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NOTE: Next Meeting is Sunday, January 27th, 2008

- **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, Kirsten L. | <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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Morning 10:30 Group; Mary S. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wiconi Teca New Life Fellowship Group, Daron W.E. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Meeting Opening:

General Greetings & Serenity Prayer: Anne F. (DCM) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Opening Readings: 12 Traditions were read by Geneva S.

Committee Reports:

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

Treasurer: Beginning balance = \$1,488.08; Expenses = \$73.09; Donations = \$0; Ending Balance = \$1,414.99. 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: Eric H., 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: There was no Star Academy meetings in November. All the other meetings are ongoing and are being covered. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve these past two years. 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:**
 - Stand-Up & Shine Group (Judy G.) – December 3-9
 - Keep It Simple Group (Dale J.) – December 10-16
 - Early Risers Group (Eloy M.) – December 17-23
 - Rushmore Group (Todd T.) – December 24-30
 - Key Club Group (Mark) – December 31-January 6
 - Noon Luncheon Group (Marlin L.) – January 7-13

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. Our business / group conscience meeting is the first Wednesday each month after the regular meeting. This month our birthday meeting we celebrated two 2 months, one 9 month, one 1 year, one 2 year, one 3 year, one 14 years, one 17 year, and one 22 year birthday – out of the 9 birthdays there was over 60 years of sobriety! We would like to thank Joan E. for being our birthday speaker this month. 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 30-40 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. Our group elections have elected Geneva S. as GSR, Kara as Treasurer, Sheral as Secretary, Dale as Hot Line chair, Jessica as Chairperson, and Brittany as party planning chair. Respectfully submitted, Geneva S., GSR

5:30 Happy Hour Group: (no report)

Dawn Patrol Group: Our group meetings Saturday’s at 6:45 am at the Alano Club in Rapid City and we are a step study meeting. We’re looking for a new GSR. Respectfully submitted, Dave D. GSR

AI's Group: (no report)

Rapid City Thursday Night Group: The RCTNG is alive and well with attendance around 60-80 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. starting after January 1st. 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 18. Our October attendance was pretty good, averaging about 32 people per meeting with many newcomers. The group was asked to consider the Corrections & Treatment "Pink Can" proposal. After a lively discussion a group conscience was taken. There were 11 "nay's" and 0 "yeah's". This results is respectfully submitted as a NO vote for our group's participation in this program. Submitted by, Warren J. Group GSR

Ellsworth Group: Meetings are now held at the Temple Baptist Church's main building 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. 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 step four. 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, Kirsten K., 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 St. Isaac Jogues – 220 Wright St., Rapid City. We are an open meeting and our attendance is approximately 15 per meeting. On October 28th we held a potluck dinner to celebrate birthdays and also to say goodbye to Theresa who moved to Portland, OR; 30 people attended. Also we had a Thanksgiving potluck on November 24th, held before the meeting. Our groups hold meetings on Sundays at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We also started a Friday meeting that starts at 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Submitted, Daron W.E., GSR

Saturday Morning 10:30 Group: We meet Saturday's at 10:30 am in the "Pool Room" at the Alano Club (Rapid City). We are a closed, topic discussion meeting. Our new GSR is Jake and Mary S. is the Alt. GSR, and Tom H. is the treasurer. Respectfully, Mary S., Alt. GSR.

Black Hills Speaker Meeting Group: We meet 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 Street on Tuesday's at 7:00 pm and Saturday's at 7:30 pm. We are a speaker meeting and our attendance is increasing. Submitted, Dana C., 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. Our planning meeting meets the 1st Thursday of the month at the church behind Walgreen’s on St. Francis St. 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:

- **Area 63 Remote Community Committee’s Discussion on Providing American Sign Language (ASL) to Hearing Impaired Alcoholics in our District:** Jim J. provided a thorough overview and background on the need to address special needs in District 2. A discussion was had that noted that the Pennington County Detox facility currently provides ASL to the hearing impaired on an “as needed basis”. Maybe a relationship could be established with local or regional schools that teach ASL; where students might be available to accommodate this issue when needed.
- **District 2 Elections for 2008-2009:** Elections were held and the following people have been elected as the new District 2 committee chairpersons / officers. NOTE 1: we clarified that the voting procedures would include the following: 1.) we would determine the majority vote based on “plurality” vs. “simple majority” (by definition in Roberts Rules of Parliamentary Procedures, a plurality vote represents who ever has the most votes wins; whereas the simple majority vote is where a candidate has to win by 50% plus one vote); 2.) we would use ballots to choose candidates vs. raising of hands to show support for candidates. These motions were approved by a group conscience that voted in favor of both of these items. NOTE 2: We also voted to approve letting candidates who may want to continue in their current District 2 chairperson position if they were not elected before and were finishing out the term in the absence of the person who was elected – i.e. we had both people who were elected who moved or were not able to complete the responsibilities and alternates were elected to fill the remainder of the term.
 - **2008-2009 District 2 Elected Officers Include:**
 - Hotline Chair: Tammy F.
 - Literature / Grapevine Chair: David K-S
 - Public Information / Cooperation With the Professional Community (PI/CPC): Anthony F.
 - Corrections & Treatment (C&T): Dale J.
 - Treasurer: Eric H.
 - Web Manager: Ken D.
 - Secretary: Jim J.
 - Alternate DCM: Scott V.
 - DCM: Todd T.

Concept Presentation:

- **Concept 10:** was read by Dave D. (*a volunteer is needed to provide an overview of Concept 11 at the January 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, JANUARY 27th, 2008 at 4:30 PM

AT THE PLANO CLUB IN RAPID CITY

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!!

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