

District Committee: (= Absent, = Present or represented by back up)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DCM: Terry M. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PI/CPC: Taylor H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Alt. DCM: (vacant until next election) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ans. Serv./Hotline: Anne F. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary: Todd T. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrections & Treatment: Dave D. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer: Adam W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Grapevine/Lit.: Eloy M. | |

GSR's: (= Absent, = Present or represented by back up)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agape, John A. | <input type="checkbox"/> Alltimers, Marty P. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al's Group, Max M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BH Open Speaker, Dale S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Patrol, Bruce D. | <input type="checkbox"/> Happy Hour, Dee P. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest, Steve C. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keep It Simple, John R. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Risers, Anne F. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Key Club, Janice R. | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning Star, Delores A. | <input type="checkbox"/> Unified LALL, John J. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rushmore Group, Todd T. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday AM Spiritual, Jeff J. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ellsworth Group, Larry M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noon N.S. Group, Ron J. | <input type="checkbox"/> Wiconi Teca, Larry P. | <input type="checkbox"/> Noon Lunch Group, Jose P. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCTNG, Mike D. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Almost Home, Loren B. | <input type="checkbox"/> High Noon Group, Bob, Alt. GSR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exit 51 Group, Eloy M. | | |

Committee Reports:

Secretary: July minutes were approved as read by Todd T.

Treasurer: (NOTE: No August Report; July report printed again) July Report: Beginning Balance: \$1135.43, Expenses: \$0, Donations: \$245.78, Ending Balance: \$1381.21

NOTE: Please make checks payable / mail to: District 2 Committee, PO Box 1385, Rapid City, SD 57709

Corrections & Treatment: 1.) The Newcomer Meeting is going well; 2.) The Star Academy meeting is getting some interest from the Custer Group; last week Brian from Custer attended the meeting with other people from Rapid City; 3.) Bridging the Gap received information from Mitch B. (Area 63 Corrections & Treatment Chairperson) who is looking for more volunteers for that program. If interested please contact Dave D. or Mitch B. Respectfully Submitted, David D.

Public Information / Cooperation with Professional Community (PI/CPC): Attended Area 63 Summer (Business) Workshop in Pierre where I attended the Public Information committee meeting. I acquired a Public Service Announcement (PSA) tape for local radio stations in addition to pamphlets for legal and medical offices. We're organizing an event in District 2 for the local professional community and more details will be released at a later date. Yours in Service, Taylor H.

Literature/Grapevine: No report.

Answering Service: (NOTE: The following is a paraphrased version of the general discussion led by Anne F. and Larry M. – Answering Service Committee members) The discussion continues to improve the AA Hot-Line in District 2. The problem is that the current Answering Service vendor (Golden West) is not adequately accommodating the incoming calls to the 12-Step call list provided to them. The District 2 Answering service committee is trying to find a better solution to make this process more efficient and effective. Anne F. and Larry M. have put a lot of work into this process and they are requesting your feedback and support to provide this critical function to assist the newcomer who's asking for help. (NOTE: See recommendation proposal in "New Business" section below)

GSR Reports:

Early Risers Group: The Early Risers continued their 6:45 a.m. Monday through Friday meeting at the Alano Club. The group conducts a Big Book Study every Tuesday, a Step meeting the first Friday, a Traditions meeting the second Friday, a Birthday meeting third Friday, and a Speakers meeting the fourth Friday. Jim S. was the speaker for August. The Birthday Bash included homemade ice cream, quiche, fry bread, wojapi, and other goodies. Birthday's celebrated included: Don R. 17 years, Jerry T. 17 years, Jeff N. 22 years, Dawn A. 2 years, Bob G. 29 years, Pat S. 9 years, Greg S. 6 months, and Mike F. 3 years. The Steering Committee met August 26th, and business included a report on the Area 63 Summer Workshop by the GSR and a discussion about group finances. Respectfully submitted, Anne F.

Rushmore Group: The Rushmore Group is a closed meeting each Wednesday night at 700 – 800 pm, except for our birthday and potluck meeting which is "open" and is held the last Wednesday of each month. Our meeting location is the Minneluzahan Senior Center at 315 N. 4th St. (across from Rushmore Plaza-Holiday Inn and next to the Boys Club). There is an Al-Anon meeting held in the same building at the same time, and a babysitting service is available during the meeting. We're a topic discussion meeting except for the birthday meeting where we have a speaker. Submitted, Todd T.

Ellsworth Group: Ellsworth group is doing well. We average 10-15 people at meetings. We meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 at the Korean Church across from Douglas Schools. The First Friday of the month we celebrate birthdays with cake and a

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potluck (NOTE This CHANGED – USED TO BE THE LAST FRIDAY!). Monday is a Step Study and Wednesday is a Big Book study. Respectfully submitted, Larry M.

Rapid City Thursday Night Group: Meeting is held at the Old Cathedral next to the Knights of Columbus Hall on 5th St. at 800 pm. The meeting is a non-smoking meeting. Attendance has been good with enthusiastic recovery; we celebrate birthdays the last Thursday each month with a guest speaker. God loves you and so does Terry M. In service, Mike D.

AI's Group: We are still about 30-40 people strong and. AI's group meets every Wednesday at 7pm at the Canyon Lake Senior Citizens Center. Last Wednesday of every month is Birthday night which begins at 6PM with a Pot Luck Dinner – followed by Business meeting at 6:30 – meeting at 7:00PM. Respectfully Submitted, Max M.

Keep It Simple Group: Is a topic discussion meeting that meets Monday nights at 7:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church on the corner of 7th and Kansas City Streets (in the basement). Attendance is currently around 35 people per meeting. Our last business meeting was August 1st, with nothing new to report. Respectfully submitted, John R. GSR

Almost Home Group: The almost home group meets at the Department of Corrections Trustee Unit in Rapid City on Creek Dr. and has between 6-8 members each week. We meet at 7:00 pm Saturday evenings. It is an open discussion meeting with all sharing. You need special clearance to gain entrance, if you would like to attend please see me for clearance sheets. Some inmates are released on parole and new arrivals take their places, thus there's always a need for sponsors and AA contacts for these men. Secondly, We have started a Big Book study on Tuesday evenings starting at 7:30 pm. We are listening to the "Joe & Charley" tapes along with the reading of the Big Book. Respectfully yours, Loren B.

Old Business:

- **District Committee System Proposal.** A reminder of the upcoming discussion on forming a "committee system" similar to how Area 63 is structured to help be more effective in addressing the issues in need of attention within District 2. This system would have specific committees to address specific functions of the District – i.e. H&I, Answering Service, PI/CPC, etc... That committee would discuss and recommend to the District what actions are suggested and how to implement them. This would minimize lengthy discussions at District meetings on a single topic, so that many issues could be resolved at the District meeting monthly forum. Group feedback is requested, please take this back to your home group and bring back their comments. Remember your feedback counts and is vital to District 2's success!
- **District Answering Service:** *(see Answering Service Committee report comments above and proposal below)*

New Business:

- **Area 63 Conference & Workshop Change Proposal Recommendation – Group Feedback Requested**
 - **General Overview:** The following recommendation is to propose changing the current Area 63 business functions from the existing two conferences (Fall and Spring) and two Area Workshop (Winter and Summer) system to consolidate the conference into one to be held in the Fall annually, and increase the workshops from two to three. NOTE: If any changes are determined, nothing will be implemented until after January 1, 2007.
 - Recommendation from the Policy & Administration Agenda Committee agenda for Area 63 Fall Conference to be held September 30 – October 2, 2005 in Spearfish, SD.
 - The following proposal, if adopted will the change Area 63 meeting schedule effective January 1, 2007.
 - New Area 63 proposed meeting structure:
 - Three area assemblies to be held in Pierre annually:
 - a) **Spring Assembly:** 1st weekend in April, unless Easter conflicts with this date; then 2nd weekend. This would be a two day assembly after the West Central Regional AA Service Conference (WCRAASC) and before General Service Conference (GSC) at AA World Services / GSO, avoiding Rushmore Roundup and Sioux Empire Roundup to prepare Area 63 delegate for GSC, inform a fellowship on FSC agenda and conduct committee work.
 - b) **Summer Assembly:** 2nd weekend in July. This would be a one or two day assembly after the GSC to receive the Delegate's report from GSC, prepare annual budget for Area 63 and conduct committee work.
 - c) **Winter Assembly:** 3rd weekend in November, after Veterans Day and before Thanksgiving. This would be a one or two day assembly to conduct elections, discuss proposed GSC agenda items, and conduct committee work.

NOTE: The Policy & Admissions Agenda Committee will set the actual dates annually for the following year at the Summer Assembly using the target dates set forth above as guidelines.

- Area 63 Annual Fall Conference to be held annually in October:
 - a) Agenda would be structured by the Policy & Admissions Agenda Committee host bidding process would be open to any District in the Area with a facility capable of holding at least 600 attendees. Districts must bid a

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minimum of 2 years in advance of the conference. The Report and Charter Committee will receive bids and will take rotation of location into consideration when accepting bids and making recommendations.

- b) The annual Fall Conference will start on Friday and end on Sunday (as it currently exists) and will include speaker meetings, call-up meetings, and social functions – i.e. dances, ice cream socials, etc... In place of the current committee work held at conferences, the Area committee will conduct breakout sessions, panel presentations, GSR, and DCM workshops, and open microphone service forums. The Delegate's report, chairman report, and committee reports will also be presented here.
- c) Recommendations will be made at assemblies, will be taken back to the fellowship for group conscience and voted on as Old Business at the following assembly.
 - o Please take this information to your groups for discussion and provide feedback through your GSR to share at the District 2 meeting held the last Sunday every month at the Alano Club
- **2006 Area 63 scheduled Conference & Workshop Events Update:**
 - a) Winter two day workshop – April 1-2, 2006 – Location: Pierre, SD
 - b) Spring Conference – June 2-4, 2006 – Location: Watertown, SD
 - c) Summer one day workshop – August 19, 2006 – Location: Pierre, SD
 - d) Fall Conference – June 20-22, 2006 – Location: Rapid City, SD
- **District 2 Answering Service/Hot-Line Proposal for Change** (*For input by AA Groups-September 2005*)
 - o **General Overview:** Currently, District 2 Alcoholics Anonymous pays a local answering service to respond initially to callers to our hotline phone number. The answering service's job is to contact someone from a list of AA volunteers provided by the District. The volunteer in turns calls the caller back and answers questions or provides a 12th Step Call in person as appropriate. The current system costs approximately sixty dollars per month and few of our volunteers have been contacted by the answering service. Service by the answering service to date has often been unsatisfactory. For example, the answering service has in fact called the Alano Club on more than one occasion to ask them to respond to calls, despite written instructions that the answering service should call our volunteers. In addition, the Hot Line Committee has not yet been successful in getting our Hot Line number listed appropriately in local phone books.
 - o **Committee Recommendations:** A District 2 committee has worked the last month to come up with recommendations that might improve services. In addition, participants at the August District 2 meeting made suggestions and voted that a Hot Line proposal be brought by each GSR to their group for input. Suggestions from each group will be reported at the District 2 meeting September 25th by GSR's present and potentially the District will vote at that time on a course of action for the Hot Line.
 - o **ACTION Items to Provide Feedback On:** Please provide group input on the following options concerning the District Two Answering Service/Hot Line:
 - Option One:** Maintain the current system paying an outside answering service and increase efforts to get the Hot Line number appropriately listed in phone books.
 - Option Two:** Replace the current system with a system utilizing the Alano Club number. The Alano Club staff, for \$30/month, would answer calls and contact a volunteer to return the calls. At night when the Club is closed, calls would be forwarded to pagers staffed by 1-2 volunteer AA groups who would serve for a month.
 - Option Three:** The same as Option Two, except the District would get and advertise a Hotline number that is separate from the Alano Club. The Alano Club staff would answer calls and contact a volunteer to return the calls during Club hours. At night calls would be forwarded to pagers staffed by one or two volunteer AA groups who would serve for a month. The advantage of this option is that the AA Hot Line would clearly remain separate from the Alano Club number.
 - Option Four:** Return to the system similar to one used in the past utilizing pagers staffed by AA volunteers.
 - o **Other Items to Note:**

The committee researched how the pager system worked and didn't work in the past
Vendor costs include \$12.95 - \$15.95 / mo. (Note: Golden West was most reasonably priced) and pagers would cost approximately \$72 / unit (one-time cost). Note: Golden West has not provided pricing for forwarding the current AA Hot-Line number to the pagers.

The committee met with the Alano Club board on August 22nd who unanimously voted to support our request to have their staff answer the AA Hot-Line and forward / refer calls to the 12-Step list during regular business hours for \$30 / mo.

The existing 12-Step list will be re-done and forms were provided to take to groups to be filled out and returned to the Answering Service Committee.
 - o **Questions or Comments:** Contact your GSR or call Anne F. (348-7293) if you would like more clarification.

NOTE: Next Meeting is September 25th at the Alano Club.

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