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**NOTE: Next Meeting is Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

- **4:00 pm Committee Meetings**
- **4:30 pm District 2 Meeting**

**District Committee Officers:** (  = 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.: Mike D.          |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotline: Tammy F. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary: Todd T.  |  |

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stand Up & Shine Group, Judy G. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Timers Group, Warren J.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Al's Group, Max M.                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BH Open Speakers Group, Dale S.            | <input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Patrol Group, Dave D                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Happy Hour Group, Lori N.                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Key Club Group, Doug N.                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keep It Simple Group, Tammy F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Risers Group, John S.                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rushmore Group, Jim J.          | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning Star Group, Delores A.            | <input type="checkbox"/> Unified LALL Group, John J.                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noon N.S. Group, Frank D.                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday AM Spiritual Group, Jeff J.        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ellsworth Group, Larry M.       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCTNG, Eric H.                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women in Recovery, Brenda M.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noon Luncheon Group, Anthony F. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exit 51Group, Eloy M.                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Almost Home Group, Loren B.    | <input type="checkbox"/> High Noon Group, Bob, Alt. GSR             |

**Meeting Opening:**

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

**Opening Readings:** 12 Traditions not read

**Committee Reports:**

**Secretary:** The August Old and New Business minutes were read and approved as read by Todd T.

**Treasurer:** Beginning balance = \$1,424.03; Expenses = \$108.28; Donations = \$178.43; Ending Balance = \$1,494.18. 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:** Star Academy (women's side) needs more volunteers. JSC is going well at this time. Submitted by Tiffany J. for Dave D.

- 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:** Received information and is going through it. Submitted by Mike D.

- 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:**

- Stand-Up & Shine Group (Marty) – October 1-7
- Noon Luncheon Group (Marlyn L.) – October 8-14
- Rushmore Group (Todd T.) – October 15-21
- Early Risers Group (Eloy M.) – October 22-28
- KISS Group (Cheryl L.) – October 29-November 4
- Key Club (Mark) – November 5-11

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 AI-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 months speaker was Deneen S. from Gillette, WY. Our business meeting is held the first Wednesday each month after our regular meeting. 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)

**AI’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 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, Eric H.

**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 27 per meeting. The All-Timers are in

the process of conducting a group inventory at our next business meeting, October 13, 2007. The All Timers Group voted on the two items required for the Fall Conference in October 2007: 1.) Area 63 Inventory – 6 yes, 0 no; 2.) Proposed Area 63 Budget – 6 yes; 0 no. Submitted by, Warren J. GSR

**Ellsworth Group:** Meetings 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 Luncheon 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. We've elected Marlyn L. as our new Hotline Chair, Tim M. as our Greeting Chair. 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. Our annual Fall retreat had 15 women and went well, and now we're gearing up for our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Women's retreat. Submitted, Brenda M., GSR

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

- **2008 Rushmore Round-Up Committee Report:** (no report).
- **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; Shirley T., West Blockton, AL. Submitted, Anthony F., Conference Chair
- **2007 West Central Regional Conference** – September 7-9, 2007 in Omaha, NE. Anne F. (DCM) and two others went to the conference at their own expense and learned a lot to bring back to our District – i.e. if each registered group would donate \$142.00 to General Service Office (GSO / AA) annually, they would be self-supporting.

## **Old Business:**

- **Corrections & Treatment (C&I) “Pink Can” for Donations at AA Meetings Discussion:** (*Background: In other parts of the U.S. a tradition of having a “pink can” to be available at AA meetings for donations specifically for the C & I expenses – i.e. literature for prisons, jails, treatment centers, etc... The can is either passed around with the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket, or placed at the meeting for donations. When the can is filled, all the proceeds go to the District 2 Treasurer or C&I Chairperson to help pay for literature expenses. This is optional and up to the group conscience to determine whether or not to participate.*) Comments both “pro” and “con” regarding implementing this donation process to be introduced into District 2. It was clarified that all the proceeds collected go directly to District 2. Whatever your home-group decides, we hope you consider this issue as another method to carry the message in “corrections and treatment” facilities. Please provide feedback to your Group Service Representative (GSR) to be brought back to the District 2 meeting.
- **Area 63 Group Inventory Discussion:** (*Background: The question was to have the groups and District 2 discuss whether or not we want the Area 63 service level / assembly to conduct a group inventory for the whole state of South Dakota / Area 63.*) A motion was made to recommend from District 2 to have the Area 63 assembly conduct a group inventory; this was seconded and passed unanimously.
- **Area 63 2008 Budget Discussion:** Anne F. (DCM) introduced the Area 63 2008 Budget for discussion to bring feedback and/or approval to the Area 63 Fall Conference, October 5-7 in Spearfish. A motion was made to approve as proposed; it was seconded and passed unanimously.

- **2008 Area 63 Spring Conference “Facility Contract Signature” Discussion Update:** Anne F. (DCM) provided an updated version of this issue and posed to the meeting for discussion whether or not to agree with District 5’s request to have Area 63 officers (Chairperson and Treasurer) co-sign any / all facility contracts for the 2008 Spring Conference in Sioux Falls. After reading the motion provided by Area 63 to have the officers co-sign facility contracts for this conference; the discussion was had and the motion seconded and a NO vote passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

- **District 2 Group Inventory Follow-Up:** Anne F. (DCM) posed the question of how best to address the numerous items that were raised during our recent District Group Inventory process. The items in question are the “Actions to Consider” items in the inventory meeting minutes. After a short discussion, it was agreed that the District 2 committee structure will address the items at the committee level and provide feedback to the District; a motion was made and voted passed unanimously to officially begin this discussion at the October 28, 2007 District 2 meeting.
- **District 2 Officer(s) Absence Policy:** Loren B. asked to have clarified what our policy is for District 2 officer(s) who have poor attendance? Mike D. provided a historical perspective that stated that if an officer misses (without any prior communication) three (3) consecutive District 2 Business Meetings they are automatically replaced. This was the general consensus for this issue and no further discussion was had.
- **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!

### **Concept Presentation:**

- **Concept 9:** was not read!

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

**NOTE: THE NEXT DISTRICT 2 BUSINESS MEETING**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2007 at 4:30 PM**

**At the Plano Club in Rapid City  
Everyone is Welcome to Attend!!**

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