

Valleywide Hospitals and Institutions Business Meeting Minutes
Community Bridges Bill Wilson Hall
2770 East Van Buren Street Phoenix, AZ
Website: www.vwhi.org
Wednesday April 12, 2017

Robert opened the Meeting with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer 7:02 PM.

Aaron D. read the 4rd Tradition.

Robert requested all of the new H&I Home group Reps to please stand introduce themselves as well as the group that they were representing. WELCOME TO ALL!!

Announcement from the Chair: Robert said that we have individuals here this evening to Speak about the up coming Correction Conference which will be held Friday May 5 and Saturday May 6th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Paradise Valley.

He then introduced Greg H. the Program Chair for the Committee. Greg gave his background and the purpose of the Conference. He said that we cant do it alone. To PLEASE attend the event.

Robert then introduced Mel F. who is the Area 03 Corrections Coordinator. Mel said that one of the things that will be happening on Friday is to show a brand new DVD regarding Corrections that has not been shown in Arizona. Mel also stated if your attending the Conference as a Professional then you do not have to pay.

Mel also said that we will have shirts and coffee cups at the event for sale.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CO CHAIRPERSON: Aaron D. said that If your a coordinator and cant make it to the Meeting then please let Aaron know anytime up to 5 Minutes before the Meeting and he will be willing to make it for you.

SECRETARY: Tracey said that the Minutes are on the back table from the previous Meeting. They were approved. Tracey then said that you are presenting a report to please make sure that you had a hard copy in for your report to Tracey.

TREASURER: Dennis presented the below Treasurer's Report which was approved.

<i>BALANCE FORWARD</i>	<i>\$5,097. 72</i>
INCOME	
Group Contributions	\$5717.69
Business Meeting Collections	\$42.10
INCOME TOTAL	\$5,559.79
<i>BALANCE AFTER INCOME</i>	<i>\$10,657.51</i>

EXPENSES	
Literature	\$6,497.00
Meeting Lists	\$500.00
U haul Storage Unit	\$164.58
Printing	\$116.77
Bank Fees	\$10.00
Awareness Day	\$62.07
Yearly Insurance	\$396.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,747.02
BALANCE AFTER EXPENSES PAID	\$2,910.49

LITERATURE: Keith said that this month we spent \$6,497.60 on 900 books and AA approved literature. He said that the Corrections CD can also be ordered. The last day to order literature for next month will be April 27th as Keith will be placing the order on April 28.

AWARENESS DAY: Shawna said the Springs Awareness Day is April 22 at Cave Creek Regional Park (North of Carefree Highway and 32 Street) from Noon to 6:00 PM. Fliers are available on the back and also at vwhi.org.

- * Printed tickets are available please sign out tickets for sale and sell them at your home groups.
- * Tickets are \$5.00 or donate any Big Book/12x12.
1 hamburger and hot dog, bag of chips, bottle of water and one raffle ticket.
- * Park Entrance Fee: \$6.00 per car load (less than 10 people).
Discounted parking books in advance from Maricopa County at <http://www.maricopacountyparks.net> set of 3 @\$15/ 5@\$24/ 10@\$45.
- * Bring your own lawn or stadium chairs.
- * Live band . 6 Bliss
- * Pre sale for Grand Raffle Prize . 50+LED TV . Need not be present to win!
- * 50/50 raffle AND donated/ prepurchased items . Raffle ticket at event. Winner for these must be present to win.
- * Requesting home groups to donate raffle baskets/bake sale items.
- * Bob C. Corrections Speaker.
- * Josephine V. Treatment speaker.
- * 20 tickets to be donated to 2 sober living facilities- Male & Female.
- * VB Tournament/ Kids activities/ Bake sale
We need YOUR help! We need volunteers- Patty party. Set Up Clean Up
Show up and Steve will put you to work!
- * H&I Coordinators are strongly encouraged to attend.
- * Area 03 Grapevine and Literature and Bridge the Gap will all be represented.
- * Next Awareness Day Planing Committee Meeting will be meeting at Freedom Hall 27 Street and Thomas Monday 4/17 at 7:00 PM.

WEB SERVANT: Steve said that the Contact sheet that we have made available to those here this evening and is confidential and PLEASE do NOT give out the contact info.

TREATMENT COORDINATOR: Eric said that he attended his first Steering Committee Meeting. He is defining role 1. EDUCATION ON ROLE- Traditions/Lessons learned. 2. Connected with Aaron D. 3. Need to connect with Matt G.

CORRECTIONS COORDINATOR: Morgan not present and no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NOTE:

In even months reports from Hospitals and Treatment will be presented.
In odd Months Corrections and Prisons will present their reports.

HOSPITALS EAST: Aaron said that all is good.

HOSPITALS WEST: Morgan not presented however Aaron said on his behalf that all is good

TREATMENT CENTERS: Matt G. not present and no report given.

COMMUNITY BRIDGES WEST: Matt H. not present however he did send an e-mail to Aaron that he would not be able to attend due to work however report was given by Aaron who stated that they are currently taking three meetings into this facility every week on Sunday, Monday and Friday. All meetings are in good standing.

COMMUNITY BRIDGES EAST: Georgia not present however Robert said that he got a message from her that all of her meetings are in good standing.

MCSO: Ed Not reporting this month. He did texted Aaron that he would not be here this evening.

SPANISH: Javier not present and no report.

DURANGO: JJ Not reporting this Month and was not present.

TOWERS-TENTS-ESTELLA: Shawna not reporting this month.

LOWER BUCKEYE - 4TH AVENUE: Aaron B. Not reporting this month.

PHOENIX WEST: August Not reporting this month.

FEDERAL CORRECTIONS: Bootsie Not reporting this month.

ALHAMBRA: Open Not reporting this month.

JUVENILE CORRECTIONS: Bre said that she has added new meetings at Aurora East Sedona Unit at 3:00 PM stated on April 2nd.

* Mystery solved regarding the 2 PM Sunday Meeting at Aurora East. This is an adult meeting and not juvenile.

* Need volunteer for Aurora East Tuesday night at 7:45 PM.

* Oasis Behavioral Health in Chandler meetings has been suspended. Trying to get a call back and explanation on from new person in charge.

* Salt River DOC Meeting no change.

FLORENCE: John Not reporting this month.

PERRYVILLE: Lilly Not reporting this month.

SERVICE LIAISON: Aaron B. said that over the last month that he was approached with a question about how an incarcerated sibling could correspond with sober members of Alcoholics Anonymous and work through the Steps. I let her know that Bridging the Gap does not do Corrections Correspondence. Aaron provided her the address for General Service Office (GSO) in New York, this Hospitals and Institutions Committee, and his own information.

Aaron also said that as long as we are on the subject of Corrections Correspondence I think it is important to let you know that there are not enough men in AA to answer all the requests from confined male alcoholics. He said that he has sponsored dozens of men through the mail and it has added to his program immensely. He put pamphlets in the table for this did you grab one for your home group?

As the Service Liaison he has the opportunity to steer people toward being of service for the Valleywide H&I Committee. If you or anyone you know has a question about being of service and you are not sure about who you might want to speak to about it then give me a call or email. This even will work well if a person is new to sobriety and or service. He has many years of experience in this area and it is really his favorite AA Service.

Mel also stated that for the women their has been a request for Women who read/write in Spanish as to Correspondence for women.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Heather said that she has Contact information sheets, Pink can labels for your home groups, also info sheet as to what to tell your home group about the information that is given out at this meeting.

BRIDGE THE GAP: Pat said that as of today AA BTG meetings going into Banner Thunderbird Cascade and Sandia, Quail Run and Copper Springs have volunteers in place. He said that the have sufficient volunteers that they only need take a meeting in every other week and still have weekly coverage.

* They have received Corrections Pre -release requests for contact in March, one from Florence and 3 from Perryville. They are still receiving requests with incomplete return address.

- * They only had one treatment request in March and it came from Florida.
- * New phone number is functioning well. They received the first text message last week.
- * BTG will be represented at the H&I Awareness Day Celebration. They will be doing an information table with sign ups now that they have replaced the missing Banner.
- * Ed and Pat will be participating in the 17 annual Corrections Conference at Gloria De in Paradise Valley May 5 and 6.
- * Currently they have \$47.97 in the bank account. They have re-instituted the 7th tradition at the committee meetings.
- * They will be relocating their monthly BTG meetings to Jerry's Restaurant 2233 E Thomas Road. The first meeting at that location will be April 27th.
- * Pat introduced everyone to Ashley S. who is the newest committee member and is bringing excellent experience and a strong service commitment. WELCOME ASHLEY.
- * There was a question regarding the SRI Meeting directories if they could be completed with out staples in them.

INTERGROUPS

SPANISH: Javier not present and no report.

AGUA FRIA: George said that April 14-16 is the 28 Annual AFI Family Camp out and Fishing Derby. The event will be held at Bartlett Lake in the South Cove. Registration site fee will be \$10.00 per adult and you can register online at www.aawestphoenix.org. There will be meetings, potluck, kids activities, a chill cook off and raffle prizes. The event starts Friday at noon.

The AFI has committee positions open in the coming months and needs volunteers. Available are Treasurer, Secretary, 2 Steering Committee Members & Newsletter. If you are interested you can contact George or come to the next AFI Business Meeting which is held on the first Tuesday of the month and the next one will be May 2 at the New Life Community Church 8155 West Thunderbird Road Peoria.

EAST VALLEY: Roxanne said that the PI/ CPC: Presented and had a table at Compassion Queen Creek for the homeless. There were around 400 in attendance. This was the last event for the homeless until the fall.

- * Next Sponsorship Workshop is May 6 at the Gilbert Presbyterian Church 245 E Guadalupe Rd in Gilbert.
- * Mesa Round Up is May 13 %Spring Fling+ at First Christian Church 805 N Country Club Mesa.
- * Anniversary Dinner on March 18 was a HUGE SUCCESS!!
- * Last month they had 46,243 visits on their website.

SALT RIVER: Tracey for Zee who said that the 74 Anniversary is on Saturday April 15 at Phoenix College from 5:00 -9:00 PM. This is a free event.

Save the Date for SRI Summer Round Up August 9-11. New location August 9-11 in Scottsdale at the McCormick Ranch

OLD BUSINESS:

OPEN POSITIONS

ALHAMBRA: Tony volunteered for this position. He qualified and was elected into this position.

LEWIS: Still open

* **BI Laws:** Dennis asked if we could take this off. As they have been approved it was agreed that yes they can come off.

* There was no old business from the floor.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Robert said that the National Corrections Conference St.. Louis, Mo November 10-12, 2017.

An estimated breakdown for the funding:

Registration \$30.00

Banquet \$30.00

Lodging \$390.00

Airline \$400.00

TOTAL \$850.00

This is for info bring it back to your home group to take a vote as to weather the groups feel as though this would be something that they would like for us to send a representative to this event.

Their was no new business from the floor.

We went around the room for birthdays.

Closed the Meeting at 8:10 PM with the Responsibility Declaration.

Submitted

Tracey J Moreland