

District 2 October Meeting Notes

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District 2 Business Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2006

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

- DCM: Anne F.
- Alt. DCM: John R.
- Hotline: Jaqi B.
- Treasurer: Loren B.
- PI/CPC: Chris S.
- Secretary: Todd T.
- Grapevine/Lit.: Dan T.
- Corrections & Treatment: Dave D.

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

- Stand Up & Shine., Judy G.
- BH Open Speaker, Dale S.
- Key Club, Doug N.
- Rushmore Group, Judi C.
- Noon N.S. Group, Frank D.
- RCTNG, Eric H.
- Exit 51 Group, Eloy M.
- Alltimers, Brad.
- Dawn Patrol, Dave D
- Keep It Simple, Tammy F.
- Morning Star, Delores A.
- Sunday AM Spiritual, Jeff J.
- Wiconi Teca, Larry P.
- Almost Home, Loren B.
- Al's Group, Max M.
- Happy Hour, Lori N.
- Early Risers, John S.
- Unified LALL, John J.
- Ellsworth Group, Larry M.
- Noon Lunch Group, Anthony F.
- High Noon Group, Bob, Alt. GSR

Meeting Opening:

**General Greetings & Serenity Prayer:** DCM Anne F.

**Opening Readings:** 12 Traditions read by Jaqi B.; 12 Concepts read by John S.

Committee Reports:

**Committee Meetings:** 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm for those committees who choose to meet; followed by the District meeting at 5:00 pm.

**Secretary:** The September minutes were read and approved as read by Todd T.

**Treasurer:** August Report: Beginning Balance: \$1,335.97, Expenses: \$161.14, Donations: \$346.40, Ending Balance: \$1,526.53 – Submitted by, Loren B.

**NOTE:** 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Mailing Addresses for Alcoholics Anonymous - Please make checks payable:

- **DISTRICT 2: District Two Finance Committee, Attn: Loren B., PO Box 1382, Rapid City, SD 57709**
- **AREA 63: Area 63 Treasurer, John T., P.O. Box 916, Spearfish, SD 57783**
- **GSO: General Service Organization, Grand Central Station, PO Box 459, New York, NY 10161**
- **Finance Committee Report:** (No report was given)

**Alternate DCM:** John thanked everyone who helped with last months District 2 potluck meeting at Canyon Lake Park where approximately 80 people attended. – John R. Alt. DCM

**2006 Fall Conference Committee Report:** Todd T. (Conference Chair) provided an overview of the Fall Conference this past weekend – 534 attendees; conference didn't loose any money; speakers were good; there was positive feedback from conference goers.

**Corrections & Treatment:** 1.) We are hosting meetings at the Pennington County Jail, Juvenile Services Center (JSC), Star Academy in Custer, The Newcomer Meeting at the Alano Club, and have a new jail meetings starting for men on Monday's at 7:00 pm and Wednesday's at 7:30 pm – we currently have 15 volunteers; 2.) JSC has 2 new volunteers totaling 12 now covering the Tuesday meeting at 7:00 pm; 3.) The Star Academy meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month in Custer and we are currently holding a new training session and need more volunteers – we're always looking for new volunteers. Respectfully submitted, Dave D., C&I Chair

- **Corrections & Treatment Committee Report:** (same as above)

**Public Information / Cooperation with Professional Community (PI/CPC):** This was the month where we reaped the rewards of what everyone has done in this committee. We successfully put on the annual PI/CPC luncheon at the 2006 fall conference. The food was good. There was a great turnout of about 20 professionals. They had questions for us to answer and they have asked for some help in some areas which I need to discuss with the AA's that attended. It was a privilege and a pleasure to do this. It all came together in the 11th hour for me anyway. The committee did all the work I cannot take credit for much other than showing up. I would like to thank all that were involved in getting the luncheon off the ground. At the end of the meeting we had quite a few questions from the professionals and it was really a neat deal. Thanks to all. Yours in Service, Chris S., PI/CPC Chair (Email address: [area63dist2picpc@hotmail.com](mailto:area63dist2picpc@hotmail.com))

- **PI/CPC Committee Report:** (same as above)

**Literature/Grapevine:** (no report)

- **Literature Committee Report:** (no report)

**AA Hotline (District 2):** The new Hotline phone number is **605-343-1091** (please make a note of it). Groups are needed to cover the hotline for a week (24/7), and they need to contact me for information "how to instructions" – **Jaqi B. – 484-1797**

- **NOTE: District 2 (Area 63) Hotline Remote Forwarding Instructions are located below / at the end of this document.**

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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. NOTE: GSO recommends that a volunteer have 6 months of sobriety to do 12-step work.

- **Hotline Group October Schedule:**

- Keep It Simple Group (Cheryl L.) – November 6 – November 13
- Early Risers Group & Exit 51 Group (Eloy M.) – November 13-20
- Ellsworth Group (Scott) – November 20-27
- RCTNG (Sam P.) – November 27 – December 4
- Rushmore Group (Greg K.) – December 4-11
- Noon Lunch Group (Jose P.) – December 11-18
- Keep It Simple Group (Cheryl L.) – December 18-25
- Early Risers Group & Exit 51 Group (Eloy M.) – December 25 – January 1, 2007

Everyone is doing a great job thank you! In service, Jaqi B.

- **Hotline Committee Report:** (same as above)

### GSR Reports:

**Early Risers Group:** The Early Risers Group meets Monday-Friday at 6:45am at the Alano Club in Rapid City, averaging 20 attendees. The group continues to conduct a Big Book study every Tuesday, a step-study meeting the first Friday, a Traditions meeting the second Friday, a birthday meeting every third Friday with a breakfast potluck, and a speakers meeting the fourth Friday. The steering committee meets after the birthday breakfast meeting monthly. 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. The March speaker was Connie from Rapid City. Our meeting location is the Minneluzahan Senior Center at 315 N. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – Shawn B. of Rapid City was our speaker this month. Submitted, Judi C. – GSR

**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 35-40 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 alternating between men and women. Our group hosted the 4:00 pm Friday meeting at the Fall Conference. Respectfully submitted, Tammy F. GSR

**5:30 Happy Hour Group:** (no report)

**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. The group is exploring taking a meeting to the new PC Jail; 4 new volunteers have signed up. Respectfully, David D. GSR

**Al's Group:** Meetings are held at the Canyon Lake Senior Center – 2900 Canyon Lake Drive – every Wednesday at 7:00 pm with a monthly birthday meeting on the last Wednesday of each month. The birthday meeting begins at 6:00 pm with a potluck followed by the groups business meeting at 6:30 pm – all are invited to attend. We celebrated two birthday's this month; Francine and Nicole both celebrated six months. Other than on the potluck week, our meetings have attendance between 10-20 per week. Respectfully submitted, Max M. GSR

**Rapid City Thursday Night Group:** (no report)

**The Key Club Group:** Our group meets Tuesday's at 6:30pm at the VFW Club on Main Street. Attendance is between 15-20 each week and our business meeting is the last Tuesday of each month. Doug N. was railroaded into being the new GSR and wanted everyone to know that the Key Club is the last remaining “smoking” meeting in Rapid City. Humbly submitted by Doug N., GSR

**All-Timers Group:** (no report)

**Ellsworth Group:** (no report)

**Noon Lunch Group (Big Room):** Meet at 12:00 noon M-F at the Alano Club (Big Room). Attendance is good between 30-50 people daily. Monday & Thursday are topic meetings; Tuesday is a 12x12 Traditions study; Wednesday is a Big Book study; Friday is a 12x12 Step study. The steering committee meeting is the last Wednesday each month held immediately following the regular meeting; Anthony F. was elected the new GSR. Submitted by, Anthony F. – GSR.

**Exit 51 Group:** Meets Tuesday's at 7:00 – 8:30 pm; our location is Hills Septic Service at 4761 Sturgis Rd. (formerly Highway 79) in Black Hawk; our format is a Big Book study; we're currently on Step 11. Attendance is 8-12 weekly and doing well. We're currently studying the Big Book chapter “There Is a Solution” – Submitted by Eloy M. GSR

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**Noon NS Group:** We meet daily at the Alano Club at 12:00 noon in the "Pool Room". We average 10-15 people each day and our format is: Monday is a topic meeting; Tuesday is a tradition study; Wednesday is a Big Book reading; Thursday is an incidental reading; Friday is a step study. Submitted, Frank D., GSR

**Stand-Up & Shine 12-Step Study Group:** (no report)

### Old Business:

- **Area 63 Feedback Requested from Groups** – Anne F. (DCM) submitted the 2007 Area 63 (South Dakota) Budget for groups to review and provide feedback on – *see attached page*.

A proposal to approve was to raise the stipend that Area 63 officers from \$75 to \$100 (NOTE: paid to 13 officers 4 times per year to cover travel expenses; this amount has been \$75 for 20 years and is used to help pay for travel expenses to area conferences and service workshops)

Anne F. (DCM) initiated discussion on how District 2's group conscious wanted her to vote at the Area 63 Fall Conference in October, and the vote passed unanimously to raise the stipend to \$100.

**UPDATE: This was approved at the 2006 Area 63 Fall Conference**

The Area 63 Spring Conference in Watertown lost \$1,500 this past year due to only having 137 attendees. Groups are requested to help contribute more to offset this loss and are encouraged to come up with feedback / ideas on how this poorly attended Area 63 event can be prevented in the future. (no specific feedback was initiated)

John T. (Area 63 Treasurer) commented on a proposed plan to be introduced / discussed at the upcoming Fall Conference in Rapid City to standardize the Fall Conference host towns and facilities to minimize financial loss / risk. This plan would include the Fall and Spring Area 63 Conferences be held in Rapid City (Fall) and Sioux Falls (Spring) each year and held at the same convention facilities.

**UPDATE: This was not discussed at the 2006 Area 63 Fall Conference due to the full agenda; however, it will be discussed in the Winter Workshop in Pierre in March 2007.**

The 2007 Area 63 budget was introduced by the Area 63 Treasurer John T., and read in detail. Highlights included noting that only a small percentage of registered groups make 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions. Loren B. (Dist. 2 Treasurer) noted that only 10 of the 23 registered groups in District 2 contribute; and only 23 of the over 60 known groups in District 2 are even registered. John T. commented that if only 25% of the registered groups in Area 63 (South Dakota) contributed annually, our financial self-supporting would take care of all our expenses easily.

Anne F. (DCM) initiated discussion on how District 2's group conscious wanted her to vote at the Area 63 Fall Conference in October, and the vote passed unanimously to approve the 2007 Area 63 Budget as read.

**UPDATE: This was approved at the 2006 Area 63 Fall Conference**

- **Discussion on Merging District 10 with District 2:** Brian C. of Hot Springs introduced the possibility of merging the inactive District 10 with District 2, and John T. (Area 63 Treasurer) noted that he suggested that Brian making a formal proposal in writing to present to the Area 63 assembly meetings; in addition to contacting the registered groups in District 10 to solicit their feedback and suggestions on any merger.

**UPDATE: This item will be discussed at the Area 63 Winter Workshop in March.**

### New Business:

- **Prudent Reserve & Self-Supporting Discussion:** We will discuss at the November meeting how our groups, District 2, and how individual members can be more self-supporting to help carry the message and to meet our primary purpose to help the still suffering alcoholic.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous Public Information Video Review:** General Service Office (GSO) produced a series of public service announcements for review and feedback from the fellowship. We reviewed these as coordinated by our Alternate DCM John R. GSR's were asked to take this back to their group and get feedback.

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.**

NOTE: The Next District 2 Meeting is

**Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

At the Alano Club in Rapid City

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