

DISTRICT INVENTORY MEETING MINUTES Sept 17th, 2023

Opened with Serenity Prayer and Roll Call

In Person:

Voice/Vote: Gene, Kristen, Rick, Dena, Patrick, Angie, John, Christa, Craig, Don, Heather, John

Voice/No Vote: Aubrey

Zoom:

Zoom Voice/Vote: Marci, Jim, Dan

Zoom Voice/No Vote: Kenda

We did not hold our regular District 2 Business Meeting on Sept 17th. In place of our meeting a District Inventory was held with Past Area 10 Delegate Scott M at the Alano Club. Scott was here to guide us through 3 inventory questions we had selected and to ask us questions, give feedback and point out any areas we may need to be aware of. Scott also guided us through how we can be more effective in our Primary Purpose to Carry the Message and what is our message. Scott M feels it would be a good idea and is willing to continue the Inventory at a 2nd meeting to cover other areas of the Inventory questions. At Oct 15th's Business Meeting we will decide on a date and time that we will further discuss the Inventory with Scott M either in person or on Zoom. Below is a detailed report Heather sent on the Inventory.

GSR Reports:

- Attractions (OPEN)
- Brown Baggers (OPEN)
- Early Birds (OPEN)
- Forever Young (James T/Kyle)-
- HOG (John)-
- Lunch Bunch (Rick/Kenda)-
- Odd Balls (Duke)-
- Clifton Original (OPEN)-
- Promises (Christa)-
- Robber's Roost (OPEN)
- Sat Women's Group (Dena)-
- Sisters in Sobriety (OPEN)- (Jessica) standing in until GSR is elected-
- Tues Men's (Patrick)-
- Men's Saturday Morning (Todd D)-
- As Bill Sees It (OPEN)- (LaDawn S. Liaison) Isn't attending regularly at D2.

Officer Reports:

Secretary (Angie)– August Minutes- Motion made, 2nd, passed

Treasurer (Gene)– Report for August- Motion made, 2nd, passed - District 2's August 2023

Treasurer's Report: CURRENT ACCOUNT STATUS: Checking Account: \$5,321.50 - Checking Account Balance as of August 31, 2023. Prudent Reserve Savings: \$1,000.57 - Current Savings Balance (Prudent Reserve) as of August 31, 2023. I've attached

copies of PDF Documents including: ANB Bank Statement - Checking Account - 08312023.pdf District 2 - 2023 Group Contributions - 08312023.pdf District 2 - 2023 Expenses - 08312023.pdf District 2 - Budget to Actual Report - 08312023.pdf ,mDistrict 2 - 2024 Proposed Budget - 09162023.pdf Group Contributions: District 2 received 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. Total Group Contributions for August 2023 were \$677.17. We also received a \$100 contribution from the Saturday Morning Women's Group in early September. Total Group Contributions collected to date (including September) is \$2,230.80 plus \$100.00 in contributions from the Gratitude Dinner that brings total contributions to \$2,330.80 for 2023 representing 47% of contributions budgeted in 2023 (\$5,000). With 3 months to go, District 2 is on pace to collect \$3,107.50 in contributions well below \$5,000 that was budgeted for 2023. Expenses: Expenses during August 2023 included \$87.15 for CPC/PI Committee, \$16.08 for Zoom subscription, \$63.54 for Delegate Report, \$24.40 for Special Events and \$23.17 for printing of Meeting Lists. Total expenses for the year is \$2,071.48 representing 39% of expenses budgeted in 2023 (\$5,000). I have already made reimbursements in September of \$162.00 and expect to reimburse Don D for Heather and him to attend the Area 10 State Convention \$300.00. I also anticipate \$600.00 in additional expenses for Co-CDM's to attend Winter Conference. That brings anticipated expenses for 2023 to \$4,169.49. We discussed 2024 budget during August's District 2 meeting and finalized budgets for all officers and committees with the exception of Archives. There is also the question of purchasing a new printer for Meeting Lists Committee that we'll also need to discuss during tomorrow's District 2 meeting. I've attached a tentative budget that I'll update after our discussions on Sunday and then present at October's District 2 Meeting. From there, GSR's will want to take District 2's budget back to their groups to discuss. I will also be available after October's District 2 meeting to attend various group business meetings to answer any questions as well. Final budget will be presented for official adoption by District 2 members at the November meeting. Let me know if you have any questions!

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, August 2023 Co-DCM Report- Upcoming Events: • District 2 Inventory with Past Area 10 Delegate Scott M, 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.

District Inventory Report (Heather)- The inventory began at 3 and ended about 6 p.m. Sunday Sept. 17th. This report endeavors to capture the essence of the discussion, from notes taken by the CoDCM's Scott M, who has served as a Past Area 10 Delegate, and in numerous group, district, and area positions, came for the day from the Denver area at his own expense to effectively "sponsor"/guide us through what is essentially a 5th Step for the District. His guidance was to look deeply and honestly, and to consider our effectiveness within the framework of our Primary Purpose. Rather than specifically addressing some of more narrow questions we had listed, he approached the process more globally, using our Primary Purpose to Carry the Message as a starting point – framing it in terms of: what is our message? • What is our message to the district members, and should we consider this as something different than just the AA message. • Unity: especially following the effects of the pandemic upon groups and district • Serve GSRs – they are the link to the fellowship through the groups and thus have a key role in unity and communication. Are we doing the best job there? • Our district is currently very active, PI/CPC is very

strong and building relationships in the broader community – very effective in efforts to carry the message. • Hispanic meeting, and how do we as a district help facilitate this. • Most committee chair positions are currently filled; rotation in November will leave a couple of open positions. • One district member commented that the district is more active than he's seen in a long time. • DCMs support GSRs so that they in turn can support their groups – effectively acting as service sponsors for the district and groups respectively. • Need more GSRs and Alt GSRs for groups not currently represented at the district. • Things districts perform: 1. Drive potential members to groups, 2. Communicate up and down the general service triangle, 3. Service sponsorship of GSRs. • Breakdowns in communication through the service structure happen at the DCM and GSR levels. Once GSR has information – what they do with that is key. • Sometimes groups don't respond to something that is coming up through the inverted triangle. • Breakdowns can also occur with rotations – Scott mentioned that GSRs typically don't last through their entire 2 year rotations (usually lasting only 6-9 months). • Communication should occur from one group to next – GSRs – DCMs – Area – GSO • It comes down to 2 of us against the problem – where does God want us to be? • Difference between us and problems that occur in larger society is that if we don't fix problems we die. • A worksheet/cheatsheet for GSRs providing guidance on basic responsibilities, etc. would be helpful. Something we could upload so it's downloadable for new GSRs. • Bullet points for the GSR'S of what is in the emails from DCMs so they can decimate what is important for their group and not. • There is a disconnect from the groups to general service, in people seeing the importance of the service structure up to GSO. • If not communicating, things break down – especially when groups start independently going to treatment, jails, etc. without coordination through the district – relationships with those institutions break down. • How are DCMs getting out to groups. Currently responsibilities are split between the two dcms – one goes to groups, the other largely takes care of administrative pieces. • What percentage of groups are participating in the district – about 50%. Scott remarked that that is actually good participation relative to other districts. • Communication with groups Lot of material comes through to DCMs from GSO and Area. How to help GSRs determine which materials and how to disseminate in a way that's effective and useful, and encourage their group members to attend group business meetings. Discussion of strategies to lay out the materials more clearly and issues that arise in too much editing. Groups determine what want from DCMs – maybe GSRs could provide more information on what their groups interested most in receiving info about. • So, this is the Inventory – now, we report back – bring discussion back at district. District then discusses how and what to focus on. • Maybe do a Communications Workshop (we have an AA 101 Workshop in Oct.) • Do the groups know they can attend district meetings, and where and when? How can we do better with communicating this? Why would we want our group members to attend district meetings? How can we best get the message out that district is available – that they can attend and that district officers can go to their meetings and talk about what district does? • How to communicate with groups – maybe a prepared Powerpoint, go to groups and give mini-service structure presentations? Website, calendar or something via internet to post things on that are happening around the district. • Treatment programs have impacted AA and how people perceive AA. Things have changed in ways that cause long-timers to disengage, have impacted our primary purpose, have taken meetings more into support therapy sessions rather than focusing on what AA is. How do we confront that. • Make business meetings at group and district level fun, with food, etc., and more available. Point made that everyone who serves in general service works hard and is committed. • How can DCMs work with the GSRs to do group inventories, and bring excitement of service to groups. • Our 2 upcoming assemblies are opportunities to bring more excitement about our fellowship and service. Make these our focus to reinvigorate the district? (Comment made that we are the only district in remembered history that has hosted 2 assemblies in one year). • Get everyone excited and involved with the upcoming assemblies that are going to be here. How do we do that, ad-hoc committee or something else? Purpose is to make people aware of service. • How do we address other, non-AA recovery-based initiatives that focus on fun activities, etc. (e.g. Peer 180) • District has hands full with our current activities. We already do a great job of hosting fellowship building events, the events are fun. • Assemblies can be effective in showing fellowship how they can serve – as a kind of service “job fair”. Our committees should be represented there; people can then come and decide how and where to stand. • It is a lot of work. • Didn't address more specific questions. Scott is available in person or Zoom for a part 2 follow-up. • What topics need to be discussed before our next meeting with Scott from this inventory and what needs to be covered by Scott in our next inventory meeting.

Committee Reports:

Member at Large (Jim)-

Archives (Kristen)- Sent report via email

CPC/PI (Dan/Keith)- Sent report via email

Treatment (John)- Sent report via email

Event Coordinator (Jessica)- Sent report via email

Corrections (Christina)- Sent report via email

Grapevine (Open)

Meeting List (Marcia)- Sent report via ema

Upcoming AA Events:

- Oct 21st- AA 101 Workshop at the Alano Club from 4 to 6pm (Potluck)
- Nov 17th-19th, Winter Assembly, Double Tree Tech Center, Greenwood Village, Co
- Nov 11th Gratitude Banquet- 5-8:30pm, Center For Independence, 740 Gunnison Ave, GJ Co