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NOTE: Next Meeting is Sunday, December 2nd, 2007 (November meeting conflicts with Thanksgiving Holiday, and group conscience voted to move the meeting to December 2nd)

- **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 type="checkbox"/> Grapevine/Lit.: Mike D. |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BH Open Speakers Group, Dana C. | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Morning Star Group, Daron W.E. | <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, John B. |
| <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. (DCM) introduced new GSR's Wiconi Teca New Life Fellowship Group, Morningstar Group, and Black Hills Speaker Meeting Group – Welcome!

Opening Readings: 12 Traditions were not read

Committee Reports:

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

Treasurer: Beginning balance = \$1,484.42; Expenses = \$114.01; Donations = \$150.00; Ending Balance = \$1,520.41. 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: 7th 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: Meetings are going well. This month we had a meeting at Start Academy west side / girls side in Custer State Park. We are working to keep this meeting going. Our committee has discussed creating two positions or a co-chair for the Corrections & Treatment Chairperson position. We are scheduling meetings for Star Academy, JSC, Pennington County Jail, and state Trustee units in addition to hosting the Beginners Meeting on Sunday nights (7:00 pm) at the Alano Club in Rapid City. Submitted 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: (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! **NOTE: 1.) A reminder that men work with men and women with women; 2.) GSR's please pass on to your home-group hotline rep that whoever is covering the line at their designated time needs to be sure their phone is on at all times!** 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:**
 - Key Club (Mark) – November 5-11
 - Noon Luncheon Group (Marlin L.) – November 12-18
 - RCTN Group (Sam P.) – November 19-25
 - Ellsworth Group (Scott) – November 26-December 2

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:

NOTE: A motion was made to not read the GSR reports for this meeting only, so that we may focus on the action items from the District 2 Inventory's "Actions to Consider". The motion was put to a vote after discussion "pro" and "con", and passed with one dissenting vote (no minority opinion was shared).

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. 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. This month our birthday meeting will be held Halloween Night, Wednesday, October 31st and all who attend are welcome to wear costumes though it is not requested. The Rushmore Group would like to thank Anne F. for coming to our October 3rd business meeting to give an overall report on the West Central regional Forum that she attended in September in Omaha. Our business meeting is held the first Wednesday each month after our regular meeting. Submitted in service, 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, Tammy F. for Geneva S., GSR

5:30 Happy Hour Group: (no report)

Dawn Patrol Group: (no report) Our group meetings Saturday's at 6:45 am at the Alano Club in Rapid City and we are a step study meeting. Respectfully submitted, Dave D. GSR

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. Our new GSR is Jay G. Planning work is underway for the 2008 Spring Thaw; the committee meeting meets every third Thursday of the month. We are in the process of planning for another annual group inventory. 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. Our October attendance was pretty good, averaging about 28 people per meeting with many newcomers. We held our Quarterly Business Meeting on October 20, 2007. We set an amount to reimburse the GSR and Alt. GSR for travel expenses; adjusted our take from the basket to defray these expenses; appointed a chairperson to conduct our group inventory. Submitted by, Warren J. Group 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, John B.

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. Submitted by, Anthony F. – GSR.

Exit 51 Group: (no report)

Noon NS Group: (no report)

Stand-Up & Shine 12-Step Study Group: We are a closed / women's only meeting, that meets Monday's at the Rapid City Public Library (1st Meeting Room to the east of the main door / entrance) at 5:30-6:30 pm. Attendance is up (20+ per meeting). Our attendance has been up again. We are presently studying the traditions. We are back into the 12 Step Study having traveled through the Traditions these past months. The second Monday each month is our speaker meeting. We are making out monthly 7th Tradition contributions to District 2, Area 63, and GSO. 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. We are gearing up for the Spring retreat in May. We are also growing with new members, and have lots of laughter every meeting. Our birthday meeting is the last Thursday of each month; our business meeting is held then also. Submitted, Brenda M., GSR

Morning Star AA Group: We meet on Sunday nights at 7:00 pm at the Mother Butler Center – 220 Wright St., Rapid City. We are an open meeting and our attendance is approximately 15 per meeting. Submitted, Daron W.E., 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

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 7th 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 Website Has Been Updated:** The new URL is www.area63aa.org (NOTE: the old URL 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!

New Business:

- **Corrections & Treatment Chairperson Splitting Workload Discussion:** Dave D. (C&T Chairperson) made a motion, proposing to have the numerous responsibilities of this position be split between either a co-chair or another solution that could best accommodate all the commitments for this position. After discussion pro and con, the motion was voted down and the group conscience was to have this issue be addressed in the C&T Committee.
- **Motion to Distribute District 2 7th Tradition to GSO and Area 63:** Dave D. made a motion to send \$200 to Area 63 and \$200 to GSO. Discussion suggested we wait until the end of the year to see what hasn’t been spent, then send the excess at that point. The vote passed the motion (9 yes; 3 no) – no minority opinion was shared. Loren B. (District 2 Treasurer) will send checks to GSO and Area 63 as voted.
- **Proposal to Change the November Meeting Date Due to Thanksgiving Holiday:** Anne F., DCM, proposed to change the November District 2 meeting date from November 25th to December 2nd to avoid Thanksgiving Holiday conflicts; the motion passed (yes = 10; no = 1); no minority opinion was shared.
- **District 2 Group Inventory “Actions to Consider” Discussion:** Anne F. (DCM) led the discussion in addressing the “Actions to Consider” from the recent District 2 Group Inventory.
 - A. Is the District structure adequate fore the number of groups and meetings in the District?
 - ***Actions to Consider:***
 1. **Creating a district website** – Todd T. provided an overview of basic website costs and maintenance responsibilities; domain name registration = \$10 per year; website hosting entity – i.e. Yahoo - \$14 per month; a web-manager who’s very familiar with the 12 Traditions so that non-AA related “outside topics” don’t get on the website and create “public controversy”. A concern of security issues was raised about having a website, but the current security capabilities of web hosting companies are extensive and we wouldn’t have any information to speak of that could be damaging if there was unauthorized access to the website. A motion was made to form a committee to determine the specific issues – i.e. costs and options – and to research other AA websites to determine what we want to place online for District 2. The motion passed unanimously.
 2. **Establish a “calling tree” to remind people of District functions** – The general consensus is that it’s a good idea, because not everyone has Email. Other opinions shared that it’s our own responsibility to remember AA commitments and didn’t believe we should do the calling tree. It was shared that it would take up to an hour of calling for the person(s) responsible as a guideline for a job responsibility / commitment. The motion was modified to state that this would be the responsibility of the Alternate DCM along with item #3 below to coordinate alternate meeting locations for the District 2 meetings in the future and the motion passed – yes = 10; no = 1. No minority opinion was shared.
 3. **Establish a District Meeting rotation to out-lining communities like Philip and Wall** – (See Actions to Consider #2)
 - B. Are resolutions referred back to the groups for their conscience before final decisions are made at the District level?
 - ***Actions to Consider:***
 1. **Send meeting minutes to all GSR’s** – whether they attend the District 2 meetings or not. It was determined that the District 2 Secretary is currently doing this by Emailing and/or mailing all District 2 activities to known GSR’s in the District. A motion was made to leave the current system / process of communicating to GSR’s “as is”. The motion passed unanimously.

Concept Presentation:

- **Concept 9:** was read by Jim J.; Dave D. volunteered to provide an overview of Concept 10 at the next meeting.

A adjournment motion was made and seconded and we closed with the Lord’s Prayer (7th Tradition of \$6.00 was received)

NOTE: THE NEXT DISTRICT 2 BUSINESS MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND, 2007 at 4:30 PM

**AT THE PLANO CLUB IN RAPID CITY
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!!**

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