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**NOTE: Next Meeting is Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

- **2:30 pm Potluck at Canyon Lake Park (RC) – Shelter 1**
- **3:30 pm Speaker Meeting**
- **4:30 pm District 2 Meeting**

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**Meeting Opening:**

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

**Opening Readings:** 12 Traditions read by Jim J.; 12 Concepts not read

**Committee Reports:**

**Secretary:** The August Old and New Business minutes were read and a motion was made and approved to amend the minutes to reflect the Concept reading be corresponding with the month we meeting in – i.e. Concept 1 in January, Concept 2 in February, etc... The meeting minutes were updated and approved as read by Todd T.

**Treasurer:** Beginning balance = \$1,522.89; Expenses = \$108.28; Donations = \$35.00; Ending Balance = \$1,449.61. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as read was made and seconded, and approved as read – Submitted by, Loren B. NOTE: a minor calculation discrepancy was found in the treasurer's report and was corrected; as was reflected in the numbers above.

**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: (same as above)

**Alternate DCM:** (not present)

**Corrections & Treatment:** The discussion at the Area 63 Workshop this past weekend re-introduced the idea of having the Corrections & Treatment "pink donation can" be added to meetings for a special collection to help pay for literature costs provided to institutions – i.e. jails. It was requested to have this discussion at the District and home group levels to provide feedback to the Area 63 Fall Conference in Spearfish in October 2007. Submitted by Geneva S.

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

**Public Information / Cooperation with Professional Community (PI/CPC):** 100 meeting schedule copies were made and distributed. Submitted by Chris S.

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

**Literature/Grapevine:** Chairperson not present / no report

- Literature Committee Report: (Same as above)

**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” – **Tammy F. – 390-2767**

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

As a hotline 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. Each volunteer should have a **calling list of their home group** and a **meeting list** of District 2. Also never go on a 12 step call alone, always take someone with you! This is for your benefit and safety and the person being 12 stepped. The hot line is going very well. We have 8 groups volunteering; thanks for all your help.

This past month we had a week not covered by the noon group. The chairperson resigned and did not notify the noon group in time to get people to help with the hotline. GSR's please be sure to stay in touch with your Hotline Representatives to ensure that your group is covering the hotline on the designated week. The week begins and 6am on Monday to 6am the following Monday. REMEMBER: When anyone anywhere reaches out for help we want the hand of AA to always be there and for that we are responsible.

- **Hotline Group October Schedule:**
  - KISS Group (Cheryl L.) – September 3-9
  - Key Club (Mark) – September 10-16
  - Rapid City Thursday Night Group (Sam P.) – September 17-23
  - Ellsworth Group (Larry M.) – September 24-30

Everyone has been doing a great job! If you have any questions please call me at 390-2767. Tammy F., Hot Line Chair

- Hotline Committee Report: (same as above)

## **GSR Reports:**

**Early Risers Group:** (no report)

**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. 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 – this month's speaker was Mike H. Our business meeting is held the first Wednesday each month after our regular meeting; we elected new officers for chairperson, secretary, activities chair, commitment captain, suppliers monitor, announcement chair, phone list chair, and AA Hotline Chair. We also chaired meetings at the Sturgis Rally on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Submitted, Jim J. – 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 at each meeting. 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. Respectfully submitted, Geneva S., GSR

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

**Dawn Patrol Group:** (no report)

**Al's Group:** (no report)

**Rapid City Thursday Night Group:** The RCTNG is alive and well with attendance around 80-100 people every Thursday nights – at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church (next to the Knights of Columbus Hall at the corner of 5th Street and Columbus Street) on 925 5th St. The 2008 Spring Thaw planning is underway, and Sandy B. from Tampa, FL has accepted to be a speaker; we're looking for a new location for the event and suggestions would be welcomed. We have our steering Committee meeting the first Thursday every month at 7:00 pm, and our open birthday meeting is the last Thursday of every month. Yours in service, Mike D.

**The Key Club Group:** (no report)

**All-Timers Group:** Meets Saturday's at 9:15 am in the "Card Room" at the Alano Society in Rapid City. We conduct Closed AA Step study meeting each Saturday and a Tradition study on the second Saturday of the month. Birthdays are celebrated each meeting. Our current membership is about 17. Attendance was good during August, averaging about 30 per meeting. Our telephone list for the group members has been completed, thanks to Sandy T. for this. The All-Timers are in the process of conducting a group inventory. Results will be discussed at our next business meeting in October. Thanks for Sandy T. and Tom T. for providing and installing a bulletin board in our newly renovated meeting room. Submitted by, Warren J. GSR

**Ellsworth Group:** Meeting are held at the Temple Baptist Church across the street from Douglas Schools. Meetings are Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday at 7:30. Wednesday is a Big Books study, and Friday is topic meeting. On the first Friday of the month we celebrate birthdays from the previous month. Wednesday is averaging about 25-30 on Fridays. Respectfully submitted, Larry M.

**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. Our group inventory was held Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and thank you to those who attend. Submitted by, Anthony F. – GSR.

**Exit 51 Group:** (no report)

**Noon NS Group:** (no report)

**Stand-Up & Shine 12-Step Study Group:** We meet Monday's at the Rapid City Public Library (1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Room to the east of the main door / entrance) at 5:30 -6:30 pm. Attendance is up (10-15 per meeting). Our attendance has been up again. We are presently studying the traditions. Members participate by sharing a personal connection to the content of that tradition being discussed. This study has helped establish the importance of the traditions in keeping the hand of AA reaching out to the still-suffering alcoholic. This month's speaker was Jean our secretary. Sharing our stories has been helpful in carrying the message to the newcomers and we get to know each other better. We are anticipating taking the AA Hotline for a week this Fall, hoping to have the membership support to keep this commitment. Having been impressed with the District's inventory, our group is preparing to do a group inventory this Fall. We are in the process of revising our meeting format. Respectfully submitted, Judy G., GSR

**Women in Recovery Group:** Our group meets 6:00 pm Thursday at the Alano Club in Rapid City and is for women only. All is well; we have 15-20 women each meeting and changes week to week. Our birthday meeting is the last Thursday of each month; our business meeting is held then also. We are gearing up for the Fall Women's retreat September 14-16. We're planning on having a group inventory sometime in the future. Submitted, Brenda M., GSR

### **Other Reports & Items to Note:**

- **2008 Rushmore Round-Up Committee Report:** The committee is currently looking for groups to chair AA meetings over the weekend event; several group representatives volunteered thank you. Submitted, Deb W.
- **2008 Area 63 Fall Conference Committee Report:** The dates are – October 24-26, 2008; location – Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn; Speakers so far – Gary K. Parker, CO, Bill B., Little River, SC. Submitted, Anthony F., Conference Chair
- **Area 63 Summer Assembly GSR Workshop Report** – August 24-25 in Pierre, SD – Jim J. provided an overview of his experience in attending the workshop that was conducted by our current Area 63 Delegate Estelle G. from Aberdeen.
- **2007 West Central Regional Conference** – September 7-9, 2007 in Omaha, NE

### **Old Business:**

- **District 2 Hosted the Area 63 Summer Workshop in Pierre August 24-25:** All went well and thanks for your help, Reported by Anne F., DCM
- **District 2 September Potluck, Speaker, and Business Meeting:** Date will be Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:30 pm at Canyon Lake Park (RC) in shelter 1 (by the spillway).
- **District 2 Inventory Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes have been published and we're requesting that GSR's take this information be taken back to the groups for review and feedback. Reported by Anne F.,

### **New Business:**

- **District 2 September Potluck and Business Meeting:** A motion to begin the meeting at 2:30 pm instead of 3:00 pm traditional start-time was made, seconded, and approved.

- **Area 63 Summer Workshop Items to Address:** A hand-out from Anne F. (DCM) was requested of GSR's to take back to home groups for review feedback – 1.) This item will be voted on at the Fall Conference, October 5-7, 2007. A motion was made and 2nd and approved that Area 63 will conduct an inventory, a survey of the groups and districts, the results of which will be discussed at the 2008 Spring Conference in Aberdeen, May 16-18, 2008. The motion passed without dissenting votes. *Does your group or district wish to conduct an inventory of the Area and to discuss the results of that inventory at the 2008 Spring Conference?* **Background:** Questions asked focused on the survey and the timing of the inventory at Spring Conference. The survey was created from a compilation of a concepts survey from the general service office. The groups and districts will be asked to discuss the inventory, compile their answers and voice their group/districts opinion at the 2008 Spring Conference. The inventory will be reviewed at the conference, Saturday, intermixed between the business meeting, allowing approx 3.5-hours to discussion. The groups and districts will be asked to bring written responses to the survey so that we can compile the responses in a booklet form so the Area can review now and in the future. 2.) This item will be voted on at the Fall Conference, October 5-7, 2007. A motion was made & 2nd to present the 2008 proposed budget to be voted on at the 63 Fall Conference in Spearfish, SD. No discussion was heard and the motion was passed by a unanimous majority. *Does your group or district approve the proposed 2008 budget?*
- **Area 63 Website Has Been Updated:** The new URL is [www.area63aa.org](http://www.area63aa.org) (NOTE: the old URL [www.southdakotaaa.org](http://www.southdakotaaa.org) will also be active indefinitely). GSR's please take this updated information back to your home groups for review and feedback of meeting information and general comments, thanks!
- **AA Public Service Announcements (PSA's):** AA / General Service Office (GSO) is coming out with new PSA's that we can obtain for distribution to our local media contacts. Submitted by Tammy F., Area 63 Public Information Chair
- **District 2 Group Inventory Issue to Explore:** A question was raised during the recent District 2 inventory, whether or not District 2 can sponsor events or not. It's been asked for GSR's to take back to the groups for feedback and for the District officers to explore what options would be acceptable if any – i.e. sponsoring 4<sup>th</sup> step retreats.
- **District 2 Elections in November:** The upcoming November elections are upon us, and we're requesting GSR's to take back to the groups to help find people to serve at the District 2 level for the following positions – District Chair Member (DCM), Alternate DCM, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Information / Cooperation With The Professional Community Chair (PI/CPC), Corrections & Treatment Chair (C&I), Literature / Grapevine Chair. Nick S. volunteered to help draft a job description for each position based on the GSO Service Manual and how that specific position works in District 2. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to have Nick S. do this by the next District meeting in September.
- **A New Literature / Grapevine Rep is Needed to Finish Term:** Mike D. volunteered to finish the term left by Doug N. – through November 2007; thanks Mike!

## Concept Presentation:

- **Concept 8:** Josh D. provided an overview, thank you Josh!

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

**NOTE: The Next  
District 2 Potluck – Speaker & Business Meeting**

**Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 2:30 PM**

**2:30 PM – 6:00 PM  
at  
Canyon Lake Park (Rapid City)  
Shelter #1  
(Next to the Spillway)**

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