

2012 AREA 63 SPRING CONFERENCE – June 8 - 10 Rapid City, SD

Area Chair, John T. opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer, asking for a moment of silence for the still suffering alcoholic and also in remembrance of those affected by the 1972 Rapid City flood.

12 Traditions were read by Bonnie and 12 Concepts were read by Dell. New DCM's, GSR's, area officers and all attending were introduced and welcomed.

DELEGATE'S REPORT by Chris D.

- Service Conference was a challenge
- Comprehensive conference report will come out in about a month and will be available at Summer Assembly. Also Box 459 gives a summary
- 62nd GSC, April 22-28th. "Trust the Process" became the mantra.
- Assigned to PI committee. 3 agenda items, all significant. Facebook. Change Tradition 11. New PSA "Tango Esperanza" ("I have hope"). Reviewed PSA's. Facebook issue was discussed and sent back for further review. Change to tradition 11 involves surveying every registered A.A. group in the world.
- Amazing moments: Sketch artist story. Trust the process - "God Calling" book story. Ward's story/12th step call story. Safety in A.A. workshop.
- Financially dire situation. Need \$14M to operate corporation. Surviving on 50 % lit sales and 50% contributions. Lit sales are going through change where people aren't buying physical books. Grapevine actually had \$23k profit in 2011.
- Singleness of purpose. Bound by a common solution. The message is in the literature. Fracturing/special interest. "To the extent that we service Him, we will survive".
- Two guys from India. Observers. "We stopped counting at 1.2 billion." "Thank you for interpreting the message."
- It is the AA member we honor. That's where the message occurs.

Motion to approve minutes made by Justin M. and seconded by Jack C. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and vote on 2013 Conference/Assembly dates listed below. Moved to accept these dates by Anne F. Seconded by Leslie B. 33 in favor. 3 opposed. Minority opinion had issue with 2 weekends off in a row. No change. Motion carries.

January 12/13, 2013 Pierre

April 12, 13 14 Yankton (bid pending)

July 13, 14 Pierre

October 4, 5, 6. Spearfish.

Vacancies for non-trustee director position announced.

Discussion and vote on bid submitted by district 4 for Spring 2013 Conference. Anne F. moved and Shirlee H. seconded to approve bid as submitted. Al-Anon will not be joining us but it may be too late to adjust contract with hotel. Approved unanimously.

AREA 63 COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY/ADMISSIONS/AGENDA: Anne F. chair with 7 members present. We reviewed overview of committee responsibilities; How To Guide for conferences and made suggestions for additions. Received 2014 Fall Conference bid from District 2. Would like to announce West Central Regional AA Service Conference March 1, 2, 3, 2013 at the Ramkota in Rapid City, SD. Committee recommended 2 motions voted on above. We will be reviewing letter to be added to How To Guide for Conferences via email.

REPORT AND CHARTER: Sue K. chair with 2 members present. We reviewed the minutes and made note that the 2013 dates were not included although they had been referred to in the minutes. Reminder to everyone that the current email address is the area63aasecretary@gmail.com. The old yahoo.com email address is no longer used. The area secretary is responsible for the area 63 mailing/emailing lists so if you are not receiving that info please let Sue know. As registrar Sue maintains the Fellowship-New Vision which is GSO's mailing list for GSR's and DCM's and also the information used for the group directories. If you want to check on or correct any of that information, please contact Sue.

FINANCE: Anthony F. chair with 5 members present. Committee members reviewed financial reports and approved them. Moved by Anthony, 2nded by Jack C. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Brad W. chair with 5 members present. Discussed what PI is doing around the state in our districts. Getting schedules and literature out for the public, jails, courts, treatment facilities, hotels and newspapers. We considered some districts don't have PI chairs, tasked individuals with bringing PI awareness to their districts. Districts need to do an inventory on what is being done and what their needs are so we can start somewhere. Thank you Chris D. for your service on PI committee @ USGA and letting us be a part of the process.

WEB COMMITTEE: Todd T. chair with 4 members present. **We reviewed the following items:** The Area 63 website is getting a desperately needed internal upgrade / tune-up. Discussed changing the Web Manager role and will present to the assembly for discussion. Continued discussion on whether or not to utilize PayPal on the Area 63 website for the specific use of conference registrations only. **We considered the following:** The various data migration requirements to ensure all the necessary information gets included in the website upgrade / tune-up. Discussed changing the Web Manager from Todd T. to Brad S. Brad previously held this position before he moved out of state; he was unable to finish his term due to the move. Brad was the original web developer of the current Area 63 website. The committee felt it was in the best interest of the committee and Area 63 for the current Web Manager to resign and defer to Brad's web development expertise to lead this upgrade process. The current Web Manager (Todd) would remain on the committee to assist with the transition and continue to support the new Web Manager in any legacy issues the web committee is engaged in. **The committee recommends the following items for action:** The Area 63 Web Committee (subcommittee of the PI Committee) proposes adding PayPal account on the Area 63 website for the sole purpose of accepting online Area 63 conference registrations. The method and process would include the following: A PayPal account(s) would be set-up by the Area 63 Finance Committee – per their accounting preferences. A PayPal link would be added to the Area 63 website – i.e. on the Events Calendar section(s) that would present only Area 63 Conference events. NOTE: This PayPal link will take the user from the Area 63 website directly to the PayPal website where the user will set-up his/her own account that's 100% independent from Area 63 / Alcoholics Anonymous. PayPal charges 2.2% plus \$0.50 per registration transaction – NOTE: This would average approximately \$0.50 per every \$20 registration fee. The online registration cost to the member will be added to the online registration at the time one chooses to utilize this service – i.e. conference registration is \$20; PayPal fee is \$0.50, therefore the amount charged to each online registration would be \$20.50; with a disclaimer explaining what the \$0.50 fee / charge is. This proposal is to be taken back to the groups for discussion and a decision whether or not to do this on the Area 63 website.

Discussion and vote on PayPal question. Motion made by Todd T. Jim seconded. Passed unanimously. Todd T. resigned and nominated Brad S. to be new Web manager. Mark moved and Marlin 2nded to cease nominations. All in favor to cease.

CORRECTIONS AND TREATMENT: Katie B. chair with 7 members present. We reviewed district check-in. Pink Can troubles, needs and how it's going. Books and literature getting to inmates, increase participation in C&T. We considered calling the head of CD department at Mike Durfy for fellowship or literature. We understand participation isn't for everyone and just keep putting it out there. Next meeting, we will revisit Bridging the Gap.

COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITIES: Bart. chair with 5 members present. We discussed coordinating of district and area CPC. Budget, no change. Looked over workbook. Wayne of Spearfish talked about his CPC experience in last 20 years. We considered correspondence between district and area CPC committees, CPC lunches for 2012 Spring, 2012 Fall and 2013 Spring conferences. Alternate committee chair is David H. Also working on generating a contact list from local meetings for treatment groups.

LITERATURE/GRAPEVINE: Leslie H. chair with 7 members present. We reviewed inventory, considered developing excel spreadsheet to keep a continuous inventory. We will develop excel spreadsheet for literature, get people to volunteer to help sell literature before conferences.

ARCHIVES: Leslie D. chair with 7 members present. We reviewed our remaining budget; will do our best to not exceed budget with added storage costs. We are considering placing a donation jar by archives display at assemblies and conferences. We are also considering conducting a silent auction @ the area conferences. The donations would go on a line item separate from our yearly budget and would be used to fund preservation of the archives. The workbooks weren't ordered so we couldn't review them. We are still working on the group history reports to hand out to DCMs.

REMOTE COMMUNITIES/SPECIAL NEEDS: No report.

AREA 63 DISTRICT REPORTS

DIST 2: Tammy F. DCM. Located in west region of SD and includes Wall, Phillip, Faith, Rapid City, Ellsworth and Box Elder. There are 27 registered groups and 15 active groups with 6 votes at this assembly. We are currently the host for the 2012 Spring Conference. Today we submitted a 2014 Fall Conference proposal. Our district meets the last Sunday of the month with normal attendance of 10-15 people. DCM does call each district chair to remind them of the meeting. This has helped with attendance. Our website is www.district2aa.com.

DIST 3: Jeannie J. DCM. Located in southwest region of SD and includes Kyle, Martin, Porcupine, Wamblii, White River, Mission, St Francis. There are 8 registered groups and several active groups with one vote at today's conference. Two meeting discontinued; one new meeting; none were registered groups. Martin group continues to host monthly pot luck and speaker meeting. Medicine Root Fellowship Group hosted 31st anniversary potluck and meeting. Finding approaches that help Native American feel apart of AA, is using traditions and concepts conveying participation as the key to being a part of. Concern re: Pine Ridge: ongoing foot work to

connect with AA meetings. 1 meeting newly started; another that is for alcoholics and drug addicts though it is identified by many as an AA meeting.

DIST 4: Barton K. DCM. Located in southeast region of SD and includes Yankton, Freeman, Tyndal, Vermillion, Springfield. There are 9 registered groups and 5 active groups with 5 votes at this assembly. New group in Springfield Monday at 7:00. New group in Yankton, The Hand of AA Sunday at 1:30 PM at the 12-24 Club. Picnic end of June. Conference planning.

DIST 5: Shirlee H, DCM. Located in southeast region of SD and includes Lennox, Colman, Chester, Flandreau, Madison, Salem, Dell Rapids, Brandon, Sioux Falls. There are 28 registered groups and 15 active groups with 6 votes at this assembly. In process of updating our guidelines. We have added a new position to our district: a web liaison that works with our intergroup. We will be able to post district news along with intergroups. We are looking for ways to “carry the message” to our members that denotes unity. We have 3 active committees: PI, C&T and CPC.

DIST 6: Matt B. DCM. Located in northeast region of SD and includes Aberdeen, Ipswich, Leola, Britton, Redfield, Sisseton, Big Stone, Webster, and Falkton. There are 11 registered groups and 11 active groups with 3 votes at this assembly. Participation at the district level is low. We are being consistent in our efforts to encourage involvement. Participation both in showing up and financially is an issue. Distance covered 12 district. June 30 in Frederick we will be having our district meeting prior to an AA pig feed, hoping for a better showing. If in the area, please show up for volleyball, food, bon fire meeting.

DIST 7: Steve M, DCM. Located in central region of SD and includes Pierre, Gettysburg, Mobridge, Selby, Presho/Murdo area, and Ft. Thompson. There are 7 registered groups and 2 active groups with 2 votes at this assembly. Exciting time with upcoming Fall Conference. New meeting beginning in Kennebec. Pierre group taking speakers to women’s pen monthly. Issues facing district include participation from groups due to distances.

DIST 8: Jessie F, DCM. Located in the southeast region of SD and includes Miller, Huron, Wessington Springs, DeSmet, and Mitchell. There are 9 registered groups and 9 active groups with 2 votes at this assembly. Ethan, Howard and Parkston just contacted me to let me know they want to become more involved. I have visited Parkston and plan to visit Ethan June 24th. We also travel to Worthmore and Yankton to speak. We have Round Robin where our district travels around to other groups for supper and open meetings. Issues facing district include keeping our meetings on topic and being self-supporting. We are planning a district 8 “Recovery Workshop” on November 4th at the Woonsocket Community Center. All are welcome and appreciated.

DIST 9: Gail V, DCM. Located in east central region of SD and includes Arlington, Brookings, Clark, Lake Preston, and Watertown. There are 11 registered groups and 10 active groups with 4 votes at this assembly. We had our mini conference in April at the Gilbert Area Clubhouse. We had a great turnout; had 3 presentations. I continue to do traveling meetings to update groups and get them involved in our district. I will be bringing ideas to our next district meeting in July at Lake Preston Community Center for possible events to put on. I’m seeing the groups do more contributions since traveling meetings have started. Robyn F has agreed to continue to keep our district directories updated for us. Issues facing district include lack of participation in service positions. We are still without a district secretary but hopeful one will volunteer. I’m continuing to get updated meeting information to Todd T and Sue K, working to eliminate duplicate mailings from GSO. I send out District mailings to group contacts about upcoming events and minutes from district meetings, encourage all to share the info and pass it on and to consider a service position.

DIST 13: Bruce T., DCM. Located in northwest region of SD and includes Belle Fourche, Buffalo, Deadwood, Lead, Spearfish, Sturgis, and Whitewood. There are 9 registered groups and 7 active groups with 1 vote at this assembly. Increasing group activity, new meetings and couple new groups forming in registration process. Active in taking meetings to jail and treatment centers. Good attendance at District meetings which rotate to different monthly locations. Bob M. is new conference chairman for the 2013 Fall Conference. Planning meetings continue in preparation of this upcoming event. Sturgis group planning rally meetings. PI chair working to further distribute meeting schedules to enable tourists to more easily find meetings.

DISTRICTS NOT REPORTING: 1, 3, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15.

AREA 63 CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP REPORTS

2012 Spring Conference, June 8-10, Rapid City, Ramkota, Hosted by District 2. Tammy F. reported.

2012 Summer Assembly, August 25, Hosted by District 8 in Mitchell, SD

2012 Fall Conference, September 28 – 30, Pierre, Ramkota, hosted by District 13. Steve M. reported.

2013 Winter Assembly, January 12, 13.

2013 Spring Conference, April 12, 13, 14, Yankton, Kelly Inn hosted by District 4. Bart reported.

2013 Summer Assembly, July 13, 14,

2013 Fall Conference, October 4, 5, 6, Spearfish, hosted by district. Holiday Inn in Spearfish. Bob M. reported.

Moved to close Matt. 2nd Gail. V

Meeting Adjourned and closed with Responsibility Pledge
Respectfully submitted by Sue K, Area 63 Secretary

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