

DISTRICT 2 MEETING MINUTES

Dec 3rd 2023

Opened with Serenity Prayer and Roll Call

In Person:

Voice/Vote: Don, Patrick, Duke, Gene, Dena, Christina, Jessica, Kristen, Marci, Angie, Ben, Rick, John, Christa, Craig, Heather

Voice/No Vote: Angela (visitor), Michelle(visitor), Kelly(visitor)

Zoom:

Voice/Vote: John

Voice/No Vote: Julie (visitor), Kenda

Step 12- Christa

Tradition 12- Waived

Concept 12- Waived

GSR Discussion Q & A Session- John- group concerned with financial status at GSO and what we're going to do to remedy the situation. Christa- one of the ways the groups has control over the board is financial, if we aren't communicating our concerns to the board we really aren't doing anything to get answer's, one reason given for lack of transparency is still a result of Covid. Heather- Financial concerns with GSO have been passed as Agenda items for the Conference and will be discussed there. If anyone has a concern they can contact the Delegate directly, also contact Judy, or exert your 7th concept right to with hold funds, all info is in emails Heather has sent, quarterly report from GSO talks about how they are struggling financially. Millions of dollars spent for Int'l Conf that was cancelled due to Covid was supposed to go back into Prudent Res and did not. Level of spending going on that is causing alot of concern. They're starting to make cuts in their expenditures but it's almost a little to late. General Manager of GSO sent out letter directly to GSR's asking for money, protocols aren't being met. Gene asked if the president being fired was the cause for this? Heather- Yes, partly, she asked for an audit and was fired the next day. The prudent res is very low. Dena- the letter could have been worded better. Craig says John can draft a letter for him and Don to look over to send to the Delegate to take to the GSO from District to get some clarity about the financial aspect. Letter coming from District will carry more weight than from a group. Johns letter will need to be presented to District and then vote on whether or not to take it to the next Assembly.

- AA Service Manual Study with Area 10 Chair Patric M will be held through Zoom at 6am on Sat's. This is open to anyone but especially GSR's, District Officers and Committee Chairs. If interested contact Patrick Mitchell for Zoom info and to be added to the notifications list at: areachair@coloradoaa.org
- Craig proposed that the procedure guide reimbursement cap that is given to DCM'S/GSR'S to go to Assemblies/SWRAASA/Regional Forums be changed. It's out dated and this cap was done back in 2018 and prices are only going to continue to go up. Currently the PG states a \$300 cap to attend Area 10 Assembly and a \$600 cap for attending SWRAASA/Regional Forums. Craig would recommend DCM's looking at the cap every year to send DCMs/GSRs to Assemblies and SWARSAs, we will have a better idea of what assemblies, etc will be attended. Motion to amend the procedure guide, 2nd, passed.

- 2024 Budget Vote (Gene F.) - Craig proposes changing amounts of line 1 to \$750 & line 2 to \$800. Change Events amount to \$250. Motion made to approve budget with the revisions. 2nd, passed.
- Open District Positions Voting- Grapevine/La Vina Chair, CPC Chair, Member at Large, CoDCM. Craig is committing to a 1yr position as Alt CoDCM. *Member at Large- Christina standing- Dena standing- Dena won the 2/3rds majority vote. CPC Chair- no one standing today. Grapevine Chair- no one standing today. Craig nominates Christina to stand for CoDCM- Motion made to elect Christina as CoDCM, 2nd, passed.
- Committee report for Spring 2024 Area10 Assembly updates- Dena- Heather created an announcements flyer for GSR's to take to their group about volunteering for the Spring Assembly. Patrick was on zoom at the last planning meeting. Dena encourages GSR's to get with their groups and get people on board to volunteer. Next meeting is Jan 6th at Alano Club
- District Inventory- Past Delegate Scott Miekjohn- Look at setting up second session with Scott.
- Ad-Hock Committee for District Inventory- Don proposed forming an Ad-Hock committee to review what was discussed at the inventory meeting with Patrick. Preparing a question's list to bring back to District and approve it. Then contact Scott to see when he can come back for part 2 of the inventory. Committee will put together questions for part 2 of the inventory and go over what was already answered at part 1. Committee will consist of Don, Craig, Christa, Dena.
- Craig mentioned at the Inventory meeting a cheat sheet was created from another area that was helpful in narrowing the field of what GSR's are responsible for. Instead of an Ad-hock committee Craig will bring a list of things that need to be focused on to Jan's meeting with what GSR's need to work on. Craig thought a quarterly meeting might be helpful for GSRs that are rotating in. Gene also thinks that Service Sponsor's might be something we want to bring back. Kelly thinks a GSR workshop might be helpful.
- Ad-Hock Website Committee- Patrick, Dena, Gene, Christina, Don, Marci will meet after Jan 1st.
- **New Business from the floor:**
- Duke has tickets for sale for a New Year's Dance at American Lutheran Church
- Craig- Fellowship Connection- Reaching out to groups to get a consensus and get their records in order. Craig is willing to be the lead on this.

GSR Reports: No reports given, only by email.

- 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)-
- As Bill Sees It (OPEN)- (LaDawn S. Liaison) Isn't attending regularly at D2-

Officer Reports:

Secretary (Angie)– October Minutes- Motion made, 2nd, passed - No meeting in Nov

Treasurer (Gene)– Reports for Oct/Nov - Motion made, 2nd, passed.

Here's District 2's October 2023 Treasurer's Report: CURRENT ACCOUNT STATUS: Checking Account: \$4,826.65 - Checking Account Balance as of October 31, 2023. Prudent Reserve Savings: \$1,000.97 - Current Savings Balance (Prudent Reserve) as of September 29, 2023.

I've attached copies of PDF Documents including: ANB Bank Statement - 10312023.pdf District 2 - 2023 Group Contributions - 10312023.pdf District 2 - 2023 Expenses - 10312023.pdf District 2 - Budget to Actual Report - 10312023.pdf District 2 - 2024 Proposed Budget - 12012023.pdf Group Contributions: District 2 received contributions of \$200 from Sisters in Sobriety and \$8 from Clifton Original Group. Total Group Contributions collected in October 2023 was \$2,438.80 plus \$100.00 in contributions from the Gratitude Dinner that brings total contributions to \$2,538.80 for 2023 representing 49% of contributions budgeted in 2023 (\$5,000). Expenses: Expenses during October 2023 included \$69.16 for CPC/PI Committee, \$44.99 for Meeting List Chair for purchase of ink for printer, \$112.00 for Treatment Committee, \$16.08 for Zoom subscription, \$166.00 for PO Box rental and \$44.03 for Events Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service as your District 2 Treasurer

Here's District 2's November 2023 Treasurer's Report: CURRENT ACCOUNT STATUS: Checking Account: \$5,143.35 - Checking Account Balance as of November 30, 2023. Prudent Reserve Savings:\$1,000.97 - Current Savings Balance (Prudent Reserve) as of November 30, 2023. I've attached copies of PDF Documents including, ANB BANK - Account History - 11012023-11302023.pdf District 2 - 2023 Group Contributions - 11302023.pdf District 2 - 2023 Expenses - 11302023.pdf District 2 - Budget to Actual Report - 11302023.pdf District 2 - 2024 Proposed Budget - 12012023.pdf Group Contributions: District 2 received contributions during November 2023 of \$16.70 from As Bill Sees It, \$30.00 from Fruita Sunset and \$570.00 from Promises. Total Group Contributions collected in November 2023 was \$3,055.50 plus \$100.00 in contributions from the Gratitude Dinner that brings total contributions to \$3,155.50 for 2023 representing 63% of contributions budgeted in 2023 (\$5,000). Expenses: Expenses during November 2023 included \$300 reimbursement for Heather Orr to travel to Area 10 Winter Assembly, \$20.11 for CPC/PI Committee, and \$16.08 for Zoom Subscription. Expenses to date are \$3,048.34 representing 55% of expenses budgeted in 2023 (\$5,000). Proposed 2024 District 2 budget is attached for District 2 members to discuss and approve on Sunday. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service as your District 2 Treasurer.

CO-DCM Report (Heather/Don) - District 2, October-November 2023 CoDCM Report

Heather Orr (970-275-4582) CoDCM (outgoing end of November 2023) Don Dunlap (970-985-0442) CoDCM Craig Martin (509-679-0972) Alternate CoDCM Upcoming Events: • Next District 2 meeting Sunday, January 21, 4 p.m., Hybrid. • District 2 Event: New Years Eve Dance, American Lutheran Church, 631 261/2 Road, Doors open 7:30, Speaker meeting starts 8 p.m. DJ Charles Walker, Dessert bar (bring favorite dessert and dress up) • Alkathon, Dec 24 noon-midnight, Dec 25 9 a.m.-noon. Bring food to share, contact Theresa at Central Office for your group to host one of the meetings.

Report on Winter Assembly (Heather and Craig-for Don): Please refer to the Assembly Agenda, which will be sent out with Friday evening guest Class B US Trustee Marita R provided a workshop presentation on "Alcoholics Anonymous on a Global Stage". As Trustee at Large, she is tasked with visiting with AA areas, districts, and groups throughout the world. Her stories of how A.A. members manage to carry the message and get and keep meetings going in extraordinary circumstances were both inspiring and incredibly informative. Marita also participated in all activities throughout the Assembly, including facilitating breakout sessions. She was very approachable and accessible to the membership. Saturday morning the GSRs attended their orientation, and we attended the DCM orientation session led by Past Delegate Judy L. With the current rotation taking place, on-

going DCMs were asked to share their ESH for incoming or newer DCMs. All business covered, including reports, will be made available in Box and in the Assembly minutes (when those are posted). Sarah M's Delegate Report touched on some information mentioned in emails from Area and GSO (that will also be sent out). This included a meaningful change in the Plain and Simple English translation of the 4th Edition of the BB – where the Steps are presented in their original form with an Explanation (rather than previously used “Translation”) in plain language. DCMs need to check Fellowship Connection on aa.org to ensure meeting info is up to date (Craig volunteered to take that on for us). The FAQ at the bottom of the main page of aa.org includes links to key information from the General Service Board and GSO, such as the Quarterly Report (also included in aforementioned emails). Breakout Sessions followed, where breakout groups considered two Agenda items on the draft Agenda for the General Service Conference 2024: 1. Whether the Founders' writing should be changed or not (Marita explained that the first 164 of the BB is NOT part of this discussion, and has remained, and will likely remain untouched for the foreseeable long future). 2. Participation of Online Groups in the General Service Structure. A summary of the discussion among the breakout groups will be forthcoming. The Area Delegate brings topics to the fellowship to take the pulse of the groups in preparation for the Conference. Sunday a.m. Delegate and DCM Sharing Session: Marita spoke with us and addressed concerns about fiscal responsibility at GSO. She indicated that this is an unprecedented time in terms of the controversy and split in the fellowship around GSB handling of our finances. She reflected that while some tensions in the early days of AA were worse on some level, they were different in nature. Bill was progressive and a visionary – he was thoughtful about issues that arose in the fellowship and used the Grapevine in a sense to “sell” his ideas – such as the Traditions, etc. Board is making efforts to be more transparent – in terms of a comfortable level of readability. She “promises” they are not “hiding” anything – they make efforts to communicate with the fellowship in readily understood terms. Get districts connected with Fellowship Connection (as indicated above Craig will be the go to on this). Sarah spoke with us next and her perspective on GSO finances was that the GSB could have gotten on top of Operating Expenses much sooner. But she feels better around efforts currently being undertaken on cost savings. Grapevine currently has funds still available in this FY budget to make the app less clunky and more user friendly. EDW (Equitable Distribution of Workload) 3 year trial is at an end, and Conference will discuss what moving forward will look like on this. Of particular concern is the deadline for submission of proposed Agenda items – which was moved up 3 months from the previous date to accommodate EDW changes. Both Sarah and Marita voted displeased with the very early September 15 deadline. Proposed new Trustee/GSB Chair – while recommended by the GSB after search process, the Conference has the ultimate decision. If recommended candidate not approved by the Conference, then search process starts over again. (See emails for the recommendation.) The Plain and Simple Eng Language Translation of the 4th Ed of the BB will go through final Conference approval in April. All Conference members will be given the opportunity to review the final draft at the conference. However, in theory it will still be undergoing the editing and proofing process and the Literature Committee may present changes – so uncertain whether that vote will actually take place this year or next.

Committee Reports:

Member at Large (Open)- Sent report via email-

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 email-

Old Business - None

Upcoming AA Events:

*Next D2 meeting 1/21/24 at 4pm

*D2 Event: New Year's Eve Dance, American Lutheran Church

*Alkathon 12/24/23 12am to 12pm, 12/25/23 9am to 12am