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NOTE: Next Meeting is Sunday, May 25, 2008

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

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DCM: Todd T. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer: Eric H. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grapevine/Lit.: Dave K-S. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alt. DCM: Scott V. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PI/CPC: Anthony F. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrections & Treatment: Dale J. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotline: Tammy F. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary: Jim J. | |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stand Up & Shine Group, Kirsten L. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Timers Group, Warren J. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al's Group, Max M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BH Open Speakers Group, Dana C. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Patrol Group, Gene S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Happy Hour Group, Lori N. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Key Club Group, Doug N. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keep It Simple Group, Geneva S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Risers Group, Cyndy H. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rushmore Group, Nick S. | <input 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, Bonnie K. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCTNG, Jason (Jay) G. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women in Recovery, Brenda M. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noon Luncheon Group, Pete M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exit 51Group, Eloy M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Almost Home Group, Sonny H. | <input type="checkbox"/> High Noon Group, Bob, Alt. GSR |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturday Morning 10:30 Group, Jake V. | <input type="checkbox"/> Wiconi Teca New Life Fellowship Group, Daron W.E. | <input type="checkbox"/> Grapevine Group, Mike K. |

Meeting Opening:

General Greetings & Serenity Prayer: Todd T. (DCM) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Went around the room and introduced ourselves. **We also welcomed Jake V., new GSR for the 10:30 am Saturday Morning Meeting.**

Welcome again Jake!!

Opening Readings: 12 Traditions were read by Nick B.

Committee Reports:

Secretary: The March Old and New Business minutes were read by Jim J. **Corrections :** Cyndy H. was in attendance at the March meeting but was counted absent on the minutes. I apologize and thank Cyndi for bringing it to my attention. --- Respectfully submitted, Jim J. Motion made to accept and passed. **Items not mentioned at meeting but should have:** Lester W. has accepted the position of **Back Up/Alternate Secretary**. He will be taking notes along with me at meetings in case I miss something and also to add another perspective on what goes on. He will be filling in for me next meeting as I will be in the Seattle area attending my uncle's wedding. Thank you, Lester, for filling in and for accepting the position. **If anyone reading these minutes notice anything that had been omitted or anything that is incorrect, please let me know! My email is jti@earthling.net and my phone # is (605)343-2059. Would prefer emails but if that is not possible feel free to call. All suggestions are welcome!!! Also if you know of anyone or if you would like to get a copy of the minutes by email or regular mail, let me know.**

Treasurer: : Beginning balance = 1582.17; Expenses = Mid-continent \$48.31; Secretary \$13.29; Literature \$45.57; PI/CPC \$53.06; Web Manager \$160.00; meat for potluck \$66.95; Donations = YTD: \$676.35 ; Ending Balance = \$1630.38. Pink Can Donations YTD = \$129.07. **Note:** All pink can donations are used for purchasing literature for correction and treatment facilities and are not a part of District 2 finances. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as read was made and seconded, and approved as read – Submitted by Todd T. for Eric H.

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, Tammy F., 840 N. Spruce Lot 284, Rapid City, SD 57701**
- **GSO: General Service Organization, Grand Central Station, PO Box 459, New York, NY 10161**

- Finance Committee Report: (same as above)

Alternate DCM: Area 63 Workshop was a good workshop. Learned GSO relies a lot on income from literature. \$8 million of the \$14 million GSO budget came from literature rather than donations. **Motions for GSRs to take to groups. These will be voted on at the Spring Conference May 16 – 18th:** (a) Moving Area 63 funds from Bank West to a larger banking firm that are located in more cities for easier access so that those who need to make Area 63 transactions don't have to drive so far to reach a branch. (b) Raising Area 63 prudent reserve from \$4000 to \$6000 do to rising costs. (c) Making permanent separate accounts for Spring Conference and Fall Conference. (d) Spearfish submitted bid for 2009 Fall Conference. (e) To have pink cans set out at Area functions for donations to Corrections literature only. **For more details see Winter Assembly Minutes on the Area 63 website www.area63aa.org. They will also be posted on District 2 website at www.dist2aa.org. (You can also contact Jim J. Dist. Secretary at jtj@earthling.net for a copy as noted by Todd T).**

--- Submitted by Scott V. Report read and accepted.

Corrections & Treatment: (a) Attended the Workshop in Pierre on April 5th. The Area 63 Corrections and Treatment Committee is going to propose to the Area that an Area "pink can" be set out at Area functions to help generate funds to purchase literature to be distributed at Area Correctional facilities. (b) Purchased 20 soft cover Big Books and 10 soft cover 12X12s. Half of each went to the women's Jail. I still have the other half. (c) There is interest in and a head-up person for women's meetings in the CAB unit I will be checking into getting that set up in the near future. (d) The Beginner's meeting will need a group to Chair that meeting beginning May 18, 2008. The meeting is at the Alano Club at 7pm on Sunday and lasts for 6 weeks. --- Respectfully submitted, Dale J. Report was read and accepted.

Items of Note: Todd T. talked briefly on the history of the pink can for those who were new to District 2. Anyone needing a pink can for their group, contact Geneva S. Jim J volunteered the Rushmore Group to Chair the Beginner's meeting beginning May 18th.

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

Public Information / Cooperation with Professional Community (PI/CPC): The committee has information for contacting nursing schools. ---Thank you, Anthony F. Read and accepted.

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

Literature/Grapevine: (1) Donated 2 soft cover Big books and 6 soft cover 12 by 12 books to Ohitika Women's Shelter. They were from a box of stuff I received from previous Chairperson. (2) Dropped off 2 bundles of assorted pamphlets at Detox. Will follow up if pamphlets being used. (3) Distributed AA information cards to Windmill and Flying J truck stops. Also the Visitor's Center said they would find a place to display cards I left there. I placed cards at Prairie Market and the Bus Terminus downtown. (4) The literature rack at the Alano Club is being stocked regularly. --- Submitted by David K-S., Literature/Grapevine Chairperson.

Items of Note: Dave has a stamper that has the card information on it that is available. Pete made a suggestion to stamp pamphlets so that new comers or anyone needing the information would have it readily available on the pamphlets. Motion was made and it passed.

- Literature Committee Report: (Same as above)

AA Hotline (District 2): Hotline phone number is **605-343-1091** (please make a note of it).

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. **3.) IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN YOUR HOTLINE REP FOR YOUR GROUP PLEASE NOTIFY TAMMY FOWLER WITH NEW REP AND PHONE NUMBER:** The week begins at 6am on Monday to 6am the following Monday. The group responsible to take the line on beginning Monday at 6am is responsible to transfer the hotline.

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 April/May Schedule:**
 - **Noon Group**(Marlin) - - April 28th – May 4th
 - **RCTNG**(Mike D.) - - May 5th – May 11th
 - **Ellsworth Group**(Scott) - - May 12th – May 18th
 - **Stand Up and Shine**(Marty E) - - May 19th – May 25th

- **Keep It Simple Group** (Dale J.) - - May 26th – June 1st
- **Early Risers** - - June 2nd – June 8th
- **Rushmore Group**(Todd T.) - - June 9th – June 15th
- **Key Club**(Mark) - - June 16th – June 22nd

If you have any questions please call me at 390-2767. ---Respectively Submitted, Tammy F., Hot Line Chairperson. Report was read and passed.

- **Hotline Committee Report:** Committee consists of Tammy F. Chairperson, Cyndy H. Alt. Chairperson, and Brittney A.

Web Manager: I am submitting the receipt for the hosting and domain costs for our website. I was originally issued a check for \$160.00 and would like to be reimbursed and additional \$12.74. The total of \$172.74 consists of 3 **full years** of web hosting and the domain ownership of dist2aa.org, dist2aa.com, and dist2aa.net. Anyone going to the other addresses should automatically be redirected to .org. (**Discounts = \$44.24**) All is going smoothly with the website. I've added meeting resources with the Closed/Open Meeting Statements and the AA preamble. All available minutes are posted to the site along with the latest events. Anyone having feedback, please don't hesitate in contacting me 605-430-7078 or by email to webmaster@dist2aa.org. --- Yours in Service, Max M., Webmaster District 2.

Items of note: There was discussion of the instructions on how to transfer the Hotline from volunteer to volunteer and group to group to be put on the website. Discussion led to not doing so to avoid those that would from messing with the numbers and transferring sequence. **The instructions and phone #s will not be posted on website.** Request for reimbursement of \$12.74 was voted on and passed. Geneva asked where those from Star Academy could find meetings in their hometowns/areas. Was directed to www.area63aa.org and it was clarified that Area 63 is for the state and Dist.2aa is for the district.

GSR Reports:

Rushmore Group: The Rushmore Group meets at 7:00 on Wednesday night at the Minneluzahan Senior Center at 315 N. 4th St. (across from Rushmore Plaza-Holiday Inn and next to the Boys Club). We are a closed meeting but open the last Wednesday of the month for our Speaker and Pot Luck Birthday meeting. We are a discussion meeting except for the birthday meeting where we have a speaker. All birthdays are now recognized for the previous month and will be called up to receive chips with only the speaker to speak. The potluck begins at 6pm with the Birthday speaker meeting 7pm – 8pm --- Respectfully submitted, Lester W. for Nick S. GSR Rushmore Group.

Keep It Simple Group: is a topic discussion meeting that meets Monday nights at 7:30 – 8:30pm in the First Presbyterian Church on the corner of 7th and Kansas City St., in the basement. Our attendance is 40 – 45 people per meeting. We typically have an equal number of men and women. Our group conscious/business meeting is the first Monday of each month. We celebrate birthdays, 1, 3, 6, 9, months plus yearly, and give out a welcome envelope to newcomers. Tammy F. celebrated 12 years of sobriety. The meeting is a tag team/round robin system alternating the discussion between men and ladies. Our group had an outing to the bowling alley Friday night (April 25th). Our party planning committee is planning awesome events through spring and summer. Please contact Greg K. for upcoming events. ---Respectfully submitted by Geneva S. GSR

Al's Group: Al's Group holds closed, topic, discussion meetings every Wednesday at 7:00PM with one open meeting on the last Wednesday of each month. This open meeting is our monthly potluck/birthday meeting beginning at 6:00PM. It is followed by a group business meeting at 6:30PM. **All are invited.** We meet at Viking Hall Senior Center which is located at 2900 Canyon Lake Drive. All is going well with attendance between 15 and 35 on any given week. We invite anyone interested to attend our potluck/birthday meeting this coming Wednesday April 30th at 6pm. --- Yours in service, Max M. GSR Al's Group.

Rapid City Thursday Night Group: The RCTNG is located in the basement of the Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church (next to the Knights of Columbus Hall at the corner of 5th Street and Columbus Street) located at 922 5th St. Rapid City, SD. We enter at the North Side Basement door. We have a 7pm Monday Literature Study, an 8pm Thursday Call Up Speaker Meeting, and a 8pm, Open, Speaker Birthday meeting the last Thursday of the month. The first Thursday of the month is when we hold our Steering Committee Meeting at 7:00pm followed by our regular meeting. Attendance seems strong and our group's primary purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. We seem to be attracting newcomers at a fair rate. Currently, we put on a round up The Spring Thaw. Attendance was 226. Sandy B. & Karl M. were our AA speakers. Heidi V. was our AI – Anon speaker. We also had entertainment, 2 workshops & ice cream social followed by a dance. The Spring Thaw carried the Message well although attendance could have been better. --- Thank you for my sobriety, Jason (Jay) G., GSR.

All-Timers Group: meets Saturday's at 9:15 am in the "Card Room" of the Alano Society. We conduct a "closed" AA Step Study meeting each Saturday and a Tradition Study on the second Saturday of the month. Birthdays are celebrated at each meeting. Our current home group membership remains steady at about 18. Our April attendance was fair averaging about 25+ per meeting with many newcomers and visitors. The All-Timers Group conducted a group business meeting April 12, 2008. We agreed to man the hospitality room on Sunday morning during the Fall Conference. We authorized the disbursement of funds to District 2, Area 63, and GSO. Checks are in the mail. Warren J. will attend the spring conference in Aberdeen, SD. --- Submitted in the spirit of carrying the message, Warren J., Group GSR.

Noon Luncheon Group (Big Room): meets from Monday to Friday at noon at the Alano Club. We have a variety of formats each day. We have a newcomer's package, a Grapevine Representative, a GSR, Alternate GSR and a group chair. Our group signs Court slips and get as many as 60 and as few as 30. Our group has volunteered to attend the Hospitality room at the Fall Conference on Sat. 10 - 25 - 2008 from 11:00am - 3pm. Members participate in C&T. and in Hotline in turn. I attended Pierre, SD meeting and will be attending meeting in Aberdeen, SD. --- Submitted Pete M., GSR.

Women in Recovery Group: is an open, topic, meeting that meets at 6:00 pm on Thursday, in the pool room, at the Alano Club in Rapid City. This meeting is for women only. We are doing well. 15 - 25 attend the meeting. Our group is gearing up for the Women's Retreat. There will be about 36 women or more this spring and it's the 10th retreat and the largest we ever had. Our Group is sending me to the Spring Conference so that is something else I have to look forward too. I have never been to Aberdeen so this will be fun. Our business and birthday meeting with food is the last Thursday of the month. We have 10 full time members that have this meeting for their home group. Well, that is all. --- Thanks, Brenda M., GSR.

Ellsworth Group: Meetings are held at the Temple Baptist Church on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's at 7:30. Monday is a Big Book study, Wednesday is a Step study, and Friday is topic meeting. On the first Friday of the month we celebrate birthdays from the previous month after the Year Birthday. Attendance is best on Fridays, but Monday and Wednesday have a few who attend regularly. --- Submitted by Bonnie K., 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. Attendance average is 25 people. GSR is Jake V. Secretary/Treasurer is Tom H. Alternate GSR is Mary. --- Submitted by JakeV.

Dawn Patrol Group: is a closed meeting held at 6:45am, Saturdays, at the Alano Club. It is a 12X12 study meeting. Birthdays are celebrated at each meeting. Birthday celebrants are requested to relate on the step on birthday days. Attendance is 40 - 55 people. --- Submitted by Gene S., GSR.

Stand-Up & Shine 12-Step Study Group: Stand Up & Shine is a closed women's 12X12 study meeting. We meet on Monday's at 5:30pm; our temporary location is currently at 710 Kansas City St. in the Social Room and we are working on finding a permanent space that is suitable for us. No additional report submitted.

Early Risers Group: Our group meets at 6:45am Monday - Friday in the pool room at the Alano Club. Attendance is averaging 20 to 25 people every morning. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday are topic meetings. Tuesday is a Big book study meeting. The first Friday of the month we the Traditions, second Friday is Step Study, third Friday we have breakfast and celebrate birthdays and the fourth Friday we have a Speaker. We have our Steering Committee Meeting the 3rd Monday of the month. The group supports the Hotline every 8th week. - No additional report submitted.

Morning Star AA Group: We are an open meeting group. We meet on Friday and Sunday nights at 7:00 pm - 8:00pm at the St. Isaac Jogues - 220 Wright St., Rapid City. We hold a potluck dinner for birthdays. Morning Star group has been growing from 17 people to about 25 people. No additional report submitted.

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. No additional report was submitted.

5:30 Happy Hour Group: (no report)

The Key Club Group: (no report)

Exit 51 Group: (no report)

Noon NS Group: (no report)

Grapevine Group: (no report)

Other Reports & Items to Note:

- **2008 Area 63 Fall Conference Committee Report:** Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 717 St Patrick St. at the church behind Walgreen's, 7:15 pm. Speakers have been chosen – AA speakers: Gary K. Parker, CO; Bill B., Little River, SC; Shirley T., West Blockton, AL. AI – Anon speakers: Bo T., West Blockton, AL and Bernadette B., Little River, SC. The dates are – October 24-26, 2008; location – Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. **2008 Fall Conference is accepting money and registrations now! We could use more volunteers!!** ---Anthony F., Chairperson.

Old Business:

- **Discussion of committee budget continued discussion:** Motion to discuss: *To leave the current District 2 general fund account and the prudent reserve as is until the contributions equal our approved 2008 budget of \$4,000.00 We will review this at the end of the year or before if our contributions reach \$4,000.00 which ever comes first. Then we will decide how to disperse the funds to Area 63 and GSO accordingly.* More discussion followed. Anthony gave us information from looking into Concept 11 and it was brought up that we have no idea what money will be coming in, and have no information to base it on. It was also brought up that if the membership at large thinks we have too much money that donations will fall, whether we have a prudent reserve and money to cover the bills / expenses or not. This is a concern at GSO always. Tammy F. gave us information that the Area Finance Committee is utilizing a cash flow report to keep track of the cost of expenses and changes in prices do to inflation, etc. Area is required to prove what money is being used for and costs. It was also brought up that we need to pay bills / expenses, and will be able to with the current budget. What's in question is what we would be able to donate to GSO and Area, and if we haven't met our budget we should we donate to them. Our prudent reserve of \$725 covers 3 months expenses. \$3250 is the total budget of all the Committee's budgets which, most, basically stayed the same from last year. Was suggested that anything above our budget /prudent reserve be split between GSO and Area and that Prudent Reserve should not be included in the budget. A suggestion was made to have Finance Committee gather facts before making a decision and give it one more month to get facts. **Motion was made to make a definite decision next month.** Voted on and majority was for it. **Minority opinion** was given that this needed to be voted on now. More discussion. Brought up again that to be responsible, we need more facts. Brought up that committees don't know if their budgets would all be used or not. **Votes for the motion changed.** Another motion was made to hopefully please both sides of the issue. **New motion made:** *To leave things as is, and to review balance with budget like we do, and decide what to donate to GSO and Area meeting by meeting as a way of expressing LET GO, and LET GOD.* Motion was voted on and passed.

New Business:

District 10 and District 13 link to District 2 website: Was reported that District 10 was somewhat inactive and needed help. Thought a meeting list and events link with District 2 would help out to get people more involved. Was brought up also that District 13 would also like a meeting list and events link. Motion was made and passed.

Note: Time ran out and not all of New Business was addressed. Things to think about and items to be discussed at the next District meeting:

- **2007 District 2 Inventory Follow-Up:** D. Is time set aside at District meetings to educate members about the various service positions, job descriptions, titles (acronyms), committees, and General Service Office (GSO) structure? Actions to consider:
1.) Create a District Manual / Handbook to help answer questions – including glossary of acronyms for newcomers.

Things to Think about:

- **GSRs!!** Please remember to bring Area items to be voted on to home groups especially the Area Inventory. See Alt DCM notes on how to get the minutes and what is to be voted on at the Spring Conference. The Area Inventory will be attached to emails!

Concept Presentation:

- **Concept 11:** was finally read and presented by Anthony F. There was enough time!!!
- **Concept 12:** will be read and presented by Nick B. at the next District 2 meeting.

An adjournment motion was made and seconded and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

NOTE: The Next District 2 Business Meeting will be held

**Sunday, May 25th, 2008, 4:30pm Committee Meetings are to be held at 4:00pm
At the Plano Club in Rapid City**

Everyone is Welcome to Attend!!

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