

DISTRICT 2 MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2023

Opened with Serenity Prayer and Roll Call

Voice/Vote: Angie, Jessica, Rick, Christina, Dena, John W, John M, Craig, Gene, Todd, Don, Keith, Duke, Patrick, Dan

Zoom Voice/Vote: Heather, Christina, Todd

Zoom Voice/No Vote: Kenda

New Business

- Step 8- Jessica
- Tradition 8 & Concept 8- Don read both
- GSR Q & A Discussion Session- No Discussion
- 2024 Proposed Budget Discussion & Process- Gene went over proposed 2024 budget. Committees were to present their requested budgets in writing. Received budgets from Treatment and Meeting List Chairs. Gene will bring the requested budgets to the meeting in Sept. Will have money left over from this years budget due to expenses being down. Gene tentatively put a \$4,000 budget in for 2024. Positive things going to happen because District has secured bids to host two Assemblies back to back. Only sending our DCM's to one Assembly next year we are going to have a \$600 expense opposed to a \$1800 expense. Groups are going to have more funds to be able to support Central Office due to scaling down number of Assemblies GSR's are being sent to. Gene properly budgeted to send DCM's to events with what the Procedure Guide states for expenses. Treatment requested \$200, Alano Club Rent \$300, PO Box Annually \$150, Bank Checks \$50, Workshops \$300, Zoom \$200. Gene would like to combine Events and Delegate Report on the budget because Event Chair is covering that, eliminating the Delegate line item. Events Chair will have a budget to take care of all events. Committee voices: Archives- Absent, Grapevine- Open, Meeting List- Marci gave \$150 budget, Gene will discuss the printer w/ Marci. CPC/PI- will present their budget by next meeting. Corrections- Christina doesn't feel the need to be sent to the Corrections Conference, No need for budget. Events- \$59 for sure that the budget needs to cover, Jessica anticipates 4 events for the year w/booking the Alano that the budget will need to cover, line item needed for dry goods, paper goods, ice tubs for food. Co-DCM's- Heather suggests budget for 2024 State Convention and SWRSA for both Co-DCM's to attend instead of just one. Next year Gene opposed having a budget to send DCM's going to State Convention unless they are speakers. No Groups or Districts fund sending DCM's to these events, GSR's/Groups just don't have the funds to send them, it would be out of pocket.
- Committee report for Spring 2024 Area10 Assembly updates- Dena has list of volunteers. First planning meeting on Sept 9th at 1:30 at the Alano Club. Dena also made a list of committees needed and sent an email w/a list of those committees for people to look over and sign up for where they would like to be involved. Dena encourages people to volunteer for chairs of those committees. Also included in the email is a flyer for the Assembly.
- Formation of Summer 2024 Area 10 Assembly Committee (discuss & vote for chair)- Heather standing for Chair. Motion made, 2nd, passed electing Heather as Chair for the 2024 Summer Assembly.
- District Inventory w/ past Delegate Scott M (discuss inventory questions)- Heather read through District Inventory Questions. Craig suggests limiting the amount of questions being asked. GSR's can go to their groups and ask which questions are really important.

Dena- how can we spend our time wisely. Jessica thinks there is a better way to get events publicized in a more effective way. Several groups are getting the announcements out in timely manner so they aren't being announced to much for to long. Discussed combining and eliminating Inventory questions. Patrick revising questions and will get in touch with Scott M about moving forward.

- AA 101 Workshop w/ Alt Delegate Martha M in Oct 21st- Heather- District 20's DCM has struggled with getting to groups and people aren't getting information or access about Delegate Reports and upcoming events. Heather discussed creating a way to communicate to groups that this workshop is a way for them to learn about the general service structure and where they fit into the organization of AA. We need to generate event excitement for fellowship attendance. Jessica thinks there is a better way to get events publicized in a more effective way. Several groups are getting announcements out in a way so they aren't being announced to much for to long.
- Open District positions: Grapevine/La Vina Chair, Co-DCM Open in Nov
- **New Business from the floor** - None

GSR Reports:

- Attractions (OPEN)
- Brown Baggers (OPEN)
- Early Birds (OPEN)
- Forever Young (James T/Kyle)- Absent
- HOG (John)- Meetings are 15 to 20 ppl, meetings are jumping up in size and going good.
- Lunch Bunch (Rick/Kenda)- Good Attendance everyday 30 to 40 ppl and at Business Meetings, we always encourage people to attend those, we offer pizza to get as many ppl to attend from our group. A lot of newcomers every single day and many volunteers for sponsorship.
- Odd Balls (Duke)- Working on dance, activities keep the newcomer's coming. Doing good, getting announcements out. Teaches a class Back to Basics and a lot of the newcomers are confused about AA and the Alano Club not being considered as AA. That they are separate.
- Clifton Original (OPEN)- Don filled in, average 16-22 ppl every Wed eve, lots of newcomers-last few meetings have been on Steps 1,2,3, giving them BB's and contact lists, literature and always talk to them after meeting. Clifton Original will not be doing Sat Speaker meeting after Dec, looking for another group to host speaker meeting. Krista is still hosting Sat night meeting up through Dec. Pantuso's will be moving across from Safeway on Broadway. If interested contact Don or Dave to get info on Speaker's Meeting.
- Promises (Christa)- Absent
- Robber's Roost (OPEN)
- Sat Women's Group (Dena)- Attendance up and down, hoping after summer will pick up again. 2 wks ago room was packed, a member brought snickerdoodles! Since we are having 2 assemblies next year the group contributed the majority of our funds except what needs to go to Central Office and Winter Assembly.
- Sisters in Sobriety (OPEN)- (Jessica) standing in until GSR is elected- 10 to 15 women a week, majority of long term sobriety, get occasional newcomer about every quarter and they tend to stick around, still do not have GSR. Jessica will continue to run info back and forth until one is elected.
- Tues Men's (Patrick)- Attendance steady, 20-30 ppl, has only been to one business meeting so far since new to group and at that meeting was elected GSR.

- Men's Saturday Morning (Todd D)- Average 20 ppl, 1 wk is speaker meeting, 1 wk is a book study, voted in new service positions at last business meeting and have a sponsorship chair. Strong group that's doing well.
- As Bill Sees It (OPEN)- (LaDawn S. Liaison) Isn't attending regularly at D2.

Officer Reports:

Secretary (Angie)– July Minutes- Motion made, 2nd, passed w/ the amendments

Treasurer (Gene)– Report for July - Motion made, 2nd, passed. District 2's July 2023 Treasurer's Report: CURRENT ACCOUNT STATUS: Checking Account: \$4,858.67 - Checking Account Balance as of July 31, 2023. Prudent Reserve Savings: \$1,000.57 - Current Savings Balance (Prudent Reserve) as of July 31, 2023. I've attached copies of PDF Documents including: ANB Bank Statement - Checking Account - 07312023.pdf District 2 - 2023 Group Contributions - 07312023.pdf District 2 - 2023 Expenses - 07312023.pdf District 2 - Budget to Actual Report - 07312023.pdf Group Contributions: District 2 received contributions from Oddballs and Original Clifton Group during July 2023. Total Group Contributions for July 2023 were \$105.36. Contributions during August have picked up with District 2 receiving contributions of \$34.60 from As Bill Sees It, \$198.64 from Lunch Bunch, \$36.93 from Odd Balls and \$407.00 from Tuesday Night Men's Group. I'm encouraged when I see a number of groups contribute as I've seen over the past 2 months. It means that groups believe in participating and funding District 2's efforts in reaching the still suffering alcoholic in our local area. Total Group Contributions collected to date (including August) is \$2,130.80 plus \$100.00 in contributions from the Gratitude Dinner that brings total contributions to \$2,230.80 for 2023 representing 45% of contributions budgeted in 2023 (\$5,000). With 4 months to go, District 2 is on pace to collect \$3,346.20 in contributions well below \$5,000 that was budgeted for 2023. Expenses: Expenses during July 2023 included \$16.08 for Zoom subscription, \$20.00 for CPC/PI Committee, \$54.34 for Treatment Committee and \$600 for Co-DCM's to travel to Area 10 Summer Assembly. Total expenses in July 2023 were \$690.42. Total expenses for the year is \$1,694.96 representing 34% of expenses budgeted in 2023 (\$5,000). As we discussed during July's District 2 meeting, all officers and Committee Chairs need to submit their estimated annual budget requirements in writing by the today's meeting. To date I have received budget requests from the Treatment Chair and Meeting Lists Chair. During our meeting today, I'll want to get input from DCM's, Officers and Committee Chairs on their budget requirements for 2024 and have those submitted in writing. I've printed and also attached copies of 2023 budget and proposed budget for 2024 with budget requests I've received to date to review. I'll compile budget requirements that are submitted and present the resulting preliminary budget at the September meeting. Line items we will be discussed and adjusted as necessary to match estimated income for 2024. Approval of the resulting overall preliminary budget should be accomplished at the October meeting, with a final budget to be presented by the Treasurer for official adoption by the November meeting.

CO-DCM Report (Heather/Don)- District 2, 2023 August CoDCM Report: Heather Orr (970-275-4582) CoDCM, Don Dunlap (970-985-0442) CoDCM, Craig Martin (509-679-0972) Alternate CoDCM Upcoming Events: • District 2 Inventory with Past Area 10 Delegate Scott M, 3 p.m. Sunday, September 17. Open to all AA members of District 2. • District 2 Event: AA 101 (the basics of the General Service Structure4) Workshop presented by Area 10 Alternate Delegate Martha M. • Colordaze 2023 September 22-24 Crossroads United Methodist Church • Gratitude Banquet November 11. • Area 10 Colorado State Convention, September 1-3 2023, Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley. • Area 10 Winter Assembly, November 17-19, DoubleTree Denver Tech Center, Greenwood Village, CO What We've Been Up To: • Don will be attending the Southwest Regional Forum (Sept. 29-Oct. 1) in El Paso as the CoDCM for District 2. • Don and Heather are chairing a workshop on Tradition 2 at the CO State Convention, with Christa (D2 GSR Promises) and fellow Area 10 DCMs Karl R and Greg F. • Please refer to the sample district inventory questions Scott M sent us that are attached to the email with this report and our August meeting agenda. Please let us know if you think of any additional questions we should be asking ourselves. A great resource is the pamphlet on The AA Group, which has questions for group inventories – many of these can be applied in a broader sense to the district. While the actual participants in the inventory process will be those of us who sit on this committee with a voice and a vote, the fellowship of D2 has a voice in this process. The more inclusive and transparent we are in such matters, the healthier it is for all. • The Sponsorship Workshop blew everyone's socks off. It was simply outstanding, and did a great deal to not only pass on some solid sobriety, program and principles, but it was a wonderful unifying experience for our district. We are so grateful to the committee and participants for their service. The DCMs would appreciate everyone's ideas and efforts to garner as much energy and excitement around the AA 101 Workshop. This is such a valuable opportunity for everyone to learn more about the "operations" of AA, the general service structure, and the great importance placed upon the membership as the ultimate authority in that structure. Great for newbies and not-so-newbies alike. Anyone who has ever attended one of these will tell you it's really inspiring. • Please see the numbered emails sent out with the August CoDCM Report and Agenda - these are news and updates from Area 10 and GSO.

Committee Reports:

Member at Large (Jim)- Not hear last meeting. Intergroup spirit of rotation is alive and well. Have a new web master, Secretary, all positions are filled. Contributions are down about \$9,000 for the year. A significant amount of contributions are coming from individuals. 326 groups on the Western Slope that Central Office servers, about 62 groups have contributed this year. Encouraging participation and wants to ask GSR's that if their group does not have an Intergroup position available please create one or if there is one and its not filled then encourage someone to fill the Intergroup position. Chris resigned from his Central Office Position. Intergroup meetings are the 2nd Sat of each month at 11, Sept meeting is in Steamboat, there's always zoom option.

Archives (Kristen) – Absent- Sent report via email.

CPC/PI (Dan/Keith)- Sent Aug report via email - Keith- materials dispensed and a bunch more for restocking, 9 packets for 9 Oxford houses, Mind Springs, VA, Copeka, Juniper Family Medical, Mesa County, need to assign GJ Library to committee member, WCAHEC 140 meeting packets dropped off, Aug 31st Lincoln Park, Table at CMU 1 to 3pm, table at Pier 180 Sept 9th Recovery Rally 11 to 3pm Hawthorne Park, Mesa County Justice Center has literature rack, Commons area has literature. Marrilac- Dan followed up w/Brandi, Terri started taking literature to Churches, CMU event Sept 5th, Linda Cummins (new CMU contact for nursing) met with Dan about panel scheduled Sept 15th 4 to 5pm- may break it up into 2 panels and have a follow up panel after. She thinks the panels may apply in other areas. No update on panel at Mind Springs, fine on pamphlets and the meeting that's being taken in there. They have a new director Tracy- she's between the recovery center and detox, hard to get ahold of. Talked to a couple other people about doing a panel and they seemed interested, trying to finalize this. Dan rotating out in 3 mos, will be looking for a new CPC chair. Next meeting 5:30 next Sept 11th at 4 winds. Special thanks to Kristi N- Secretary.

Treatment [John W] – Sent report via email- open meetings continue at Mind Springs in Clifton, contacted by Russ from MS-new Mind Springs facility by Texas Roadhouse they want meetings held on Monday nights. Might be looking for a GSR to take on this Monday night meeting into Mind Springs, doesn't think the Tues night mens will be able to keep going running both meetings. Call from VA last week their peer support counselors asked for a speaker in Sept to hear speak to the Veterans or to the Counselors it being Veterans Suicide Prevention Month in Sept. John volunteered to share his story at the hospital. Also going to try and speak to a Veterans group that meets in a separate building now due to Covid, so they don't have to pay rent somewhere. Holly from MS was trying to get more literature. Keith will get that to her.

Event Coordinator (Jessica) – Sent report via email- If you want to serve on the Gratitude Banquet Committee let Jessica know. Nov 11th at the Independence Center.

Corrections (Christina) – Sent report via email-

Grapevine (Open)

Meeting List (Marcia) – Sent updated District 2 meeting lists in printable PDF form via email.

Old Business - None

Upcoming AA Events:

- Sept 17th- District Inventory at the Alano Club starts at 3:00pm
- Oct 21st- AA 101 Workshop at the Alano Club from 4 to 6pm
- Sept 1st-3rd Colorado State Convention in Greeley, Co
- Sept 22nd-24th Colordaze at the Crossroads United Methodist Church, 599 30 Rd Grand Jct Co 81504