

## **DISTRICT 2 MEETING MINUTES**

### **July 16, 2023**

Opened with Serenity Prayer and Roll Call

Voice/Vote: Angie, Rick, Christina, Dena, Marci, Grier, James, John W, John M, Craig, Dan, Kristen, Gene, Todd, Don, Christa, Heather

Voice/No Vote: Kenda

Zoom Voice/Vote: Patrick

### **New Business**

- Marci read Step 7
- Rick Read Tradition 7 & Concept 7
- GSR Q & A Discussion- Discuss Summer Assembly - Christa states that if the groups Treasurer pays the groups contributions via check vs. online it saves about \$2. Todd-The Grapevines App is great for reading it online now. Contributions can still be made to the Pink Can it just doesn't get passed at meetings. Important that groups understand how the Pink Can works so any feedback from groups can be brought back to Area so they can request to make changes where necessary to the Pink Can. Heather encourages any documents/reports sent by the DCM can be used to pass onto groups, especially the Delegates Report. There's still confusion around the 4th edition. Some folks confuse the plain and simple translation of the 4th edition with the separate project of the revised 5th edition of the Big Book. It's important to explain to groups that these are separate projects. Also to indicate the plain and simple translation is not a replacement of the BB but rather a tool to use along with the BB to help translate with Sponsees that have difficulty reading. One concern was raised that in the plain language translation the 12 Steps have been translated into plain and simple English and placed along side the original 12 Steps. If the fellowship has any concerns about any decision made at the Conference they should be expressing them soon. (By sept 15th) Issues should be brought to the Delegate to go through the vetting process before it can be presented to the GSO as a proposed agenda item. Any new language translation can be printed without approval at a conference to translate the BB into a new language because the Big Book has already been approved.
- Committee report for Spring 2024 Area 10 Assembly Updates- Haven't met yet- Heather contacting Patrick to get the ball rolling. Dena is the Spring Assembly Chair. Gene setting up Committee emails. Spread the word to Sponsee's to get them involved. Held March 22nd-24th
- Formation of Summer 2024 Area 10 Assembly Committee Updates- GSR's spread the word that a Chair is needed for the Assembly- The Chair will be working with the Area Chair (Patrick) Held July 12th-14th. Gene sent by email the Area 10 Assembly Guidelines & Logistics
- Sponsorship Workshop Updates- Alano Club 2-5:30 on July 29th - Panel Speaker's coming from Glenwood, Montrose and Delta
- District Inventory w/ Past Delegate Scott Micklejohn- dates discussion- Looking at the District as a whole. Scott wants to come to a D2 meeting and invite the fellowship/groups to do the District Inventory. Will hold the meeting Sept, 17th at 4:00 in place of the monthly D2 meeting at the Alano Club
- AA 101 Workshop w/ Alternate Delegate Martha Menke Oct- dates discussion- Good thing for newcomer's looking to do service. Jessica - Events Coordinator will be putting this together on Saturday Oct, 21st at 4-6pm w/a Potluck and possibly have Martha be the Speaker at 6:30

- Open District positions: Grapevine/La Vina Chair, Co-DCM Open in Nov
- **New Business from the floor**
- Colorado State Convention in Sept- Motion made to reimburse Don and Heather to travel to Convention for their Workshop. Motion made, passed.

### **GSR Reports:**

- Attractions – OPEN
- Brown Baggers – OPEN
- Early Birds (OPEN)-
- Forever Young (James T)- Since summer not as packed, business meetings down as well. Meeting still good though
- HOG (John)– Lots of participation in meetings 20 + in attendance
- Lunch Bunch (Rick)- Good attendance, newcomer's. In need of chair & secretary
- Odd Balls (Grier)- Attendance good, newcomer's attending
- Clifton Original – OPEN
- Promises (Christa)- Good attendance, newcomer's 7 days a week, 20 plus ppl
- Robber's Roost – OPEN
- Sat Women's Group (Dena)– Absent
- SIS – OPEN (Jessica) standing in until GSR is elected- Absent
- Tues Men's (Patrick)- Doing well, 30 ppl average
- Men's Saturday Morning (Todd D)- Had elections for positions, couple light days, newcomer's attending. 1 member expressed interest in corrections
- As Bill Sees It (Fruita)– OPEN - (LaDawn S. Liaison) Isn't attending regularly at D2.

### **Officer Reports:**

**Secretary (Angie)– April and May's Minutes-** Motion made, 2nd, passed. No meeting held in June.

**Treasurer (Gene)– Reports for April/May/June** - Motion made, 2nd, passed. Here's District 2's June 2023 Treasurer's Report: CURRENT ACCOUNT STATUS: Checking Account: \$5,443.73 - Checking Account Balance as of June 30, 2023. Prudent Reserve Savings: \$1,000.57 - Current Savings Balance (Prudent Reserve) as of June 30, 2023. I've attached copies of PDF Documents including: ANB Bank Statement - Checking Account - 06302023.pdf District 2 - 2023 Group Contributions - 06302023.pdf District 2 - 2023 Expenses - 06302023.pdf District 2 - Budget to Actual Report - 06302023.pdf Group Contributions: District 2 received a \$300 cash distribution from Sisters in Sobriety during June 2023. I'm still working with a group on making good \$400 plus \$7 service charge for check that was returned because checking account had been closed and expect to deposit funds for that later this month. Total Group Contributions collected to date is \$1,348.27 plus \$100.00 in contributions from the Gratitude Dinner brings total contributions to \$1,448.27 for 2023 representing 29% of contributions budgeted in 2023 (\$5,000). With additional \$407.00 in group contributions anticipated during July 2023, District 2 will be at 37% of contributions budgeted in 2023 at the end of July. Expenses: Expenses during June 2023 included \$16.08 for Zoom subscription. Total expenses in June 2023 was \$16.08. Total expenses for the year is \$1,004.54 representing 19% of expenses budgeted in 2023 (\$5,000). I anticipate reimbursing both DCM's for Area 10 Summer Assembly for \$600.00. That will bring expenses to \$1,604.54 representing 32% of expenses budgeted in 2023 (\$5,000). Our Alternate Co-DCM raised questions about the budgeting process for District 2. That process is outlined in District 2 Procedure Guide:

**Co-DCM Report- June/July 2023 CoDCM Report-** District 2, June/July 2023 CoDCM Report: Heather Orr (970-275-4582) CoDCM, Don Dunlap (970-985-0442) CoDCM, Craig Martin (509-679-0972) Alternate CoDCM Upcoming Events: • Sponsorship Workshop (hosted by District 2) July 29 after the pancake breakfast at the Club. Get the word out everyone – this should be a great fellowship event. Thanks again to the committee! • Area 10 Colorado State Convention, September 1-3 2023, Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley

What We've Been Up To: Great Summer Assembly – your CoDCM's were completely geeking out. It was also wonderful that several of our GSR's were able to attend; thanks to: Christa (her first assembly as GSR for Promises), Rick (Lunch Bunch), John (HOG), Todd (Sat AM Men's), Patrick (new GSR Tuesday PM Men's), Grier (outgoing Oddballs), Duke (incoming Oddballs), and Lucky the dog – who performed the enormous service of making everyone around him smile and gush! To access all documents covered at Assembly, including the excellent presentation on the history of Assemblies and Area 10, go to the online repository Box (these will only be available for a limited time period, so act quickly if there's anything you need): The link below will ask you for a password, which is march2023 <https://stateofcoloradoaa.box.com/s/a0qo6yd5a8laq7xnwuyntxtoi1endrlv> Assembly was well attended and productive, with a lot of good discussion. Key items of note for us: - We won the bid for Summer 2024 Assembly - Martha M (Alt Delegate) is available in October to come to GJ and provide an AA 101 workshop. With the committee's approval, we will move forward with scheduling that through our Events Coordinator Jessica. - District Inventory: this was brought up in D2 meetings over the past couple of years, but our focus was upon other issues arising post-pandemic. We are now in a position to move forward with this process. Don, Heather and Craig have participated in discussions with Area DCM's in the DCM discussion group online. Don and Heather approached Past Delegate Scott Mieklejohn, who was recommended to us by several people, and he is excited to come here and guide us through the process. (Please see the questions sent out with the Agenda for the July meeting). Key items of discussion from Assembly (these are items that received a lot of attention from the body, so we have mentioned them here): - GSB is operating at a deficit – refer to bottom of p. 2 in Delegate's Report and the attached document labeled Motions Made At Summer Assembly. Our Delegate submitted two motions to submit two agenda items from the Area for the next Conference that aim to hold the GSB better accountable for spending while the reserve funds have not been replenished; also to hold GSB accountable for the details of the expenditures. - Delegate's response to the upheaval in the GSB – see bottom of p. 4-top of p. 5 of Delegate's Report. Ultimately the discussion led to the GSB acknowledging the need to be more transparent to, and better informed about, the group conscience of the fellowship. - It seems there is still some confusion about the distinction between the 5th Edition of the BB – which is an entirely independent project – and the Plain and Simple English translation of the 4th Edition of the BB. The 5th Edition is in progress and will follow due process for review, etc. Several thousand stories were submitted and these will be culled for the new stories to be added to the back of the book. As a reminder, other than new stories, new forward, and a couple of minor organizational changes, nothing will change in the first 164. - Plain and Simple English translation. Many folks are still expressing dismay that this is moving forward. The volume is underway, and Delegates were given an opportunity to review a draft at the Conference and provide editorial suggestions. Our Area 10 Delegate Sarah expressed that many passages really did read well and communicated the spirit of the original language of the BB. She suggested that we consider the plain language translation as a tool (i.e. not a replacement for the original) to be used where needed to reach members who might not otherwise receive the message. Attached you'll find passages she received permission to pass along to us informally (not officially) – there is a caveat attached to her communication that we will ask you to please respect. *The draft is a draft, a work in progress not a final iteration.* Sarah did express an opinion, of concern that the 12 Steps were translated into plain language and placed side by side with the original form of the 12 Steps. - Excess funds of around 87K in the Pink Can Fund. Concerns around these excess funds have been discussed by Corrections committee and Area Officers. Christina H will likely have more information for us, but at the Assembly, several folks raised questions around how to use those funds in other ways to bring the budget in line with our principle of corporate poverty. A very eloquent point was raised that if people are making those contributions with the understanding that those funds will be used to carry the message to incarcerated alcoholics, then the body must respect that and not divert those funds. Meanwhile, Area asked that groups not send out the Pink Can in meetings, but place it off to the side. Any monies donated to the can should be sent to Area Corrections as per process.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Member at Large (Jim)- Absent**

**Archives (Kristen) – Archives Informational meeting 8/6 from 4pm to 5pm**

**CPC/PI (Dan/Keith)- July 11th was the last meeting held at 4 winds. Continuing to take meeting lists to designated locations. Mesa County checked on our literature rack. Looking to get access at ComCor. 2 panels in Aug. Next meeting will be 8/7 at 5:30 at 4 winds. Trying to get meeting with Dr. Jackman at St. Mary's**

**Treatment [John W] – Things are going well, \$150 budget. Reached out to Oxford house but haven't heard back.**

**Event Coordinator (Jessica) – Sent report on Gratitude banquet on Nov 11th**

**Corrections (Christina) – Sent report by email**

**Grapevine (Open) -**

**Meeting List** (Marcia) – Early Birds moving July 15th to New Life Church. Orchard Mesa Meeting has been cancelled

**Old Business - None**

**Upcoming AA Events**

- July 29th Sponsorship Workshop at the Alano Club from 2 to 5:30pm
- Sept 17th- District Inventory at the Alano Club at 3:00pm
- Oct 21st- AA 101 Workshop at the Alano Club at pm
- Colorado State Convention Sept 1st-3rd