

DISTRICT 2 MEETING MINUTES

April 21st, 2024

Opened with Serenity Prayer and Roll Call

In Person:

Voice/Vote: Don, Craig, Gene, Rachel, Angie, Ron, Rick, Annie, Kelli, Nancy, Kristen, Christine, Marci, John, Ben, Krista, Christina

Voice/No Vote:

Zoom:

Voice/Vote: Patrick, Julie

Voice/No Vote: Heather, Kenda

Step 4- Marci

Tradition 4- Ben

Concept 4- Ben

• GSR Discussion Q & A Session-

* Krista- brought up at the last D2 meeting that her group- Promises do an inventory with in their group. Krista says that the group wants an outsider to facilitate the inventory. Craig says he could get Krista the questions that D2 used at their inventory and those could help with creating questions for the Promises inventory. Christine K suggested a Past Delegate as another idea to direct the inventory. Don said he could provide Krista with contact info for Past Delegate- Diana.

• New Business from the floor:

* Grapevine Chair- Christine gives update on increasing Grapevine awareness in the District. Financial difficulty due to lack of subscribers. Groups can get a subscription to have the Grapevine and the LaVina in their meeting rooms. Christine speaks on how important the Grapevine is and how important it is to keep it up and running. Christine would like to get a list of groups that don't have reps and is willing to go to groups to speak about the importance of having a Grapevine Rep and their responsibilities. Hopefully this will get more interest going so groups will have this position available. There are a lot of options to get the Grapevine out there. Christine would like to get a committee of Reps together to collaborate ways of getting the Grapevine out there. Krista reports that someone from her group is interested in the GV Rep position. Christina encourages GSR's to go to their groups and talk about adding this position if the group doesn't have it already and encourage someone to take this position.

* Women's group requested a Social Media Presentation from Alt Delegate- Kelli says her group has had discussion around this. She recently attended CCPAW and sat in on the workshop about social media, it was put on by Area PI/CPC Chair and the Alt Del. It was done very well. The presentation has been brought to CCPAW and the front range but not around here Kelli states.

* Website Chair Proposal on Technological Advisor and Contract w/Technology West- Patrick is the only one on the committee right now and Gene is working as the technical advisor through his company Technology West. Gene standing for the position of Technical Advisor for the Website. Discussed if we use Gene's Company to run the Website would it be a conflict of interest since he is our Treasure and would be writing checks to himself or to his company.

Discussion around using Gene's Company to help run the site. Some had concerns if we did use his company and Marci brought up the thought that we may want a second signatory. Christine H. thinks one way to resolve this issue until we get someone else on the account as a second signatory is to have Gene bill District once a month so there is only one check going out to draft. Gene said his company would give a discount. Don says Gene won't be giving us a discount on word press but on his fee as a technical advisor. Patrick says the only things paid for so far are for some plug ins and space on the server. We have not paid for the server or Gene's time. Gene has a couple programmers that live in India and there will be some cost there. Patrick states he did some research with other Website Design Companies here in town and believes we can't do any better than Gene's company and for the price. Gene is willing to involve his own time on this. -Motion made to elect Gene as the Technical Advisor for the D2 Website. Seconded and Passed. -

*Discussion on Technology West hosting the website- Christine K. reports while working at Central she saw how Gene's company ran things and it was excellent work. Craig has concerns about this website even going up. When Gene leaves that will make this website vulnerable and in the IT world things can go very wrong, websites are expensive to run and our budget isn't quite big enough to cover costs when we may need a new company to run things. Patrick comments that the website will be up and running already and that's where most of the cost is. Gene is doing a verbal contract like with Central Office. -Krista with a friendly amendment that the billing be done monthly and there is someone to monitor the check. Seconded and passed. - Motion made to accept Technology West as our host for the new D2 Website. Seconded and passed. Gene speaks about his experience with building and maintaining websites and his company. Technology West has been in business for 25 yrs. Has been involved with building/hosting numerous websites in GJ. He's been involved in hosting and maintains websites for AA, AA entities, D14 for over 10yrs. Gene helps build the websites and then he trains new web stewards every 2 yrs to maintain the websites. He oversees the hosting and the technical aspects if needs to be updated, etc. Gene converted Central office website to word press 7 yrs ago. For D2 he will be working with Patrick building the content for website. Purchased 1 plug in and several more will need to be purchased. Usually it costs \$300 to host websites on his servers. For AA entities Gene gives a 50% discount to design and maintain the website. Ongoing cost is \$150 per yr. Gene will not charge for his time and a reduced rate will be given for the cost of those developers not related to AA. Documents page will give anyone the information that GSR's have. Patrick would be happy to come to groups and discuss the website with groups.

*Committee report for Summer 2024 Area 10 Assembly- Heather reports people are very excited about assembly. GSR's we don't need donations. We need some groups to volunteer to bring meals still. Audrey and Amber are Co-Chair's of the Hospitality Committee. Heather sent out a contact list of committee members for the assembly. The groups that do volunteer to bring meals must delegate a point person. Do not bring more than 2 volunteers to help set up your meals. Set/up break/down help is needed. Al-Anon volunteers are needed. Heather points out that it might be helpful to have Patrick-Area10 come. First Committee Meeting for Summer Assembly will be on May 4th at 1:30 at the Alano Club and on Zoom. Heather will send out email with zoom link.

*Gene makes motion to write a check to Area 10 for excess coffee funds and move excess hospitality funds to the summer committee. Seconded and passed.

GSR Reports:

- **Attractions** (Nancy)- One of the few closed AA meetings and is one of the oldest meetings until one of our youngest members had 10 yrs. Two new ppl with less than a

year have joined the group. 7 to 12 ppl on wed nights 7pm to 8pm at church on 7th and Kennedy.

- **Brown Baggers** (OPEN)-
- **Early Birds** (OPEN)-
- **Forever Young** (Amanda)- started a new meeting on Tues from 7-8pm. Things going well.
- **HOG** (Taylor)- All is well. Group would like a DCM to come visit the group, its been awhile.
- **Lunch Bunch** (Rick/Kenda)- Sponsoring Founder's Day, if you'd like to help with event contact Bonnie B. Group would be happy not cutting funds to GSO.
- **Odd Balls** (Ron)- Newcomers just about every meeting, 20 to 60 ppl, all is good.
- **Clifton Originals** (Heather)- Absent
- **Promises** (Christa)- Group meets 7 nights a wk, 20 to 40 ppl every night, young newcomers, working through issues better.
- **Robber's Roost** (OPEN)-
- **Sat Morning Men's** (Todd)- Alt GSR Ben reports- Doing well
- **Sat Women's Group** (Kelli)- Meeting attendance is good. Some group members went to CCPAW. Planning on going to conference in Jan.
- **Sisters in Sobriety** (Rachel)- Really good meeting, attendance around 15 ppl, newcomers, different ppl circulating thru meeting.
- **Tues Night Men's** (OPEN)-
- **As Bill Sees It** (OPEN)- (LaDawn S. Liaison) Isn't attending regularly at D2-
- **Common Welfare** (Julie)- Everything going well. Group is anxious to here about the GSC.
- **Esperanza Nueva Reunion** (Anna)- Group is doing well. Went to Spring Assembly, Anna wrote letter that Kelli read. Made flyers about meeting. Add in newspaper for meeting. Letter will be posted in paper starting this week. Looking for Spanish speaking Sponsors. Spoke with another Spanish speaking group and they suggested changing time and location of meeting due to lack of ppl. Marci suggests talking to PI/CPC to help.

• **Officer Reports:**

Secretary (Angie)– March 17th Meeting Minutes- Motion made, 2nd, passed

Treasurer (Gene)– Report for March- Motion made, 2nd, passed

Here's District 2's March 2024 Treasurer's Report: CURRENT ACCOUNT STATUS: Checking Account: \$5,375.78 - Checking Account Balance as of March 29, 2024. Prudent Reserve Savings: \$1,001.31 - Current Savings Balance (Prudent Reserve) as of March 29, 2024. I've attached copies of PDF Documents including: ANB Bank Statement - 03292024.pdf District 2 - 2024 Group Contributions - 03292024.pdf District 2 - 2024 Expenses - 03292024.pdf District 2 - Budget to Actual Report - 03292024.pdf Group Contributions: District 2 received contributions of \$150 from Sisters in Sobriety in March 2024. Total Contributions to District 2 to date in 2024 are \$1,217.61. Expenses: Expenses during March 2023 included \$72.00 reimbursement for purchase of Theme for new website. Total Expenses to date in 2024 are \$482.91. According to District 2 Procedure Guide - On December 31st of each year, all money in District 2's combined bank accounts that is in excess of that year's approved budget and prudent reserve will be distributed to the following A.A. entities including GSO, Area 10 and Central Office based on percentages voted on by 2/3rd's majority of District members. Ending Balance as of December 31, 2023 for District 2 Checking Account was \$4,641.08 and our budget for 2024 is \$4,000.00 meaning we have an overage of \$641.08 for that account. In regards to District 2 Procedure Guide regarding our Prudent Reserve - The amount of the prudent reserve should equal 20% of the current year's annual budget, as determined by the District Committee. Ending balance for Prudent Reserve Account is \$1,001.31. 20% of \$4,000 budget for 2024 means that we will need to keep \$800.00 balance in our Savings Account during 2024. An additional \$201.31 will also need to be distributed to the following A.A. entities including GSO, Area 10 and Central Office based on percentages voted on by 2/3rd's majority of District members at January's District Meeting. Total overage is \$842.39 for 2023 that

we will need to discuss and vote on during March's District 2 Meeting to distribute to outside AA entities. Because District 2 members voted to withhold funds from GSO, the outside AA entities to be considered to distribute excess funds are our local Central Office and Area 10.

CO-DCM Report (Christina/Don) - Don reports that he went up to the mic at the Area Assembly and presented that the item about the hybrid/virtual meetings be put back on the Area 10 agenda and it now has been put back on the agenda. Patrick M appointed an Ad-Hock Committee that has been formed to start reviewing this. The Chair of that Committee is past Delegate Diane. Don believes it will be discussed at GSO and hopefully Sarah us a report to the Delegate's Report in June or July. Colorado State Convention will be held Aug 16th-18th at the Pueblo Convention Center. Don has been asked to be the Chair for workshops at this Convention. Christine will be attending SWARSA this year.

Committee Reports:

Member at Large (Dena)- Sent report via email- Absent- Craig reports hotline shifts are covered. Central Office sold \$994.88 in literature at the Spring Assembly. Central Office is down by \$1500 for the month of May. Colordaze - Sept 27th-29th, needs volunteers. Planning meeting held at Central Office May 11th. Founder's Day June 9th at Sherwood Park from 11 to 3pm. Teresa attending the Intl AA Conf in Las Vegas Aug 22-25th.

Archives (Kristen) - Sent report via email- Looking forward to getting some Archives going soon.

CPC/PI (Open/Keith) - Keith Absent

Treatment Coordinator (John)- Sent report via email- Nothing new, meetings going strong. Dropped off 8 BB and 12 12x12 and a stack of literature to Mind Springs. John says he spent most of his budget purchasing the books. Tues night men's is going out there every Monday night to the Clifton meeting. Ladies are taking meetings as well. Treatment is asking for clothes at Mind Springs.

Event Coordinator (Jessica) – Sent report via email- Absent- Working on Date for Delegates Report

Corrections (Open) –

Grapevine (Christine)- Christine reported at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting List (Marcia) – Sent report via email- No changes except for Amanda's new meeting. Marci is going to need an Alt Chair. Gene made motion to allow Marci to have Alt Chair, 2nd, passed. Marci will stay in her position until she can't.

Old Business -

-Vote on distribution of excess funds. Kelli's meeting would like to present a motion that excess funds be given to Grapevine LaVina by purchasing subscriptions for jails, treatment and Spanish speaking groups within D2. Marci asked that motion be made to vote on excess funds first then table whether to add another entity to PG. GSO funds Grapevine. Nancy makes motion to send excess funds to CO. Discussion- Krista/Promises would like to see money go to CO or Area. Craig had lengthy discussion with past delegates and he agrees we need to look at sending money to GSO. He knows they aren't doing a good job but we are setting a bad

example as AA as a whole not sending funds. We as a District have already voted not to send funds to GSO. We can hold funds but that's not great either. Gene suggests tabling this and put it at the top of the Agenda for next meeting. Motion made to table motion to continue discussion of distribution of excess funds, 2nd, passed. Back to original motion to send excess funds to Central Office. Vote did not make 2/3 majority. Suggestion is to split the money. Minority Opinion- Central Office is the one that takes care of us locally so Christine K. thinks some of the money should go to them. Table item to top of Agenda next Meeting.

Upcoming AA Events:

*Next D2 meeting May 19th, 4pm at Alano Club and Zoom

*Founders Day June 9th

*Summer Assembly 2024 at the Double Tree