopt the card that Oskar made and adapt for the jail and prisons. Working on a list for substitutes or back ups when people cannot make their treatment center meeting commitment. If group has a service position for treatment centers, contact Phillip if the position is not filled.

Young People in AA: Joe – Area showed the Young People in AA video, still in development. Working on best practices for all district chairs throughout the state, sharing ideas, to take Young People’s meetings to different areas of the state to connect, still working on anonymity on Social Media. Third annual Three Legacies Conference in

Albuquerque in January. Had final volleyball game last Saturday with barbeque and a meeting, some struggling newcomers there. A lot of opportunities for service in Young People in AA.

**16) Liaison Reports**

- a) Central Office: No Report.
- b) El Farolito: Kristina for Kate – Flyer for El Farolito subscriptions. Would be a good gift for someone. El Farolito is independent from Area contributions, could use support.

**17) 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition** recognized and collected.

**18) 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
  - Young People in AA: Looking for a group to support the Juvenile Center meeting, contact Joe L.
  - District 17 Meeting (Bilingual/Spanish) is Second Saturday of each month at 7p.m. at 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
  - Sobering Center: looking for group to sponsor the Friday night meeting at 6:00 p.m., contact Phillip.
  - Need group to sponsor Tuesday night at Recovery Center, contact Phillip.
  - District 2 needs to fill the Event Entertainment/Fun Raiser chair position, contact Kristina.
  - **October 27-30, 2016**, National/International Native American Indian Alcoholics Anonymous Convention at Buffalo Thunder Resort, 20 Buffalo Thunder Trail. For Information: [www.nai-aa.com](http://www.nai-aa.com)
  - **October 29, 2016**, District Halloween Dance at the Friendship Club
  - **October 29, 2016**, Annual Traditions Conference 7:00a.m. to 2:00p.m., check [nm-aa.org](http://nm-aa.org) website.
  - **January 2017**, Three Legacies Conference in Albuquerque, more to be announced soon.
- 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 8:00 p.m.