

April 2006

Meeting at the Wasatch Presbyterian Church, 1625 South 1700 East, Salt Lake City

GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.. We realize the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups as a whole.

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AGENDA FOR DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING

April 27 7:00 PM

7:00 – 7:15 PM

Open – Moment of Silence

GSR Preamble

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Concept 4

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Introductions

Officer Reports

March Meeting Minutes – Doug R. (Page 2)

Treasurer's Report – James H (Page 6-7)

Corresponding Secretary – Charlie T.

2006 Post-Conference Host Committee Report – Michaelene R.

7:15–7:30PM

National Bridge the Gap Workshop – Grahame L.

Area 69 Gudeline Review Recommendations – Jodi E.

7:30–7:40PM

Chair Reports

Archivist – Lanna Y.

Corrections Chair – Jean B.

Grapevine Chair – Dawn G.

Literature - Michaelene R.

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PI/CPC Chair – Jim D.

Treatment Chair – Jay G. (Page 4)

7:40–8:00 PM

Old Business

Elections of DCM for sub-districts A, B & E

Elections of ALT-DCMs for sub-district E

Bridging The Gap Coordinator – Thom B.

New Business

Defrayment for the Treatment Chair, Corrections Chair, and BTG

Coordinator to attend the Nation & Area BTG Workshops

Workshop topics (2 in 2006)

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March 30, 2005

District 2 GSR Meeting Minutes

The meeting opened with a moment of silence.

Thom B. chaired.

Doug R. stood in as Recording Secretary.

The GSR Preamble was read.

The Responsibility statement was read.

Concept and Tradition 3 were read.

Introductions were made. There were several new GSRs in attendance, welcome and keep coming back! Two new meetings have been added to District 2. "Westminster Lunch Break", and "Sacred Healing".

The minutes of the February GSR meeting were read by Doug R. A motion to accept was made and seconded. The minutes were approved as read.

The Financial report was given by James H. There was discussion regarding the need for the District to get a tax-exempt ID. A motion was made that the Treasurer shall proceed with getting our own ID number. The motion passed, no dissensions or abstentions. James will proceed with the help of Jim D. A motion to accept the financial report was made and seconded. The financial report was accepted as read.

Charlie T., our Corresponding Secretary asked if there were any more new GSRs or meeting updates.

Pete G. gave a report back on the 2006 Pre-Conference Assembly. This was printed in the March issue of the District's newsletter.

Walter C. gave a report back on the 2006 PRAASA. His report was also published in the March issue of the District's newsletter.

Old business was discussed. The question was asked if any of the currently standing Alt-DCMs would be willing to stand as a DCM. The District is in need of 4 DCMs. Andrew R., the Alt-DCM for sub-district C stood. After qualifying he was unanimously elected as a DCM. Congratulations Andrew. The question was called regarding the rest of the vacant positions. No one was willing to stand for either a DCM, or Alt-DCM, Dawn G. stood for Recording Secretary. After qualifying and some discussion of other duties already held the body elect Dawn as our new Recording Secretary. Congratulations Dawn!

The concern of creating a Bridge the Gap Coordinator was discussed by Thom B. This new position would be a sub committee of the Standing Committees for Treatment Facilities and Corrections. There were a number of people interested in standing for the position but due to time restraints the issue was tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

The *District 2 Newsletter* presents news & notes from Utah Area 69, District 2 of Alcoholics Anonymous. Opinions expressed are not those of Alcoholics Anonymous. Please send your comments, suggestions, questions and/or article submissions to dist2_newsletter@utahaa.org or submit them at the monthly GSR meeting.

March 30, 2006

GSR Meeting Attendance Roster

Acceptance Group	Doug R., GSR	DCMC	Thom B.
An AA Group	Rob., GSR	Corresponding Secretary ...	Charlie T.
Basic Young People	Aaron A., GSR	Treasurer	James H.
Castaways	Jim E., GSR		
Foothill Group	Zachary K., GSR	DCM Sub-District C	Pete G.
Lunch Break	Chase C., GSR	DCM Sub-District D	Walter C.
Magna Friendly	Jeanie M., GSR	DCM Sub-District F	Wade J.
Magna Friendly	Linda M., Alt-GRS	Alt-DCM Sub-District F	J L M
Midnight Miracles	Stephen C., GSR		
Old Fashioned AA	Tony S., GSR	Corrections Chair	Jean B.
Sacred Healing	Eleanor I.L., GSR	Grapevine Chair	Dawn G.
Sobriety Hour	Dawn G., GSR	Literature Chair	Michaelene R
Survive and Serve	Myles S., GSR	Newsletter Chair	Doug R.
Tooele Group	David C., Alt-GSR		
Way Out	James, GSR		

If you would like to be listed on the attendance roster please be sure to sign the GSR Sign-in Sheet that the Corresponding Secretary passes around at each meeting.

Standing Chair Report Newsletter Chair

The Post-Conference Assembly will be held here in Salt Lake on May 19-21, 2006. This is a voting assembly, which means that all of those members who have voting privileges will be able to be the voice of their group's conscience. By the way, you still have three days to pre-register, saving your groups 2 buck on the registration.

Items that will be voted on during the business meeting on Saturday are two motions. One presented by John Mc and another by Grahame L. Those items were sent out by Area Secretary, there are also copies available tonight. We have the pleasure of having Grahame here tonight to further discuss his motion.

The Area 69 Guidelines Review Committee recommendations will also be voted on during the business meeting on Saturday. We are honored to have Jodi, the Co-Chair of the Guidelines Review Committee, here tonight. There are copies of the recommendations available tonight, they are also available on the Internet at www.utahaa.org/area69.html.

Thank you both for the tireless service that you both give to the Area, Districts and our Groups. Your efforts are inspiring.

It has been my pleasure to serve on the 2006 Post-Conference Hosting Committee as the co-chair of registration. Dawn Marie and I need your help. There are a couple sign up sheets for being at the registration table on Friday evening and Saturday morning into early afternoon. If you have some time available and are willing to help out please pick the time slot that you want and put your name and phone number by it.

Walter also needs a hand with hospitality, please talk with him if you want to help out in the hospitality suite. I believe he has sign up sheets too.

Two months ago my PC had a major hick-up. Some of the addresses for the newsletter e-mail list were dropped. I was able to restore 135 of them, but the count was up to 230. Please bring a newsletter sign-up sheet back to your groups and ask them if they would sign up again. Please extend my apologies and let them know that I plan on keeping that list in a separate file that will be easier to back up.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Doug R.
dist2_newsletter@utahaa.org

Standing Chair Report

Treatment Facilities Chair

I will follow up on a lead at the University hospital psych ward, the Director is interested in bringing in an AA meeting. Dave C. has volunteered to chair a meeting there, thanks Dave!

Time for me is becoming a factor so I am looking for volunteers to serve on the Treatment Facilities Committee to help get meetings into some treatment facilities.

Please let me know if you or anyone in your group would be interested in volunteering for this type of service.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Jay G.
Treatment Facilities Chair
dist2_treatment@utahaa.org

Report on upcoming event

Post-Conference Host Committee

The Area 69 Post-Conference Assembly will be held May 19-21, 2006 here in Salt Lake City at the Holiday Inn, 999 South Main Street. (Also known as 'the AA hotel')

The host committee has been busy preparing all of the details that go into an event like this.

The program for the weekend has been set. There will be a panel presentation on Friday evening that will discuss the outgoing theme of the year and one on Sunday morning that will present the incoming theme for the new year. The agenda

for the Area's business meeting has been set and are available here tonight. Saturday night's speakers will be a past Regional Trustee at large for the US and his wife.

There will be an Ask-it-basket meeting Sunday morning after the panel presentation. The Spiritual Meeting speaker will be our own Public Information Chair LeAnn L.

We need volunteers to help with registration (there are volunteer sheets available) and we need volunteers for the hospitality room. (there are sign up sheets

available for that also.) Donation for the hospitality room would be gladly accepted. Please see Walter C. for more information on donating items for the hospitality room.

You may pre-register before May 1, 2006. It saves you a couple dollars on the registration fee. Registration forms are available here tonight.

If you have any questions please see Michealene, the chair, Pete G., the co-chair. Or any of the other committee members; Dawn Marie, Sara N., Jodi E., Walter C., Doug R.

Upcoming Events

Mark your Calendar

Post-Conference Host Committee
Directly after the GSR Meeting

April 27, 2006

Post-Conference Assembly
District 2 – Salt Lake City

May 19 - 21, 2006

Native American A.A. Gathering
Banning, CA

May 20 - 21, 2006

Area 69 Bridge the Gap Workshop

Price

June 17, 2006

Pacific Region Forum

Seattle, WA

June 23-25, 2006

Pre-Assembly Workshop

District 3 - Provo

August 19-20, 2006

National Bridge the Gap Workshop

Salt Lake City

August 8-10, 2006

New meeting

Westminster Lunch Break

The Lunch Break meeting was started on February 16, 2006. It was a revival of an older meeting that had lost support. The idea came from Dave P. and Ahmad S. It could be an easy outlet for students from the school to find the help they needed. With the growing problem of college alcoholism it was a way to offer them a way out. Many people are too afraid to venture off campus and admit their struggles to a group they were unfamiliar with. This was a way to show them that their peers and classmates have the same disease. Some of the problem with the former meet-

ings was that the chair and leaders of the group graduated and left. We are hoping to gain enough support that it will continue even after people leave the school.

The Lunch Break is a close knit Alcoholics Anonymous meeting. Although we are attended with a majority of younger people, we value the wisdom and guidance of the "old timers". It is an open meeting because young people have a hard time classifying themselves as an alcoholic. In addition young people starting the program often have family involved who like to at-

tend the meeting with their son/daughter. We understand the danger of teenage alcoholism. I for one know how hard it is to relate when you are young, but it is vitally important in most cases to take care of this problem early. We hope to see that this group will aid those still sick and suffering.

The Lunch Break meets on Wednesdays at noon. We meet at 1700 South 1300 East Room 209 of the Converse Hall. Come join us!

Chase S. (G.S.R)

New meeting

Sacred Healing

The Indian Wake in center, located on 1300 South and 120 West is host to a new AA meeting; Sacred Healing. The have met every Wednesday night at 8:00PM since September 2005.

This open meeting typically starts out with an invited guest speaker, who shares their ex-

perience, strength, and hope for the first 10 or 15 minutes. Then it's opened for general sharing.

The identification that one alcoholic has with another is mysterious, spiritual – almost incomprehensible. It crosses all barriers of race, creed, ethnic background and social status. As

Bill says in *As Bill Sees it*, "We recovered alcoholics are not so much brothers in virtue as we are brothers in our defects, and in our common strivings to overcome them."

If you're interested in volunteering to speak please their GSR Eleanor I.L.

Tradition Four

"With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation. On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

Just as the 3rd Tradition gives each AA member the right to say they are an alcoholic, the 4th Tradition grants the privilege of any gathering of alcoholics to say they are an AA group. In fact, this tradition guarantees every group has the right to be wrong.

An AA group is accountable only to their own group conscience. There is no such thing as exile for any group of alcoholics. The reason for this is simple. To deny a group membership is a penalty which alcoholics can ill afford. So each group has the right to govern themselves according to their own specific needs and challenges. The only requirement is that there be no other affiliation tied to the AA name. We don't have Protestant AA groups nor do we have Communist AA groups. We have groups of AA members who gather together to make a haven for those who still suffer.

In order to become an AA group, all you need to do is fill out a group registration form that simply asks for the group name, location, meeting times and, if acceptable to the group, a group contact person. No entrance fees or examinations. When the paperwork goes through District, Area or GSO hands, the group is assigned a group number and becomes part of the whole. Helpful information is sent to the contact person in the form of a group starter-kit that includes the basic group information. There are no rules to follow, no standard structure that the group must follow.

There is a plethora of suggestions, however. A pamphlet called 'The AA Group' is available that provides more suggestions than a standard 1040 tax booklet. I found out long ago that these suggestions didn't come from years of trouble-free group success stories but rather the opposite – they are hard-earned experiences from examining what didn't work and what does work. Even after years of sobriety and a wealth of knowledge, most of our group problems are not unique.

The fact is that some groups will not follow the Traditions and will ultimately fail or adjust to the situation, follow a group conscience and eventually prosper. The absolute beauty of this cycle is that the 4th Tradition guarantees that every group has the right to learn their own lessons. Alcoholics Anonymous, as a whole, must and will survive to help each group carry out their primary purpose.

As an example, District 2 is a group of alcoholics in its own right. When we found the need for a District newsletter, we did not need to ask permission or obtain a special permit from Area 69 or the General Service Office in order to publish a newsletter. As a collective group, we saw the opportunity to help other alcoholics and the group conscience determined that the Newsletter would benefit all.

Even though we did not need any other entities' permission, we reviewed potential issues with other AA groups such as the Central Office, Area 69, Districts 10, 11 and 3 and determined that our actions would cause no harm to the Intergroup structure, Area 69 or AA as a whole. It was a collective decision. It has been very beneficial to not only District 2 but to other entities. But, because it was a collective decision, if it had failed we would not have held a trial or a tribunal but simply chalked it up as a learning experience. We not only had the right to be wrong, we had the right to try something on our own (autonomy) in order to benefit a group of alcoholics in recovery.

Officer Report District 2 Treasurer's Report

The bottom line . . .

March Bank Statement:
\$2,737.48
Balance Total – March: \$
2,347.09
*Differences in the total account
for checks which have not
cleared yet and corrections.*

A quick note . . .

I know, through personal experience and correspondence with a few groups, that not all groups can afford to contribute to the district after paying general expenses. After speaking with a few people, I got the impression that they thought a group needed to contribute to the district to be represented there. That is not true! Whether your group contributes or not, please know that you are not only welcome, but that we really want to see you here!

Please join us at the district meetings to give us your perspective and carry the voice of your group conscience! The district is at its healthiest when we have a diverse and representative GSR body guiding the district servants.

Health of District Finances . . .

The District continues to be in a good financial shape. Thank you for supporting the District!

Tax Exempt Status . . .

The voting members at the March GSR meeting voted for the District to seek it's own tax exempt status. I expect this to be completed by the May DCM/GSR meetings.

Corrections . . .

March showed record pink can contributions. Some of this is

because our illustrious Corrections chair Jean B. and I caught up on some back contributions. In any event, contributions tallied to just over \$1600.00, most of which has already been used in spreading our message to those in the corrections system. I am overwhelmed by the generosity shown by the groups in District 2. I may be biased, but I believe Corrections is one of the most worthwhile uses of group funds, so my personal thanks go out to all of you seeking to support this program.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, and thank you for letting me serve.

James H.
District 2 Treasurer
dist2_treasurer@utahaa.org

Corrections (Pink Can)	February	March	Year to Date
5:30 Sobriety Hour	\$78.41	\$122.97	\$201.38
974 Group			\$0.00
An AA Group			\$13.01
Acceptance Group		\$14.67	\$46.35
Basic Young People's			\$0.00
Chapter 5	\$33.84		\$33.84
City at Seven		\$307.51	\$307.51
Foothill		\$98.03	\$98.03
Honey's Breakfast Club			\$0.00
Midnight Miracles	\$13.40	\$92.52	\$105.92
Monday Night Woman's IITB	\$12.07	\$92.71	
Non-smoking Sobriety Hour	\$78.41	\$875.78	\$1,218.75
Tooele Beginners			\$0.00
Unknown			\$0.00
TOTAL	\$216.13	\$1,604.19	\$2,024.79

District 2 Financial

2006 Treasurer's Report	January	March	Year to Date
OPENING BALANCE	\$2,665.64	\$2,872.40	\$2,272.09
INCOME			
Contributions	\$719.08	\$337.73	\$1,300.42
DCM Meeting Basket	\$10.00	\$21.00	\$36.00
GSR Meeting Basket	\$23.00	\$38.75	\$93.75
Workshops			\$0.00
PINK CAN (Treasurer)	\$309.25	\$1,604.19	\$2,129.57
	\$762.08	\$397.48	\$1,432.17
EXPENSES			
Pink PC	\$300.00	\$36.98	\$426.98
Contributions (Budgeted)	\$189.00	\$1,220.47	\$1,997.51
Contributions (Pink Can)		\$50.00	\$50.00
Literature		\$50.00	\$50.00
Treatment		\$0.00	\$0.00
Accessibilities		\$0.00	\$0.00
Grapevine		\$108.24	\$498.24
Committee sub total	\$390.00	\$108.24	\$498.24
Workshops/Assemblies			\$0.00
Hotels	\$40.00	\$130.00	\$250.00
Registration		\$87.00	\$87.00
Mileage	\$42.30	\$98.00	\$214.70
PRAASA/FORUM	\$444.50	\$444.50	\$444.50
DCM Expenses sub total	\$62.30	\$759.50	\$1,078.50
GSR Expenses		\$21.26	\$21.26
Office Supplies		\$0.00	\$0.00
Photo Copies	\$4.13	\$8.79	\$12.92
Postage		\$0.00	\$0.00
GSR Coffee		\$25.00	\$25.00
GSR / DCM Rent		\$40.00	\$40.00
Post Office Box		\$25.00	\$25.00
Corresponding Secretary		\$69.13	\$69.13
Treasurer		\$547.43	\$547.43
Recording Secretary		\$922.79	\$922.79
Other Expenses sub total	\$69.13	\$956.05	\$2,479.18
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$547.43	\$922.79	\$1,825.92
CLOSING BALANCE	\$2,876.49	\$2,347.09	

Pink Can not included in TOTAL INCOME

Budget	Balance
\$200.00	\$200.00
\$0.00	\$73.02
\$2,129.57	\$632.06
\$60.00	\$460.00
\$100.00	\$60.00
\$100.00	\$100.00
\$100.00	\$100.00
\$1,500.00	\$973.02
\$1,500.00	\$150.00
\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
\$300.00	\$213.00
\$650.00	\$735.30
\$650.00	\$205.50
\$3,550.00	\$2,553.60
\$30.00	\$68.74
\$20.00	\$20.00
\$200.00	\$187.08
\$30.00	\$30.00
\$30.00	\$30.00
\$300.00	\$150.00
\$90.00	\$60.00
\$50.00	\$60.00
\$25.00	\$0.00
\$30.00	\$30.00
\$666.00	\$605.82
\$5,905.00	\$4,132.64
\$5,905.00	\$4,132.64

Group, Contributions	February	March	Year to Date
5:15 Happy Hour	\$75.00		\$125.00
5:20 Sobriety Hour			\$0.00
974 Group			\$31.55
An AA Group			\$0.00
Acceptance Group		\$8.90	\$22.92
Basic Young People's Group			\$0.00
Bog Irish			\$0.00
Castaway	\$20.00		\$43.00
Chapter 5			\$0.00
City #1 Seven			\$0.00
DN S Group		\$20.00	\$20.00
Downtown Bunch			\$0.00
Early Morning Friendship Group		\$25.00	\$25.00
Football			\$0.00
Friday Night Speakers Meeting	\$13.43		\$13.43
Friendship Group		\$13.46	\$39.32
Honey's Breakfast Club			\$250.00
It's in the Book			\$0.00
Magna Friendly Bunch		\$60.00	\$60.00
Midnight Miracles			\$0.00
Monday Night Woman's IITB		\$10.00	\$10.00
New Way			\$0.00
No Rules		\$125.00	\$125.00
Non-smoking Sobriety Hour			\$0.00
Off the Curt			\$0.00
Old Fashioned AA			\$0.00
Restore us to Sanity			\$0.00
Richard's Street Group	\$16.22	\$27.86	\$160.89
Serenity Now!			\$0.00
Six Fouty New-Yorkers			\$0.00
Speak Easy Ladies		\$15.23	\$35.55
Stonewall Group			\$0.00
The Way Out			\$0.00
Toole's Beginners	\$52.50		\$210.00
Trying Again		\$32.00	\$62.50
Unknown			\$0.00
Unity Lunch Bunch			\$0.00
We care	\$66.46		\$66.46
Woman Stepping Up			\$0.00
TOTAL	\$243.61	\$337.73	\$1,300.42