

District 2 February Meeting Notes

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District 2 Business Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2006

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DCM: Anne F. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer: Loren B. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grapevine/Lit.: Dan T. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alt. DCM: John R. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PI/CPC: Chris S. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrections & Treatment: Dave D. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotline: Jaqi B. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary: Todd T. | |

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Patrol, Dave D | <input checked="" 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, John S. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key Club, Todd G. | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noon Lunch Group, Jose P. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCTNG, Eric H.. | <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: January minutes were read and approved as read by Todd T.

Treasurer: December Report: Beginning Balance: \$1,109.50, Expenses: \$206.27, Donations: \$178.00, Ending Balance: \$1,191.71
NOTE: Please make checks payable / mail to: District 2 Committee, PO Box 1382, Rapid City, SD 57709 – Submitted by, Loren B.

Corrections & Treatment: The Star Academy (Custer) meetings are at 7:00 pm the third Saturday each month; there are 2 meetings at the Boys Camp that are going well. JSC is having some problems with keeping volunteers; we need help here with getting more volunteers – NOTE: the JSC meeting has moved to a classroom from the main hall for better acoustics. I am requesting a annual budget of \$500 for literature for the corrections and treatment facilities. Respectfully, David Davis

Public Information / Cooperation with Professional Community (PI/CPC): This committee has written a letter per GSO's guidelines that will be sent to local colleges / universities for the purpose of contacting faculty of healthcare related curriculum that will introduce AA to their program and invite both faculty and students to attend open AA meetings. Per GSO's guidelines, it is suggested that we establish "sponsors" (not traditional sponsors as one takes another through the steps) that will be a contact for those who may be interested in attending and will have a contact name and number for questions. The overall purpose of this action is to assist the local mental healthcare professionals both in school and those practicing learn about AA and what it has to offer the alcoholic who is seeking help. I welcome your questions, comments and/or suggestions. NOTE: There is a new District 2 "general contact" Email address: area63dist2picpc@hotmail.com Yours in service, Chris S.

Literature/Grapevine: Literature has been ordered and should be here in the next week. Yours in service, Dan T.

AA Hotline (District 2): The new Hotline phone number is **605-343-1091** (please make a note of it). NOTE: This new number will be in the new phone books due out in April 2006. We need hotline volunteers, especially for the 8:00 am – 5:00 pm slot Monday – Friday. We are hoping to find groups to take a week or two at a time to cover the hotline 24/7; they would give me a calendar with names and numbers that I would forward the hotline number to. We are averaging 1-2 calls per day currently, and Friday and Saturday nights can get up to 3 or more calls per night. As a volunteer, you must have a current meeting schedule with you and phone numbers of other AA's to contact or refer callers to – i.e. men to men and women to women – for 12-step calls. Please answer the phone during your time slot, if it goes to your voice-mail the caller thinks they have the wrong number. Thanks to all who are volunteering, and we look forward to you who will be volunteering! **NOTE: The new phone number of Alcoholics Anonymous for District 2 / Area 63 is: 605-343-1091** Sincerely, Jaqi B.

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 with a breakfast pot luck, and a Speakers meeting the fourth Friday. The Friday meetings meet in the Big Room at the Alano Club in Rapid City. Submitted, John S.

Rushmore Group: The Rushmore Group is a closed meeting each Wednesday night at 700 – 800 pm, except for our birthday and potluck speaker meeting which is "open" and is held the last Wednesday of each month. January's speaker was John T.. of Spearfish. 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.

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Almost Home Group: The almost home group meets at the Department of Corrections Trustee Unit in Rapid City on Creek Dr. and has between 15-20 members each week. We meet at 7:00 pm – 8:30 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 with Joe and Charlie tapes on Tuesday evenings starting at 7:30 pm. We are looking for sponsors for our members; clearance is needed to attend the meetings. See me for admission forms. Respectfully yours, Loren B.

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 30-35 people per meeting and typically have an equal number of men and women at each meeting. Our group conscious / business meeting is the first Monday of each month. Birthdays were celebrated and our current format allows birthday people to speak first then a tag team / round-robin system selects who speaks next. KISS Group will be hosting the Saturday morning 9:00 am meeting at the Rushmore Round-Up this March at the Ramkota.

Respectfully submitted, John R. GSR

Dawn Patrol Group: The group is always well attended and is a step study meeting reading from the 12 by 12 covering one step each week. The meeting is Saturday morning at 6:45 am at the Alano Club in Rapid City. Respectfully, David D.

Al's Group: We are still about 20-40 people strong and. Al's group meets every Wednesday at 7pm at the Canyon Lake Senior Citizens Center's Viking Hall. 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. We had two birthdays this month with Denny having 1 year, and Carl with 1 year. We were saddened by the loss of Moe E. and our meeting was virtually non-existent on the night before his funeral as the group attended a special meeting at the funeral home. Moe will be sorely missed by those of us who were touched by his humor, his love, and the quality of his sobriety. Respectfully in service, Max M.

Rapid City Thursday Night Group: The meeting is going good. Attendance has been about 60-70 people each week. We meet in the basement of the Old Cathedral on 5th Street next to the Knight's of Columbus Hall at 8:00 pm Thursday's – 922 5th Street. Our birthday meeting is the last Thursday of each month and this month we celebrated Adam W., Mike D., and Jim L.'s birthdays; Toby N. from Sturgis was our speaker. RCTNG is preparing for the "Spring Thaw" on April 22-23rd at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn this year. The AA speakers this year are Clancy I. of Venice, CA, and John S. or Billings, MT. NOTE: the RCTNG has been meeting every Tuesday night at the Black Hawk Treatment Center at 7:00 pm. Yours in service, Eric H.

The Key Club Group: The Key Club meets at the VFW located at 420 Main St. in Rapid City. We meet in the back of the VFW, behind the large folding doors to the right rear of the building. Our meeting has changed from a 7:30 pm start time to 6:30 start time each Tuesday evening. Meetings are a topic discussion meeting, and usually lasts 1 hour. Attendance is usually 18-25 people and smoking is allowed during the meeting. Birthdays are celebrated on the first Tuesday of each month's dates. Business meetings are held quarterly. Calendars and telephone lists are available to any who attends. Submitted, Todd G.

Ellsworth Group: Monday and Wednesday meetings are at 7:30 pm at the Baptist Church across from Douglas High School and are literature study meetings. Our Friday meeting also meets at 7:30 pm at the Baptist Church, and is a topic discussion meeting. The first Friday of each month we celebrate birthdays from the previous month. The group is doing well overall. Attendance has fallen on Monday and Wednesday's, but still have 20-30 attending the Friday meeting.

Noon Lunch Group (Big Room): Meets 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Monday-Friday at the Alano Club. Attendance is good averaging 30-50+ daily. Monday and Thursday are open/closed topic meetings, Tuesday a 12x12 Traditions study, Wednesday a Big Book study, Friday a 12x12 Step study meeting. The steering committee meetings the last Wednesday of every month – our last meeting a group conscious suggested making a phone list with volunteers available for the answering service / hot line. Respectfully submitted, Anthony F. for Jose P. GSR

Old Business:

- **Published District 2 Contact Names:** It was discussed that the PI/CPC Chairperson (Chris S.) would have their name on the meeting list as a contact for anyone who wants to get in touch with District 2 for information or comments.
- **Budget Discussion Continued**

New Business:

- **District Quarterly Potluck:** The Rushmore Group hosted the event on Sunday, February 26th, at the Minneluzahan Sr. Center in Rapid City (next to the Boy's Club / across from the Civic Center Holiday Inn) with the following as the agenda:
 - 1:00 pm – Committee system formation meeting;
 - 3:00 pm – Potluck
 - 4:00 pm – Speaker meeting
 - 5:00 pm – Business meetingAttendance was great for the whole event – 50-60 attendees were estimated. The initial organization of the proposed committee structure came off without a hitch! People volunteered and stepped up to the plate in helping with the District's service requirements.
- **District 2 Committee Session Notes & Committee Members / Contact Information:**

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Corrections & Treatment Committee Members

- Dave D., Chair – 440-0841
- Monte C. – 209-8994
- Gary B. – 545-2468
- Sam P.C.
- Chris E. – 716-4957
- Tiffani H. – 341-7878
- Tiffany J. – 484-8256
- Jim L. – 209-3559

Corrections & Treatment Committee Notes

- What we do:
 1. Corrections Facilities Meetings
 - Pennington County Jail Meetings – Women & Men’s meetings
 - Work Release Meetings (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)
 - State or Department of Corrections Work Release
 - CAB meeting (Highway 79) 7 p.m. Sundays
 - West River JSC (Juveniles) (Tuesday, 7 p.m.)
 - Star Academy 3rd Saturday 7:30 p.m. Scheduled by Dave Davis- 2 meetings, need 6 volunteers (women and men)
 2. Newcomers Meeting on Sunday 7 p.m. at the Alano Club
 3. Pennington County DeTox meetings Wednesday and Friday 7 p.m.
 4. We also supply units with books through district and Area 63 funding.
- Hard to get volunteers for juveniles. (Tiffani volunteered to help.)
- For jail meetings applications have to be filed out and turned in.
- Pennington County Jail meetings are scheduled by Dale Severson.
- **Budget needs:** 1 case of big books (20 books x \$6.02 = \$120.40)
 - 1 case of 12 x 12’s (20 books x \$6.40 = \$128.00)
 - With shipping and discount -Request \$250

Finance Committee Members

- Loren B., Chair – 721-9077
- Max M. – 430-7078
- Rolla R. – 393-8765
- Steve E. – 484-2625
- John E. – 484-7712
- John T. – 645-3325

Finance Committee Notes

- Budget can’t be finalized until budget requests come in. After discussion the following budget was suggested:

2006 District 2 Proposed Budget	
Item / Committee	Proposed Annual Budget Amount
DCM / Alternate	\$600
Hotline	\$600 <i>(Note: feedback after the meeting suggested that at least \$900 is needed to fully fund the hot-line annually)</i>
PI/CPC	\$500
Literature	\$500
Finance	\$150
Secretary	\$350
Corrections & Treatment	\$250 <i>(Note: an additional \$250 will be requested from Area 63)</i>
Total	\$3,100

Hotline Committee Members

- Jaqi B., Chair – 484-1797
- Eric H., Co-Chair – 719-9064 H, 430-9303 C
- Paul B. – 381-1037
- Sheldon G. – 718-5461

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- Larry M. – 923-4245 H, 394-1841 W

Hotline Committee Members

I. Introductions

II. Discussed Two Priority Hotline Issues

- A. Volunteers to Man 8-5 Shift
- B. Reduction of committee chair workload i.e. call transfers
- C. Budget – will stand with \$900 for this year.

III. Solutions suggested

- A. Rapid City Area A.A. Groups to “Host Hotline” for two weeks.
 1. Suggested guidelines (Guidelines are SUGGESTIONS only-individual groups have final say)
 - a. 30 days minimum sobriety
 - b. Sponsor
 - c. Meeting lists for volunteers

IV. Passing it on in Rapid City and to District

- A. Flyers
 - B. Business Cards
 - C. Public locals
- Additional Notes from Brainstorming:
 - Hotline publicity ideas: Library, Laundromats, detention center, post offices, Detox, grocery stores, bars?, school counselors.
 - Spreading AA Hotline beyond Rapid City: Phillip, Hermosa, Hill City, Keystone, Rockerville, Wall.
 - Question during discussion: How many calls does the hotline get?

Literature/Grapevine Committee Members

- Dan T., Chair – 391-5812
- Kyle T. – 343-8688
- Tuesday C. – 716-9148
- Mike D. – 390-6159
- Lori N. – 342-1060

Literature / Grapevine Committee Notes

- 5:30 Group needs newcomer packets and want A.A. Grapevines for both men and women.
- Questions: What happens to leftover money (excess)? Would that be extended to the next year or absorbed into the District?
- What literature is available at The Club? (Books, ie. Living Sober, As Bill Sees It, 24 Hours a Day).
- Recommend to approve the Literature Budget as is.
- Suggestion of figuring out how to get everyone to get interested in subscribing to the A.A. Grapevine to better help support A.A. Encourage the GSR's to spread the word to their home group.
- Pen Pal literature?
- Additional suggestions from April
- Write/type topics/paragraphs for literature (i.e. Inspirational-literature to inspire- includes these: etc.)
- Donations: One person within the Committee to order Grapevine subscription forms and pass them to the Committee to pass ten each to each GSR.

Public Information / Cooperation With The Professional Community (PI/CPC) Committee Members

- Chris S., Chair – 431-3194
- Jessica B. – 348-8572
- Judi C. – 391-1465
- Todd T. – 484-5795
- John S. – 431-8838
- Timothy W. – 431-3172
- Anthony F. – 484-3190

Public Information / Cooperation With The Professional Community (PI/CPC) Committee Notes

- We discussed what PI/CPC work is by referencing the manual from GSO
- Members shared examples of how to carry the message to professionals in healthcare, education, judicial, and clergy about what AA is and educate those individuals about how AA might be of assistance to them with those they may know or come to know who might have a problem with alcohol.

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- A question about our tradition of “attraction” rather than “promotion” and how CPC work keeps our singleness of purpose in focus on only carrying the message and not trying to promote it.
- **Proposed Split of PI/CPC Committee Duties:** It was proposed to split the PI/CPC Committee’s duties to just focusing on CPC and moving the PI (Public Information) portion to the Hot Line Committee by John R. and Eric H. A discussion ensued and a motion was made to have the current PI/CPC (Chris S.) to bring forth a proposal report based on GSO’s manual guidelines that would help District 2 to decide as a general body at next months District 2 business meeting. The motion was made by John R. and was passed unanimously.
- **District 2 Business / Committee Meeting Temporary Change Proposal:** John R. (Alt. DCM) proposed a motion to have committee meetings held prior to the regularly scheduled monthly District 2 business meeting; to be held from 4:00pm – 5:00pm. The regular business meeting will remain as always from 5:00pm – 6:00pm the last Sunday of each month for the next three months – March, April, and May. This system will be re-evaluated after that whether or not we choose to continue based on the success of this experiment. The purpose of this is to help establish the committee system by providing a specific forum to accomplish this on a monthly basis. Options and/or alternatives will be explored after the three month trial period.
- **District 2’s Next Potluck & Business Meeting:** Al’s Group is considering hosting this event; feedback is needed from the group prior to making the commitment. A motion was made to hold this event would occur on May 21st, the week before Memorial Day; so that the holiday weekend would not conflict with the attendance. This motion passed unanimously. NOTE: the location is to be determined. Max M. of Al’s Group asked if the District pays for the meat and that issue may need to be discussed / determined. District 2 has paid for the meat in the past. John R. proposed placing a 7th Tradition container at the next potluck and business meeting to help pay for expenses.
- **Projected Budget Approval Date:** A suggested / projected date to approve committee budgets will be targeted for the April 2006 District 2 meeting
- **The meeting was adjourned.**

NOTE: The Next District 2 Meeting is

Sunday, March 26th

at the Alano Club in Rapid City

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