

District 2 Business Meeting - Area 46 - New Mexico

Thursday, March 14, 2019
6:30pm at The Friendship Club

AGENDA

- 1) Opening: A moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
 - a) Tradition of the Month - Juliette, Tradition 3
 - b) Concept of the Month - Tom, Concept 3
- 2) First time to District & AA birthdays since last meeting
 - a) Welcome to John Michael (Alt GSR for Longtable), Happy Birthday to Brian (5 years), Claudia (18 years), John Michael (8 years), Juliette (37 years)
- 3) Secretary Report & Approve Minutes (Jan & Feb 2019)
 - a) Leroy Motion accept, John 2nd - Minutes Approved for January 8th & February 14th Meetings
- 4) Treasurer Report
 - a) Brian reviewed to Financials for February. Thank you for your support. Thank you notes are going out. Expenses and receipts were reviewed. Not very much in expenses. At about \$1950 current. - Motion to Approve Moose, 2nd Chris. Report Accepted.
- 5) Registrar Report
 - a) Updating our database to be current. Also working on seeing which AA listings are 'Groups' and which are Meetings. As well as checking all groups to see if they are current. There is a new group for Newcomers on Thursday at TFC... please check it out; its GREAT.
- 6) DCM Report
 - a) Busy and loving it. Central Office is looking for a coordinator, the info is in your GSR Pack. Area Assembly - MANY people going YAY! Please review to GSC information so we can help Teresa with her decisions in New York this summer. Agenda Items and the Background are in the Google Drive. Bridge the Gap is doing well. Joost had a call this month and it was really a great experience. There was one Safety Issue: Another (2nd Strike) person has been banned from the Detox Center for being inappropriate. This is a real opportunity to practice our Trad / Principles within our groups, especially with how we deal with the public and professional community. Please do talk about this with your Groups ... start the conversation.
 - b) (Lisa, Treatment Chair) This is an important issue. She wants feedback about group solutions to improve communication with the professional community. So far this year, there have been a couple issues of language, civility and predatory behavior from an AA Member at Treatment Facilities. These two individuals are banned from the facilities. Please remember to talk about this, use the Yellow Card, and use this opportunity to gain a greater perspective.

- c) (Joost) Let's take a moment for discussion, solutions and feedback:
- i) Joost - Train your sponsees, Group Members. Take them to the meetings and show them how we behave in outside places. Also, please check in with people who are taking meetings into outside facilities sponsored by your groups.
 - ii) Brit - How are we serving? It maybe time for a Group Inventory or look to suggested service commitment sobriety requirements.
 - iii) Lisa - Training for Treatment? Maybe a do/don't list from the center about behavior. We should at a minimum follow the rules of conduct for each outside facility.
 - iv) Jacqueline - County Jail meetings use the "What AA does / does not do" & it is a useful place to start.
 - v) John R- Is the predatory behavior been addressed with the individual? How do we help someone who does not know they are using predatory behaviors? (Lisa addressed some situations where is does work to talk to the individual. Change comes from within.)
 - vi) Esty - How do we help sick people not act sick?
 - vii) Sarah - Phillip put together some guidelines / GSO Pamphlets for an AA Group and for working with outside Organizations. It has great information. Megan will make it available to GSRs.
 - viii) Leroy - Thank you Lisa. Just wanted to clarify about training 'all' people and not just certain groups. Also we are responsible. I am responsible for AA image in Public. It is attraction rather than promotion.
 - ix) Chris - Our group is very conscious about the qualifications of people taking meetings into Treatment Facilities and Outside Services. We are conscious of safety for our groups.
 - x) John - Clarification about Detox Program? --- John Michael - The format of the Detox is normally one secretary and two or more speakers.
 - xi) Sarah - If there are people with are having trouble with predatory behavior; we really should help them find help.
 - xii) Joost (WRAP) - The Safety Committee is a great resource. Please talk to Sarah about what we need and want to talk about for the Workshop this Fall.

d) GSC Documents & March Convention

7) Alt DCM Report

- a) Sarah gave Safety Committee notes first (see below). Alt DCM report - all good!

8) Ongoing Business Reports / Ad Hoc Committees

- a) State Convention June 7th - 9th, 2019 - Lynn
 - i) Lynn presented Joost with a Thank you note for his support, as well as the Happy Hour Group. The FOOD is going to ROCK! We had a taste test and YUMMMM! Hospitality Suite

is settled. Working on AV and Security (some issues). The Dance is ON! John Michael will DJ (YAY!).

- ii) We have the Swag! Tee Shirts look beautiful. The Logo came out really nice.
 - iii) Next Meeting is on the 20th of March at 6:00pm - 7:30pm at the Friendship Club.
 - iv) Registration / Banquet / Merchandise is up. We really need help with Reg Form and Paypal.
- b) Safety Committee Workshop – Sarah C.
- i) We had a GRRREAT meeting this past week. WE NEED MEN TO COME AND GIVE PERSPECTIVE. We had a brainstorming session about topics for the Workshop this fall (possibly August or Sept After the convention). Its is an honor to hold space and talk about these issues in a sober and solutions-based way. Juliette agreed and added the invaluable resource of us working as a whole to help the newcomer.
 - ii) Our next meeting is Saturday, April 6th at 11:15am. Please come and join the conversation

9) New Business - None

10) GSR Reports

- a) Tom - Tues Time Out - Winter weather has thinned crown some nights. Security and safety good. It's a small cohesive group.
- b) Fred - Jaywalkers - We are going strong at about 12 ppl per meeting. Studied Trad 3 this past Thursday. Salvation Army was closed a few weeks, but Jaywalkers is back on track.
- c) Claudia - Eldorado - Need to get some meetings off the website. Will send to Phyllis and tell Sarah. May do fundraiser for Convention Speaker Gift Bags. Yay!
- d) Lee - New Beginnings - Lots of regulars. Hosting a meeting at the Men's Shelter and it is open. Working on getting it on schedule.
- e) John - Early Birds / Sunrisers - Lots of newcomers. Well attended. We gave a reminder to send our contributions out. (Brian...thanks!).
- f) Tom - Live and Let Live - Strong group 40-60 people. He will be out of town during Grants Assembly; need a proxy.
- g) Chris - Happy Hour Group - Our attendance has gone back up for the group conscious. So voting and service is going well.
- h) Leroy - Sunday Morning 9am - Strong Group, strong attendance. DST messed Leroy up so he missed group conscience. Bad, bad Leroy.
- i) John - An AA Group - We are having a meeting to discuss the GSC information. Please join us.
- j) Lisa - Roadrunners - Strong meeting 25+ ppl. Group conscious this Saturday.

- k) Annie - Thursday Women's Group - A lot of changes this past year and really enjoying reading the literature and discussing in round robin style.
- l) Jacqueline - Longtable - Attendance back up. Tourist and weather all improving things. She is looking for an ASL person so we can have a ASL meeting in Santa Fe. YAY! We really need to reach out. Would like a commitment for 1 meeting a week that is ASL. John
- m) Sarah - Join the Tribe - Group Conscious is really talking about how to serve the newcomer better. We really are having some fun with getting newcomers into service. Last group conscience we decided to have full speaker meeting and potluck the **1st Saturday of each of each month.**
- n) Esty - Alt for Downtown - Has not been there, but hears its good. LOL.

11) Service Committee Reports

- a) Funraising - Britt - Getting our party stuff from Kit. Talking to Forest Service about Campout. Cooking up Cinco de Mayo chile / dance party. Need someone for Walking Tours.
- b) PI & Professional - Juliette - Getting Brochures out to doctors and professional community. Also meeting with professionals to talk about what AA does. May bring meeting to new hospital.
Meeting coming soon.
- c) Treatment - Lisa - See above discussion. Still working on a private calendar of meeting going to outside facilities.
- d) B the G - Lisa - Good. New Cards are distributed. Meeting with newcomers out of treatment too.
- e) Web - John - Making some technical changes and migrating website. You may see a few changes to the interface.

12) Liaison Reports:

- a) Central Office - Need new coordinator for April. See announcement.
- b) El Farolito - ELF - Fred - This month had some issues getting articles placed correctly in the ELF. Got it eventually.

13) What's on Your Mind (where the members have an opportunity to bring up what else needs to be discussed and what they'd like the officers of the district to support them in next month)

- a) Jacqueline We really need to reach out..Would like a commitment for 1 meeting a week that is ASL. She is working on it. District 2 has committed to 8 meetings at \$35.

14) Closing with Responsibility Statement

***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***

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11th at 6:30pm at The Friendship Club

Traditions Study at 6:00pm

DOCS / Notes Due: Sunday, April 7th (evening) to district2.nm@gmail.com