

Valleywide Hospitals and Institutions Meeting Agenda
Community Bridges Bill Wilson Hall
2770 East Van Buren Street Phoenix, AZ
Website: www.vwhi.org
Wednesday May 10, 2017

Robert opened the Meeting at 7:09 PM with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Aaron read the 5th Tradition.

Robert asked for all of the Introduction of the new H&I Home group Reps Welcome

Announcement from the Chair: Robert said that we had Corrections Conference last month. He said that there were 80-90 people in attendance. He said that their were Round tables that went well. He said that they had Professionals gave their perspective which is always interesting. He said that one of them were rotating prisoners could be the faces though. It was a success financially also. He said that there is one thing about the Phoenix AA Community they come together and help support.

STEERING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CO CHAIRPERSON: Aaron D. If you are a Coordinator and cant be here that Aaron will be willing to make his report on your behalf. You can contact him up to 5 Minutes before the meeting.

SECRETARY: Tracey said that the Minutes on the web site will always be posted on the evening of the Meeting hence it will always be a month behind.

She also said that if you are giving a report please provide a copy of your report to Tracey after you have completed it.

The minutes were approved.

TREASURER: Dennis presented his Treasurer's Report which is below and approved.

BALANCE FORWARD	\$2,910.49
INCOME	
Group Contributions	\$8,84.35
Business Meeting Collection	\$70.55
INCOME TOTAL	\$8,917.90
BALANCE AFTER INCOME	\$11,828.39
EXPENSES	
Literature	\$6,513.62
Meeting Lists	\$1,079.50
U haul Storage Unit	\$164.58
Printing	\$213.00

Bank Fee	\$10.00
Awareness Day	\$662.99
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8644.09
BALANCE AFTER EXPENSES PAID	\$3,184.30

LITERATURE: Keith said that this month we spent \$6,513.52 on 880 books and 460 of AA approved pamphlets. He gave his contact information which you can find on vwhi.org. The last date to place literature orders is May 30th.

AWARENESS DAY: Shawna said that she has received very positive feedback their was about 150 people in attendance who had a great time and the band and speakers were fantastic. Their were awesome volunteers and collaborative effort ó THANK YOU! Had 3 raffle drawings took a wile. Thank you to those who had baked goods donated. Please return your unsold blue raffle tickets at the next months Business Meeting. Final tally of money collected TBD. If you have not yet turned in your money please see We NEED Coordinators support at the events!! Next planing meeting is at Freedom Hall 27 Street and Thomas Monday May 15 @ 7:00 PM. Items on the agenda are to determine date and location for the next event ó Later Summer/Early fall suggestions welcome. Likely to pre sale raffle tickets for grand prize tv ó If voted öYesö by the committee raffle tickets for pre sale (winner need not be present to win) will be available at the next month Business Meeting. Committee members needed and welcomed

WEB SERVANT: Steve said that we still don't have on line contributing. He again reminded everyone that the Minutes do not go online till after the Meeting hence they are always a month behind.

TREATMENT COORDINATOR: Eric Out of Town. No report.

CORRECTIONS COORDINATOR: Aaron for Morgan said no major developments. Corections Conference was Saturday and was well received. Still sorting out the National Corrections Conference which will be held later in the year.

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 Not reporting this month. Present
HOSPITALS WEST: Morgan Not reporting this month. Not Present
TREATMENT CENTERS: Matt G. Not reporting this month. Not present
COMMUNITY BRIDGES WEST: Matt Not reporting this month. Not present
COMMUNITY BRIDGES EAST: Georgia Not reporting this month. Present

MCSO: Aaron for Ed. Said that they got 3 renewals and 1 new badge last month.

SPANISH: Robert reporting for Javier who said that they have their meetings are at 2720 E Thomas Rd. Building B180 in the Spanish Intergroup office every second and fourth Tuesday at 7:00 PM. They have 16 volunteers and three of them are women.

They visit Lower Buckeye Jail, Durango Jail, Tents and Estella.

Lower Buckeye: 10 Meetings attendance 59 inmates

Durango Jail: 21 Meetings attendance 151 inmates

Tents: 3 Meetings attendance 28 inmates. There will not be meetings at the tents because they were closed on April 26.

La Estrella: 4 Meetings attendance 48 inmates.

We keep visiting the treatment centers volviendo a vivir every Monday and casa del refugio every Thursday and Saturday.

DURANGO: JJ said that this month gave him a lot of opportunities such as realized that my MCSO badge had expired at the end of last month so he re-applied for a new badge.

Was able to provide 2 cases of Big Books, ½ a case of 12 x 12 and a handful of meeting lists to the Durango facility (Mrs. Anderson) which were needed. He also met with a couple of our fellowships as well to provide the essential literature that was needed for the Durango facility this month. Always thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

TOWERS – TENTS - ESTELLA- Shawna said that Tent City officially closed with the exception of Con. Tents work release (furlough) for men's unit- Meeting is at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays.

Women moved to Estelle's -HøDorm ó only missed 1 week for AA Meetings which is held every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. They could use more chairs for rotation.

Former Tent City Meeting for women at Tuesday 7 PM -TBD if that meeting is reestablished. Office Rice is very supportive working on getting 2nd meeting.

Men moved to Durango unit contact JJ for more information.

TOWERS is a male facility but women can co chair with a male ó need more chairs.

ESTRELLA is a female facility only women can chair but male speakers are allowed four times a year.

Sobriety requirements: Badged is 2 years sober and òoff paperö for at least 1 year, attends training, submit an application and get fingerprinted. Felons need to have been out of jail or prison for 3 years. òOff Paperö means out of county facility, jail, or prison. Gate Passes are year sober and must go in with a badged volunteer. See valley wide website at www.vwhi.org for forms, instructions, and contact info.

Gate passes can be submitted and issued electronically in a couple of days provided all paperwork is complete. If you decide to pursue a full access badge you will need to attend the 3 hour training and have prints/photo ID downtown and contact Ed R. who is our MCSO liaison to submit the official sponsoring letter to the Sheriff's office.

If you meet the 2 or more year sobriety you may want to start with the gate pass for the following reasons faster than the badging requirements, go in with a òbadgedö volunteer while waiting for your badge is being processed(training class / fingerprinting), opportunity to see if the service commitment is a good -fitö

No training classes for this month due to Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.

June's class schedule is tbd.

LOWER BUCKEYE - 4TH AVENUE: Aaron B. said that when he got badged for the County Jails when he was 2 years of sobriety. He was grateful so he was willing to go wherever the jail personnel thought that he is best for him to go. They suggested 4th Avenue Jail and he went. At that time there were no AA Meetings going in the jail. After being shown in by another 12 Step Fellowship I came to Valley wide H&I to find out What the heck is going on around here?!?! At that first meeting you all were looking for a 4th Avenue and LBJ Coordinator. I took the position only to find there was only one AA Meeting going into that facility. What the heck is going on around here?

Currently there are 7 AA Meetings info 4th Avenue and there are 8 AA Meetings going into LBJ not counting the 5 Spanish AA Meetings. Want to help the still suffering Alcoholic? Our brothers and sisters need you! This is where the juice is! Come and get it!

PHOENIX WEST: August said that they are taking meeting from 1-3 on Saturdays and that it is Big Book Meeting.

FEDERAL CORRECTIONS: Bootsie said that there is Meeting at this location on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 PM. The location is near I 17 and Pioneer.

ALHAMBRA: Tony said that he emailed the Chaplain in Henderson that he is stepping in as the new H&I Coordinator for Alhambra. He attended Volunteer Banquet where one of the inmates shared their gratitude to all of the volunteers. They showed the video Freedom to Unit F and had a very positive response.

He had a meeting with Chaplain Henderson regarding starting to new meetings in Flamenco unit Kim and James on Saturdays.

They did start the new meetings this last Saturday went well and in process of getting three new volunteers cleared. Meetings are back to back 1:30-2:30 and 2:30-3:30 PM on Saturdays.

One of the volunteers is stepping down on Tuesday meeting at Aspen. It is a 7 PM Meeting.

Mailed time ticket for the month of April to Chaplain Anderson.

JUVENILE CORRECTIONS: Bre said that there is 1 new meeting it is Tuesday nights at 7:45 pm Aurora Tempe starts 5/16. At the Corrections Conference she meet with someone from MCSO who is supposed to put her in touch with the new Principal. She left message and am hopeful that she will return the call.

FLORENCE: August for John who said that they have forty five badged volunteers and fourteen more in process. Of those sixty roughly half have fixed meeting commitments. We are making a serious attempt, anew to stimulate the twenty five or so inactive volunteers. Though well outside of Florence area we provide two meeting per week to the Maricopa County Reentry Center at the request of Central Office.

We receive regular requests to bring meetings into the three CoreCivic Eloy prisons. We cannot satisfy those requests until CoreCivic relaxes its badging requirements. Ideally CoreCivic will allow us entrance based only on our DOC badge. That suggestion has been made and being presently considered by CoreCivic administration.

A request to bring meetings into the Mariana Correctional Treatment Center has been referred to the Tucson coordinator. A resumption of meetings at Eyman/Rynning is being negotiated. Meetings at Florence/East have dwindled due to volunteer inconsistency. A commitment for that Unit is being sought.

Florence Complexes volunteer group conscience meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at 2:00 PM at the Road to Recovery meeting room. Guests are welcome.

PERRYVILLE: Robert for Lilly who said that they accept BOTH Women and Men Volunteers. Requirements for badging are 3 years sobriety. NO illegal drugs in past 7 years. Past felonies are considered on case by case basis.

Guest Speakers have to have at least 1 year sobriety and MUST have NO felonies.

SERVICE LIAISON: Aaron said that as the Service Liaison I have the opportunity to steer people toward being of service for 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 e-mail. This even will work well if a person is new to sobriety and/or service. I actually have many years of experienced in this area and it is really my favorite AA service.

Over the last month I've had a few calls from people wanting to be of service in hospitals or institutions. This allows me to suggest a few different angles they could approach from and an opportunity to point out any variables involved. Thank you all for referring people to me.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Heather said that she had No report.

BRIDGE THE GAP: Pat for Ed said that their are things going on.

Trying to find items in the storage.

Pat has the release forms but not stamped.

Did a follow up RE: Maricopa Reentry Center: Issue of how to do this. Not clearly defined. He is hoping that try to get more info.

Phones have been working. Doing background to make sure everything is sent.

They had 2 new Committee Members join their Committee.

Next meeting will be at May 25 at 6:00 PM at the Tee Pee Tap Room 7th Street and Lincoln.

INTERGROUPS

SPANISH: Javier Not Present hence no report.

AGUA FRIA: George said that September 23 is the AFI Anniversary event. It will be held at the Peoria Community Center which is the same location as last year. A filer will be available soon. The AFI Christmas Alcathon is looking for a home group that would like to host the event. Contact the Intergroup Office for more information.

The AFI has committee positions open in the coming months and needs volunteers. Positions open are Treasurer, Secretary, 2 Steering Committee Members & Newsletter. If you are interested you can contact George or you can come to the next AFI Business Meeting. The Business Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month and then ext one will be on June 6th. The meetings are at the New Life Community Church 8155 West Thunderbird Rd. Peoria.

The July meeting will be held on the second Tuesday (July 11) because of the 4th of July holiday.

Volunteers are also needed at the AFI Office. There are open positions twice a month currently. Contact Kay at the AFI office for more information.

EAST VALLEY: Roxanne said that EVI has plenty of coffee pots to loan out for a Group's big event as they just purchased 1500 Watt 100 cup coffee pot as they found it at a great price.

Office Managers of the valley placed a bid for the 2019 COAA Seminar in 2019. It probably will be at Mesa Marriott Convention Center.

The Grapevine had a price increase on their themed story collection books of \$12.00. Several of the Grapevine books are going out of print.

Their was 39206 visits to the website in the last month.

Area03.org will have a survey on their website on whether to us PayPal or something like that. It is probably up now.

GSO is updating pamphlets and eliminating the pamphlet "Too Young."

SALT RIVER: Zee said that the SRI Anniversary was a success. They feed 800 people. They are looking for a larger place for next year.

The Summer Round Up is going to be at a new location this year. It is going to be at the Mc Cormack Resorts in Scottsdale at the Mc Cormack Ranch.

Banquet tables are total of \$480.00 which seats total of 8 people.

Registration Cost now is \$30.00 and at the doors will be \$35.00. Rooms are \$113.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

OPEN POSITIONS

LEWIS: Robert stated that we do still have an opening at Lewis. He stated that they have Senior volunteers that have been helping at this facility. They about 4-5 % more peer meetings then at any other facility.

* 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

Will discuss next month

* No Old Business came from the floor.

NEW BUSINESS: There was none.

We went around the room and had those that had birthdays to announce them.

Closed the meeting at 8:05 PM with the Responsibility Declaration.

Respectfully Submitted

Tracey J M