

Area 46, District 2 - Business Meeting
Santa Fe, Los Cerrillos & Madrid
Thursday, October 10, 2019
6:30pm at The Friendship Club

NOTE: Area Rep Theresa & rep-elect Bill 6:00 to 8pm for September.

Business meeting was not conducted. August minutes still need to be approved.

AGENDA

1) Opening: A moment of silence followed by the **Serenity Prayer** at 6:32pm.

Tradition of the Month – Joost, **Tradition #10**

Concept of the Month – Olivia, **Concept #10**

2) **First time to District & AA Birthdays** since last meeting: first-timer Christine from CPC, and happy Sweet Sixteen to Sarah C.

3) **Secretary Report:** Approval of minutes September

Also, looking at saving trees and printing fewer packets. This means looking through emailed reports more thoroughly, and possibly printing your own if you need hard copy. Will print out August minutes for approval next month. (They were emailed but not printed in the current packet.)

4) **Treasurer Report:** July, August, and September 2019 (see attached)

Since the information is consecutive, we can look to the current report for approval for all three months. Safety committee expenses, printing expenses reviewed. We are in balance!

Question: web costs? We share 50% with Central Office; needed to spend a chunk of money to update website. This also included training for our webmaster.

Question: printing copies? Will we publish minutes on website? Can post in PDF format.

Question: When will new GSO group numbers take effect? Brian suggests starting at the beginning of the year with new template. **For now, you can use either number.**

Motion by Lee to accept, 2nd by Gavin

5) **Registrar Report: New GSO group numbers! Very important!** Sarah F could not be here.

(See attached in PDF packet from September's meeting) See Treasurer's Report for new numbers decision.

6) **DCM Report:** Joost and Sarah have been rotating all along. But...

Tonight Sarah is acting as DCM because of elections, but Joost gave his report.

250 tickets will be available for the Gratitude Gala. Scholarships are available.

We lost a member, Mack—RIP. Patrick is in hospice. Please visit Patrick at Santa Fe Care, room 41. You can just stroll on in; he loves having visitors!

7) **Alt DCM Report: Safety Workshop** recap from Sarah C.

Need to elect DCM and alternate DCM.

Recap of **Safety Workshop**. It was awesome! Thanks to all who participated. Sarah has extra copies of the handout. It was an important conversation. Sometimes we are afraid of change, so it has been a bit difficult. But the workshop showed us how grounded in the traditions we remain.

New Area positions report. Area chair positions to be assigned by Kurt and reported on next month.

8) **Ongoing Business Reports / Ad Hoc Committees:** Report from ad hoc committee on **DIP update** (see emails from Sarah F) Lynn, Sarah F, and Bradley on committee.

Everyone: get a copy and read through it and look for changes to propose for November meeting.

9) **New Business: Alt DCM and DCM elections!**

Elections: Alt DCM: read as described in DIP

DCM: same. Will vote on DCM first.

Thank you Joost and Sarah for your amazing service!

Philip to stand for DCM position—unanimously approved!

Lisa for Alt DCM—unanimously approved!

Phillip will be naming committee chairs for next year, so please talk to him.

Donated Books discussion—see Book Timeline, Inventory attached.

GSO was called by Area Rep Theresa, and they said that they had never come across this type of situation before and looked forward to our precedent. Read and discussed “Keep the Books” and “Not Keep the Books.” Area wants creative input, please.

Jenna: Bernalillo County has a policy that they cannot donate anything to anyone. Could the guy who works for Bernalillo (and is in AA) be fired for stealing their properties?

Phillip: **what did NA do with their books?** We do not know.

Moose: where is the line between collecting funds for corrections in individual groups and donating the books somewhere else by Area?

Phillip: the books were thrown away by the County, and someone from AA took them (not a County employee). Are they then free and clear? Actual cost of these books potentially exceeds \$5,000 cap on donations.

Sarah to email Eloy and get answers to the boldened questions.

Olivia: her women’s group sends the *Grapevine* to Springer Corrections, and the report is always that they are hungry for literature.

Sarah: this much money/value can lead to hot-headedness.

Joost: Bill W. was very clear that power, prestige, money are difficult for AA to handle. What is the most important part of this matter? Tradition 7?

Gavin: there is zero value monetarily to the books, because BC was sending them to the dump.

Lee: this is a spiritual book. If we save one life, it’s worth it.

Please get group consciences on Keep or Don't Keep to report next month. We can give feedback both as District and from individual groups. In order to have an official vote, a group needs to send a GSR to Area.

End the discussion with Serenity Prayer.

10) **GSR Reports:** No time for this.

11) **Service Committee** No time for this.

12) **Liaison** No time for this.

Central Office/Spencer (see attached)

From Spencer last month: For the year, our net loss is \$1,025.70. We have advanced approximately \$1,600 to the Gratitude gala. Assuming that is repaid, we are a little ahead for the year.

Donations are slightly behind where we budgeted; chips and literature sales are about break even. Top 10-groups are about 70% of all donations. Two new groups (Home on the Range and Wednesday Men's Group) made donations.

El Farolito/Fred: No time for this

Grapevine/Megan P: No time for this.

13) **What's on Your Mind:** where the Trusted Servants / GSRs have an opportunity to bring up what else needs to be discussed and where they'd like support from officers of District 2

Announcements:

Please text Lisa with picture of BTG cards, so info is available in a timely manner.

Barry at Central Office is putting together new Schedule. Please report ASAP.

Detox has moved to old CSF/SFUAD campus. 10 groups happening there.

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, December 12th at 6:30pm at The Friendship Club

Concepts & Traditions Study at 6:00pm

DOCS / Announcements Due: Sunday, December 8th (evening) to district2.nm@gmail.com