

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

- 1) **Opening:** Kristina opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. in the MDB Auditorium at St Vincent's Hospital with Serenity Prayer.
- 2) **Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer**
- 3) **Tradition of the Month:** – Kate, 2 minute presentation on Tradition Nine; Joe volunteered to present Tradition Ten next month.
- 4) **Concept of the Month:** Joe read from the 2015-2016 AA Service Manual: Good personal leadership at all levels is a necessity. Concept 9.
- 5) **First time to District:** Hanley, Young People's group ; **Birthdays since last meeting:** Sarah, September 12, 13 years; Norma August 20, 3 years; Kate, August 13, 1 year.
- 6) **Secretary's Report:** Gloria – Cannot attend the November 8, 2016 meeting asking if anyone is interested in covering for me that night. Please see me after the meeting.
- 7) **August Minutes presented for approval:** Lynn made a motion to accept the Minutes for August 9, 2016, Sarah seconded. Approved as written.
- 8) **Treasurer Report:** John – Written Report. Sarah made motion to approve, Fred 2nd. Approved.
- 9) **Registrar Report:** Lisa – No report.
- 10) **DCM Report:** Kristina – Thanks for assembly what we do affects alcoholics, proud to be in service with you, thank you for letting me serve. The Annual Report, from General Service Conference is out, it provides more detail than given during Jim's presentation, includes speeches, agenda topics, spiritual way of life, steps, traditions and concepts. Where money comes from and where money goes, review it to be much more informed about 7th Tradition.
- 11) **Alt DCM Report:** Joost – Rack is in back of the room with AA pamphlets about concepts and service, please take a moment to look through it. Thanks to everyone on crew for assembly, thanks to Oskar, Fred, Kit, clean up crew and all attendees. It was a joy to serve, great assembly. Led the DCM meeting at assembly, some motions were made: area convention next year in Ruidoso, election assembly is in Las Cruces, Alanon will participate in 2017 convention. In 2018 March assembly will change to last weekend of March. See flow chart, passed around during the meeting. Started new concepts study, listening to Chet P., join us at 6:00 p.m. before the meeting.
- 12) **Ongoing Business:** Announcements and how to make the best of them: How are announcements done in your groups? Share during your GSR report.
- 13) **New Business:** 25th National/International Native American Indian AA Convention – See flyer on the santafeaa.org website, at Buffalo Thunder from Oct 27-30, 2016. Need chair people for meetings that will be done each hour through the course of the convention. See Kristina and she will forward the information so you may be of service. Planners want this event to be a Santa Fe event they need our help.
- 14) **GSR Reports:**
 - Roadrunners:** Lisa – chairperson has a list of announcements that get shared before get to the topic of the meeting, sometime chair person does not share announcements, we are looking for other ways to share announcements.
 - El Dorado Group:** Hannah – Had a group conscience, I am now GSR not alternate, brought back from assembly an idea for Grapevine writing workshop, I will work with Alice to do the workshop. Keep announcements short, don't repeat in meeting after meeting, try to vary announcements with interesting facts. Keep interesting and short.
 - Live and Let Live:** Brian – Group had a group conscience three weeks ago to elect new secretaries. One meeting a week elected three secretaries to rotate. Continue to have great meetings. Take away from assembly: spend time at archives area, looked at interviews, from Herb L. one founder of Live and Let Live group. Group does not hold regular group conscience, fine to give announcements at each weekly meeting. Whittle down to a few, will be a minute or two, posted in four locations in the Friendship Club. Focus on what I think is most valuable to the group.
 - Happy Hour Group:** Lynn – Had group conscience end of August, wanted to figure out whether to send a clip board to sign up for the area assembly to stimulate people to get involved made announcements in meeting assembly needed volunteers, provided agendas and handed out at meetings. Announcements are a problem, try to announce at group conscience only limited number of people that attend group conscience. Asked for extra time on occasions to make general announcements, it did not work out. Clipboard may not work because people do not want to read during meeting.
 - Downtown Group:** Joe – Trying to plan a group inventory, need to pick a date for that, hit a lull in terms of service positions, need a clean-up chair, set up person, and need an alternate treasurer. Trying to start joint task force between Downtown and Young People's groups. Working to make an announcement sheet on Google documents,

lists fun AA events. Pick what is coming up to announce it, make it sound fun. For access to Google documents see Joe. Doing a barbeque to wrap up outdoor volleyball season, had 5 on 5 games for two or three months. Have bowling in the winter.

Women's Noon – Harumi – Meet Tuesday and Thursday Name of church is Christ Lutheran Church on Arroyo Chamiso. 70 percent of people that come on Tuesday come on Thursdays. The meeting is a good women's meeting with lots of support for newcomer. Announcements echo what everyone else is saying, too much detail then wait for the business meeting to make the announcements.

An AA Group: Sarah – Changed a lot with announcements, used to be shy now making forced announcements, my enthusiasm has grown by leaps and bounds, not sure if it is working announcing with gusto, it is not forced. Hoping that it is peaking interest for meeting attendees, make it funny.

Old Friends: Kathleen – Alt. GSR for the meeting, it meets on Wednesday at 12:15. Group has same problem with announcements, stumbled into another meeting they had a calendar that is passed around during the meeting, seemed effective. Thinking email, constant contact list of people who opt in.

Jaywalkers Group: Fred – Group meets Thursday at 7:15p.m. at Salvation Army good attendance about 14 people, able to do distribution and pay rent will be able to make bigger contributions after next group conscience. First Thursday of each month group covers a tradition. Format is a Big Book study, just finished Bill's Story. Was making copies of the minutes and announcements, but ended up recycling them so may use some suggestions from tonight.

Wednesday Speaker Meeting: Maureen – I will be phasing out as GSR, Jim will take over as GSR. Try to engage people with the announcements, try to make things funny, ask "Who is Spanish speaker? I see raised hands, and ask if they will see me after the meeting. Experience at assembly was very good will be on any committee with Fred, Oskar, Kit, Joost, they did a great job. Kate was there and helped out all day. Got to do the countdown, alcoholic with 40 years gave book to alcoholic with 11 days.

Saturday Morning Sober and Wednesday Night First 3 Steps: Shelly – Both meetings break for AA announcements, very enthusiastic in what I pick for the meeting, pick two each week. Keep it short and animated. Like the clip board idea, but groups may not go for that.

Young People in AA: Zack – Acting GSR, Molly requested to step down. Hanley stepped up as new Alternate GSR. Try hard to make announcements at meetings to get people involved, inspirational. I got charged up from NMCYPAA, it was inspiring, so much potential for service. Getting more involved, I get more response from young people in Albuquerque and Rio Rancho, than from Santa Fe, taking tack that "we need help," i.e. use sweet talk, pep talk, and please help. Considering wo things: (1) streamlining, with four meetings energy gets diminished, considering maybe reduce to two meetings; and (2) in format for Wednesday meeting, ask for announcements at the beginning of the meeting, information seems to get through more. Moving group conscience to Wednesdays because it is a well attended meeting.

Sunday 11:00AM: Michael – I am Alt. GSR for the meeting, Juliet, is GSR, she makes brief announcements asks folks to see her at the end of the meeting if they want more information, people do usually go up to talk to her after the meeting.

Women's Sober Solutions: Norma – Group is small, hard to get people motivated, ex: assembly was coming up for long time, saying let's do something, one person said they would step up, help organize people to do clean up, but would be out of town. Go to most pertinent announcements, get excited about the assembly, try to get excited to get people to understand the experience.

15) Servicer Committee Reports

Web Committee: John – Completed a lot of clean-up on the website, got rid of things that were no longer relevant, always looking for content. If you have content to post must relate to AA or AA group, website supports the groups and group activities. Send PDF to central Office by email, they will review it. Review to see if your material is up, freshen it up and send in a revision if needed. There is a report on the number of hits that the website receives, thousands in a month. Spoken to webmaster to make an app, there is a mobile option for viewing, but not yet integrated with a calendar etc., because no user need expressed yet. How can we use website to generate service commitments? Work steps, go to meetings, service creates the triangle. See John to see how to implement ideas for the website.

Archives: Fred – Attended the archives meeting at the assembly.

Accessibility: Maureen – Special needs changed to Accessibility, Maureen will make the change. Shelly is helping, waiting for first call. Please announce to your groups that there is a committee that is willing to bring meeting to anyone in need.

Bridge The Gap (BTG): Oskar – Received a couple of calls from people leaving a facility. From Las Cruces, newcomers from El Dorado and Pecos area, gap got bridged.

CPC/PI: Kathleen – been travelling no report.

Grapevine (GV): Need a Grapevine chair, Hannah volunteered and got the job.

Corrections/Jail: Sarah – August 8, Renee and Joanne attended an AA meeting, was a positive experience. Gave out applications. Santa Fe county programs department will have table at recovery fair on the 25th at the Friendship Club in the parking lot. Delivered 16 Big Books to the jail earlier this week, new volunteers, three women one man. Now finding after completion of orientation need signature from the warden, and need a listing, bureaucracy continues but will work with it. Volunteer appreciation gathering is tomorrow, Chuck and Sarah will attend. As far as State Penitentiary goes, no new trainings are posted.

Fun Raiser: Kit – Assembly was a hoot. Joost put on the jet pack vacuum, Oskar vacuumed the entire auditorium. Food was a group effort. Kit is resigning his commitment. Will be available as AA chef but don't want to run things. Need a coordinator for the Halloween event.

Treatment Facilities: Phillip – Was at the assembly, went to committee meeting, Paul mentioned only three people from area returned phone call regarding the meeting, after discussion with Paul, feel like I am doing a lot. Groups with current commitment at Sobering Center (SC): recently someone brought a speaker in that was a new comer, SC would like to have more experienced speakers, share recover vs. just a story. Will work on a set of guidelines for the SC to hand out to all the groups. Cannot throw sobriety requirements on there, but need good representatives of the recovery/AA solution to share at SC, will also farm out those guidelines for the Recovery Center and for other outpatient programs in Santa Fe. If your group has a commitment at the SC and if commitment person who is doing the meeting cannot make it to the meeting, please call the SC and let them know. If you group has one those commitments, and has not filled position, then let Phillip know. Phillip will create a “substitute” list for coverage. SC still needs a group to sponsor a meeting on Friday night. Need group to sponsor Tuesday night at Recovery Center.

Young People (YP) in AA: Joe – Had committee meeting at assembly, had ice breaker party game that was fun. Blind mans poker, unorganized at first, but it was fun, group had a good time.

16) Liaison Reports

- a) Central Office: Next meeting October 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Church. Work on getting a Central Office liaison position for your group, make it a service commitment.
- b) El Farolito: No report.

17) 7th 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 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.
- 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.
- **September 16-18, 2016**, Taos Mountain Fiesta, see the following Internet link for information: <http://taosmountainfiesta.org/>
- **October 3, 2016**, at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's Church, next Central Office meeting.
- **October 7-9, 2016**, An AA Group Anniversary Retreat, go through the steps with Bob O. and Mike S. at Salvation Army, flyers are available on santafeaa.org website: http://santafeaa.org/news_events.html

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.