

Area 63 Winter Workshop

Holiday Inn Express, Ft. Pierre
February 19th, 2005

SD Area 63 AA Website www.southdakotaaa.org

Estelle G. Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Read How It Works
Read 12 Traditions
Read 12 Concepts

DELEGATES' REPORT – Perry G.,

ALTERNATE DELEGATES REPORT—John T.

Motion made and accepted to approve report as read.

SECRETARY REPORT – Randy M., (Lisa R. standing in)

Motion made and seconded to approve minutes as mailed out.

TREASURERS' REPORT—Sheryl T., see attached

Motion made and seconded to approve report as read.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1- No report

District 2- Terry M., DCM

Our district has been well attended by the committee members and by the GSR's of our district. Together we are doing the best we can with carrying the message in our district. Literature is getting dispersed throughout the community and the hotline is alive and well. Meetings are getting carried into the jails, treatment facilities and juvenile centers. At the end of the month we are having a potluck, speaker/ district meeting in order to bring others into service and inform AA's what's going on in their district. Yours in service Terry M.

District 3-Lloyd S., DCM.

Our district consists of Martin, White River, Mission, St. Francis, Kyle, and Wanblee. Local events include White River-Out of Towner's- Anniversary. New Beginnings AA in Martin, 2nd Anniversary Jan 05. District 3 elections were held Jan 20th New DCM is Lloyd S. and the Alt DCM will be Wayne B. Currently just trying to get everyone to come together. In Service Lloyd S.

District 4- Bob G., DCM.

We are located in the southeast part of the state, representing 10 groups. Currently we are having trouble getting groups to come to district meetings and getting groups to follow the 7th tradition-contribute to District, Area, and GSO. In Service Bob G.

District 5- Jim M., DCM

We are live and well. Activity is picking up after the holidays. We elected a district CPC/PI person. He handles our commitments at treatment, jail, and correctional institutes. We are covering close to 35 commitments every month, so it's a full time job. We are still looking for help at the jails and prisons. We are planning a Panel Discussion for April on the 12steps and traditions. Participation is expected to be high, for all the enthusiasm amongst the groups. Your friend in service Jim M.

District 6-Steve K., DCM

We are currently focusing most of are efforts on preparing for the upcoming PI/CPC function and the Conference that we will be holding in May. As for the two projects things are coming along nicely with the support of the district and area. We have a small concern about pre-registration and would appreciate it those of you in a position to do could pre-register ASAP. We have discussed and made motions concerning starting a small district event in the fall and the district seems ready to move forward and create a one-day function with the focus on carrying the message. Thanks Steve K.

District 7- Mel J., DCM (No report)

District 8- Brian H., DCM

District 8 is located in east central South Dakota. Representing 9 groups (seven of which are actively participating in district meetings). In January the district hosted a Sponsorship Celebration. This was an all day event and was

attended by 56 AA's from Rapid City to Sioux Falls. The morning consisted of speakers sharing on sponsorship, with a panel type discussion in the afternoon. We broke about 4:00 pm and rejoined at 7:00 pm for an open AA meeting with a "dance" following. The day was well received and continues to generate discussion. Thanks to all who helped make this event the success it was. District 8 has not held a meeting (other than the Sponsor Celebration) since the last area function. Our next meeting is March 6th at 1:30 pm in Miller. Huron is in the process of gaining two new meat packing facilities, and with them an anticipated increase of Spanish speaking individuals. Any suggestion, experience as to how to prepare for and meet the needs of this population would be most welcome. In service Brian H.

District 9- Jim K., DCM

We are located in Eastern part of state with Brookings, Watertown and Clearlake being active in district activities. Meeting schedule cards are regularly updated and distributed for all known meetings in Dist. 9 The annual Dist. 9 Mini-Conference is being prepared for march 12th at the Gilbert Ave. Club in Watertown. Also a 2006 Spring Conf. committee has been formed and a conf. chair has been elected. Low attendance for and lack of group service reps. are our main problem, at the district level and the area level as well.

District 10- No report

District 11- Norm G., DCM

On Feb. 6th. We had our dist. meeting in Beresford, of the 8 groups in the district five were represented. Alcester, Beresford, Centerville, Irene and Parker. We are fortunate to have a new group in our dist. It is the Sioux Point Serenity group that meets at the Welcome Center in Dakota Dunes on Thurs. Night at 6pm. Tony S is their GSR. The group discussed having another district gathering later this summer. It would be a potluck, speaker, whatever meeting... It will be discussed at our next meeting. Congratulations to Parker... They celebrated their 40th year of service. What an achievement. It would be interesting to know just how many lives that group has touched in 40 years. There were also 7 birthdays celebrated that night. The turn out was 51 members and friends present WOW!!! What a meeting. Alcester is open and running again meeting on Fri. nights 8pm at the new firehouse in Alcester. Yours in service Norm G.

District 12- No report

District 13- Derrick B., DCM

District 13 continues to function as usual. We are comprised of 11 groups in 6 different meetings 7 days a week. New developments are the new location of the NHRG, now meeting at the Mt. View Baptist Church in Spearfish at 5: 30 pm on Tuesday night. Dean C. recently moved on to greener pastures out west and this is my first time among you. Happy to be here. We would like to remind you all of the NHRG 4th Anniversary celebrations coming up April 2nd and 3rd and the Area 63 fall conference September 30th thru Oct 2nd fliers are available for both events and all are encouraged to attend. CNT reports we are now in the star academy, that meant county jail, addiction family resources in Belle Fouché attends all of bells regular meetings and we provide regular guidance for their Sunday night meetings.

Yours in service Derrick B.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

Fall Conference 2004. District 2

New hotel used for conf., great turnout. See financial report.

Spring Conference 2005. District 6

Aberdeen, S.D. May 13-15 2005

Fall Conference 2005. District 13

Spearfish Holiday Inn Sept. 30, Oct. 1-2, 2005. Treasurer has requested \$500.00 from area treas. for startup. Two committee chair positions have been refilled (secretary and meeting coordinator) Speakers are confirmed and hosts are being lined up. New meeting coordinator is drafting up "Old Timers meeting" criteria. Committee is now meeting monthly. In service Wayne K.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Information- Doug S. Chair.

- 1) John J. gave web report and gave us a tour of the Area 63 website
- 2) Discussed public service announcement distribution in Black Hills Region. Anne pointed out the advantages of asking to speak with the public service announcement coordinator at each station.
- 3) Discussed distributing PSA's to radio stations. Brett is looking into distributing the CD in the Huron area.
- 4) Discussed GSO's work on a toll free number for meeting directory.
- 5) Discussed ordering pamphlets displays for placement in public facilities.
- 6) Read and reviewed conference agenda items. Discussed the website item and the member survey
- 7) Supplied committee members with PI kit and went through it together
- 8) Viewed and discussed the PSA television tapes.
- 9) No recommendations other than to set time aside at workshops for after-lunch naps.

Cooperation with the Professional Community-Jim M. Chair.

- 1) We discussed AA apathy, and the chore of getting people and groups involved with Public Outreach. Agreed to discuss it further in the spring.
- 2) We have a letter that SF and Rapid each used twice and it has been revised and passed on to Aberdeen.
- 3) We drafted an agenda for doing a Public Outreach that has been used before and it will be passed on to Aberdeen.
- 4) GSO Agenda-A&B we didn't know of any professionals who would be willing to do letters for the CPC kit. C&D we felt there was no need for special pamphlets. E reviewed kit
- 5) No recommendations.

Literature/Grapevine Report- Josh T. Chair.

- 1) Discussed previous agenda items and all new agenda items.
- 2) Discussed and decided to leave our literature prices at the cost we receive from GSO, there was discussion at last workshop of raising prices.
- 3) An order of 20 big books, 20 twelve and twelve's, 3 service manuals and 3 directories were placed.
- 4) We also reviewed and discussed several changes to existing pamphlets, the creation of a new book/collection of stories for young people from past grapevine issues. Also a step study on LaVina stories on steps seven thru twelve. Already have one made for step one thru six. Ten changes in all to pamphlets.

Remote Communities/Special Needs Report- Dean B. Chair

- 1) We reviewed the "Remote Community" survey and the "Special Needs" survey sheets. This is a work in progress designed for collecting information from the groups in area 63.
- 2) We discussed the literature and other materials available from GSO, that are for members with special needs.
- 3) Discussed the need for groups and contact persons to make sure that their listings in phone books and contact lists and online are updated and current. Is your AA phone numbers listed under AA or Alcoholics Anonymous in the phone book? That may be where a drunk looks for help.
- 4) Reviewed the agenda items for Trustees Committee and International Conventions/Regional Forums Committees for the 55th General Service Conference.
- 5) No recommendations.

Policy/Admission/Agenda- John T. Chair.

- 1) Committee continued discussion concerning the proposed change to the area mtg. format. The proposal was modified based on feedback from the fellowship and will be resubmitted to the fellowship for continued discussion and feedback. The committee goal is to finalize a recommendation at the mid-summer workshop for final action at the 2005 fall conference. Our goal would be to begin implementation of the new meeting structure beginning in the fall of 2006.
- 2) Committee discussed the need for a larger facility and concluded this mtg. facility (Holiday Inn Express) meets the needs of our area workshop. Area Chair is looking in to availability for summer workshop and additional expenses if we meet on sat. and sun. morning.
- 3) Committee discussed the general service conference agenda items for the gsc agenda and policy/admissions committees.

Archives- Sandy B. Chair.

- 1) No new items turned into Archives
- 2) Much discussion on having a archives workshop. Members from the archives committee may check with the district and or groups concerning ideas or possibly hosting a archives workshop. The committee had some great ideas. Thank you.
- 3) Committee reviewed the inventory already in place for the four bookshelf display cases. We will try to follow that list when we re-fill the shelves. Display cases and other SD archives material will be displayed at the West Regional Conference in March.
- 4) Concerning Bookshelf display cases. If any Dist or group would like to host / display the cases on a rotating basis please contact a member of the archives committee.
- 5) Financial records older than 7 years will not be stored.
- 6) Archives committee will provide the chairperson with \$50 to help with the expenses if needed for the 2005 west regional conf.
- 7) Reviewed Archives workbook and the handout for the conf. committee on archives

Finance- Sheryl T. Chair. ----See attached financial report.

- 1) We reviewed treasurers report from 10/22/04 to 12/31/04 and then report for 1/1/05 to 2/19/05.
- 2) We audited the area checkbook and I made a motion to withdraw the \$25.50 for deposit checks from the finance committee rather than the conf. committee/approved.
- 3) Discussed a display or poster for this years expenses. Gerard T. and Adam W. volunteered to spearhead this and have it done for Spring Conference.
- 4) Next we discussion was on reimbursement to area officers for expenses between conf. and workshops. We will ask secretary to make a budget for expenses incurred in making copies and mailing of minutes. With that done we

would then pay secretary in advance, for these expenses. All other committees would submit receipts at conf. and workshops and be reimbursed at that time.

- 5) Discussed developing a policy for mailing "Thank You Cards" to contributing groups. Decided to keep our current method of sending Thank You letters.
- 6) Discussed finance agenda items for general service conf.
- 7) Composed agenda for Spring Conference. (Policy chair will have posted on website before conf.)

Report and Charter- Randy M. Chair.

- 1) Reviewed minutes and accepted as written
- 2) Reviewed Area 63 Data program and the need for a computer and there wasn't enough information to review this matter.
- 3) Discussed cost of printing and mailings and don't have enough info. at this time.
- 4) Discussed ideas to record group info and how to keep it updated and Adam W. from the finance committee made a recommendation to make a separate register duty other than the secretary and will discuss this idea.

Correctional and Treatment Facilities Committee- Mitch B. Chair. (George R. standing in)

- 1) We discussed 2005 General Service Conference committee agenda items and considered C/F and T/F points. We also took action on our area 63-committee agenda.
- 2) The singleness of purpose statement to be included in the pamphlet "A Message to Correctional Professionals" was discussed. It was the consensus of the committee to include the statement. There was some discussion about using "a desire to stop drinking" instead of "a drinking problem". However as a group we felt it was ok as written.
- 3) Committee reviewed the final report on feasibility and cost of production and distribution of an informational video introducing AA to training academies. The committee agrees but asked the questions of: Will it be based on the big book? How effective will this video be during their training? And how will the video be used?
- 4) We reviewed the draft of "Guidelines for the development of workshops introducing AA in training programs for correctional personnel" and find all points acceptable.
- 5) Agreed to review the contents of C/T kit and workbook.
- 6) Discussed ways to promote AA members taking meetings into institutions.
- 7) Discussed what facilities need tapes as well as books since some inmates cannot read.
- 8) People going in to these facilities should ask what literature or tapes are needed.

Web Managers Report- John J. - Web manager

Area 63 website continues to be an asset to folks seeking information for Alcoholics Anonymous in South Dakota.

In the past few months, my goal has been to get updates into the site as soon as I have received them, posting flyers for conferences in a timely manner and looking for improvements to the site in general. I am still asking each District for a complete list of meetings in their district. Those lists can be in hardcopy or emailed to me at jjohn@rushmore.com Also, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Pierre A.A. and district 7 on their wonderful new website. The site is located at <http://www.dakotamade.com/aa/>

Three new goals for the Area 63 website are:

1. Separate the billing for South Dakota Area 63 website from Sturgis AA website. The previous Web manager was involved in both and was billed for both. When I took over responsibly for the website, I also took over bill handling. I am requesting that Sturgis AA take on direct responsibility for the billing of that website instead of compensating me for the bill after the fact. This can be via check transfer or credit card. I will need to get with Yahoo services to separate the accounts, but need new contact info for the Sturgis group and billing info.
2. With that accomplished, I would ask Area 63 to take direct billing responsibility in lieu of bills coming to me and being compensated as with the Sturgis group. Once Sturgis is separated from the billing, the State AA account should be simple to change the billing info. It is my belief that the billing for the area website should be consistent in the future and not change every time a new web manager is elected.
3. Ask that when folks submit flyers for publication on the website, they email me the .doc format flyer that is used to print the original. I will still be able to scan a paper flyer and publish to the web but this should be a last resort when other methods are not available. The reason for this is the format is easier to download, print and manipulate for distribution from the website. A "scan" copy is not as easy to download and print as a Word Document or an Adobe .pdf file. I have had several encounters with folks who could not get the graphic file to print properly, it takes a bit more technical experience to do so for the average user and .doc or .pdf files would side step some of these issues.

This facility we are in today has excellent internet capability and I would also like to ask all the GSRs and DCM's to take a minute and get with me to check their meeting info and see that things are up to day information wise. I am sitting on the PI committee, but feel free to pull me away and look at your group info on the laptop I have brought along with me.

**SD Area 63 AA Website www.southdakotaaa.org
 Sturgis AA Group Website www.sturgisaa.org**

Recommendations- (No recommendations were made at this workshop.)

New Business- (No bids at this time)

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 63

May 2005 Area 63 Spring Conference May 13th, 14th and 15th Aberdeen, S.D. contact Sheryl T. (605) 380-8476

August 2005 Area 63 Summer Workshop Aug 19th and 20th Holiday Inn Express Ft. Pierre, S.D.
 Host Comm. Dist. 2, Service Panel Dist. 3, Sun. am mtg. N. Hills Recovery Group.

Sept-Oct 2005 Area 63 Fall Conference September 30th thru October 2nd. Holiday Inn Spearfish, S.D.

Midwinter workshop financial report		2-19-05 attendance 56	
Expenses		Income	
Breakfast	17.19	Lunch donation	180.00
Lunch	206.06	Coffee donation	27.00
Dinner	128.02	Room donation	109.00
Mic	8.88		
Rent	125.00		
Total	<u>485.15</u>		<u>316.00</u>

Policy, Admissions, Agenda Committee Proposal (this is NOT a recommendation yet!)
Committee is requesting further discussion and input before a formal recommendation is made.

Why do we need to change:

1. A large portion of our income for operating expenses comes from conferences, making us NOT self supporting—in addition, a large risk is taken each time a conference is financially accountable to a hotel.
2. By adjusting the time frame in which we have area assemblies it would help better prepare our delegate for the West Central Regional Service Conference and the General Service Conference.
3. There are many roundups and other recovery type of events to attend throughout the area, which compete with our conferences.
4. We would have more time to conduct area 63 business and wouldn't cut into the "fun" of conferences.
5. It would be a more efficient way to conduct business than our current system.
6. It would give the Area an opportunity to educate newcomers, stimulate interest in and share experiences on all three legacies of AA.

New Proposed structure:

1. 3 area assemblies in Pierre
 - a. Winter assembly: early Dec, first week end after Thanksgiving.
--elections would be held every 2 years before the Dec 31 deadline
--Could submit GSC agenda items before the Jan 15 deadline
 - b. Spring Assembly: (Late March, early April) After first weekend in March, (currently when the WCRAAC is held) before the GSC
Avoid Sioux Empire, Rushmore Roundup and Easter.
To help prepare our delegate for the GSC and inform our area assembly of The GSC agenda.
 - b. Summer assembly: Second weekend in July.
--Will receive the Delegates report from the General Service Conference
--Prepare the annual budget

Assemblies will start at 0900 on Saturday and end at 1200 on Sunday

2. "Area 63 Three Legacy Celebration"—Early October
--Fun, no business
--Agenda built by current admissions, Policy and Agenda committee
--Rotate location—ANY DISTRICT in the area can bid for the Celebration—follow current bidding process—submit to the committee with final approval by the entire assembly. Must be bid out a minimum of 2 years, with the facility that can hold 500-600 people. The committee will take rotation of location into consideration when accepting bids and making recommendations.
--Would start Friday night and end Sunday at noon.
--We could have Speaker meetings, call up meetings, Social function, breakout sessions (similar to regional events), open microphone sessions, questions and answer sessions, GSR workshops, panel presentations, topic breakout sessions, humorous skits, dance, etc.
Recommendations will be made and voted on as new business at the next assembly. Old business will be voted on at current assembly.
Stipends will be paid for 3 assemblies and annual celebration. The area officers and committee chairs would be putting on the Celebration and will be doing the panel presentations, workshops, service talks, etc.