



Area 40 – District 11 Minutes – October 10, 2026 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by DCM Pat P., with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Alt DCM Mark W Read Short Form of the Twelve Traditions

No visitors spoke up to be welcomed to District 11.

Paul S read Concept 10:

"Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined."

Quorum established: 12 GSRs and 6 Committee Chairs = 18 voting members and 12 is quorum.

Home Group Announcements to include Area Assembly reports

We Are Not Saints -Victoria T. "we are growing and I enjoyed Area"

Sunlight of the Spirit - Sarah L. "nothing new" reading Living Sober with old members

848 - Jim M. not present

ODAAT – ~~Michael~~ Barb O "Area was a blast"

West End - Jon A. "we are growing" "no upcoming events" "we are cooking brisket for the Halloween party later today" "Area was productive, I went to Hotline Committee breakout and learned that we are missing 50% of the calls and all are returned" Jon is also on the Area ad hoc committee for Roundups.

Brown Baggers – Charles H. "we are strong and full" "low attendance at group conscience meetings, maybe we'll have them more often than once/month. We'll find out today" "I attended PI committee break out and have respect for everyone's hard work"

644 Group - Aimee S. "we are doing a group inventory" Zoom meetings 8pm, speakers every 3rd Friday, Language of the Heart on Sundays at 4pm. Will have a Halloween part on October 31, time is TBD" "I took Jess, the new GSR to Area and it was good."

Serenes - Tammy P. "we are still filling up the room, yet have only 4-5 members to rotate officer positions" "Zoom attendance was great! We bonded in the zoom room until we were given access to the Assembly. I went to the Treatment and Bridging the Gap breakout room. Interesting hearing about how other districts operate."

3 Legacies - Daniel M. "most everything is the same. Travel meeting is Hardin this coming Friday at 8pm" "I attended the Literature Committee break out at Area and since Committee Chair was gone, Andrew W. lead. We reviewed the changes for Living Sober, followed the non-typical process of changing wording in the Plain Language Big Book to replace the offensive term "Eskimo", there are concerns that since the EDW is ending, this committee will be overwhelmed. Some feedback included, maybe form subcommittees, use Zoom GSO is fretting about this too."

Serenity Seekers -~~Paul P.~~ Kate reported, "we have seven home group members and monthly speaker meetings are going well."

Great Reality - Andy M. "we have reasonably good attendance. Group conscience meeting we elected officers yet GSR and IGR are still not filled." "Area was great. There were elections and discussions about more Zoom meetings, especially in more rural districts."

Recovery Group –~~Matthius M.~~ TY B. "RG is steady with full meetings. Men's Retreat is October 23-25th" "Area was super fun! I went to PI break out and was encouraged to continue my enthusiasm"

Hardin- Jim B. "we have 25 members, meetings are Monday and Fridays at 8pm. October 31, we will have a potluck. Meet at L&B's and we will bus you over Sarpy Creek." "This was my first Area. Thanks to those who helped me get through it."

Absent groups – Lockwood, 848

1. Review September 12, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion #40 to Approve Daniel _____ Seconded by Kate _____

18__ In favor, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed

2. Treasurer's Report – presented by DCM Pat P

Motion #41 to Approve Victoria _____ Seconded by Andy _____

18__ In favor, 0 against, 1 abstained. Motion passed

3. Standing Committee Reports:

- Archives, Nadine F. See report
 - Bridging the Gap, Cameron M. "30 connections were made in the past 2 months"
 - Corrections, Virginia I. see report. Need more men and women Virginia keeps track of those who are ready for 2 year trainings. Received soft covers from area and 3 boxes are here. She got a stamp with hotline #. Thanks to Great Reality group for books/donation. She sorted books at passages. Thanks to WANS for sending Grapevine to jail
 - Hotline, Kate J. 7 calls 4 missed; issues with answering service at an area level. Thank you Jon A for stepping in. Aimee commented DAVE O. and Mike D. were talking... get calls answered ... nope
 - Grapevine, Mark W. see report. Loneliness 20 % off til Oct
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 - Treatment, Vince V. no complaints, 3 people showed up for meeting. 5 books there. Brent at Rimrock says everything's ok. Crisis Center, Psych Center, Rimrock all doing well. Comment re: Don M. Please let Brent with Rimrock know: their patients have been showing up to meetings at 644 Group on time, or late and are disrespectful, interrupting. Please let Brent know to get them there earlier!
 - Public Information, Don M. see report oct 3rd. both cards and flyers adding locations. Next meeting is Saturday November 7, 2pm @ 510 Cook.
 - Erika B report: We printed 220 more sheets that equals over 600 flyers. Paid for with budgeting monies. Looking into business cards. Jake will be the Alt Webmaster and is concentrating on protecting information online.
 - Communication with the Professional Community, Mitch A. comments on business cards, and please give feedback on survey (regarding Area Assembly and lack of voting members on Sunday). Area is scheduled for Easter weekend this spring ... maybe slide it back a week ..??
- There is a lot of rotation at, Big 5 Motel & off the streets wants a meeting --- that makes it difficult because it's dynamic/fluid Mitch will make a presentation to explain AA.
- Literature, Daniel M. the aa group flyer to be adjusted ... there is a que system to change literature. EDW is

being closed, so this committee might be overwhelmed. There is a lot of work to do. Want to stock up displays so will be ready to go for the next rotation

- Intergroup, Chris C. updates on budget, bookstore. Halloween party today at 5pm. Asked for helpers at 3:30pm to setup. NEW big books ... got a speeding ticket to area because he's so excited and did a good job at assembly with IGR presentation.
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- Al-Anon, Deb L. not here
- Turn in receipts ... Pat has check book

More Area comments:

Mark W. at Area, I enjoyed watching Lynne as Treasurer answer all the questions. ... good job! She is now our Area Chair!

Pat P. A lot of GSRs and district members attended. Losing the quorum on Sunday can be mitigated and right now the schedule is until noon. If someone is leaving early, you can pass voting right to someone who stays. Just tell them how to vote. This is the first time we're not able to complete business. We can learn patience and tolerance.

Jon A. This was the 6th time I've attended Area and it's always an issue. They try to cram everything in the back. It's ongoing.

Daniel M. If you leave early, you can ask a person on Zoom to vote.

Don M. Do we still need to hear from the past delegate when there's business to do? Too much fluff. In a rut? Can't see our way out of it.

4. District 11 Commitments:

Psych Center 6:00pm – 7:00pm, show up at 5:45

Monday	October – 644 Group	November <u>Serenes</u>
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Thursday	October – West End	November <u>Brown Baggers</u>
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Rimrock Foundation 6:00pm – 7:00pm, 2nd Sunday (Speaker Meeting)

7:00pm – 8:00pm Monday (Coed Meeting)

October – Brown Baggers	November <u>Uptowners</u>
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Community Crisis Center Saturday 10:00am – 11:00am

October – Recovery Group	November <u>WestEnders</u>
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Hotline

October – Serene's (women)/ Three Legacies (men)	November <u>644 Group</u>
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5. Old Business

A. Consider election of District 11 Grapevine Chair for the remainder of this rotation.
No one stood

B. Hold election for remaining District 11 Officers and Committee Chairs.

Tammy P secretary
Andy M. treasurer
David K Hotline
Daniel Grapevine
Archive open
Treatment open
Literature open

C. Review development of the proposed 2027 District 11 Spending Plan

Treasurer: (note District treasurer was not in attendance)

- Consider feedback from GSRs and Committee Chairs for the proposed 2027 District 11 Spending Plan.

D. Review feedback from groups on how to utilize District funds.

Discussion included: Increase budget \$350, other charges increased 33%. Use phone money (12-step) that will be canceled in November. Remember, Archives donated \$ to PI committee this year.

Motion to table vote until Treasurer is present.

Motion #42 proposed by Andy M

Seconded by JonA

16 in favor, 1 against, 0 abstained.

Minority opinion "we've already taken this item to groups." One voter reconsidered. No new motion.

Motion passed

E. Review update from the 2027 Fall Roundup Committee.

See report

F. Review progress on proposed updates to District 11 Policies and Procedures.

1. Request feedback from Committee Chairs for changes to job descriptions.

DCM and Alt DCM will meet to discuss this on Thursday and bring options to District for votes to change or not.

New Business

Consider whether one of our Home Groups would be willing to host the GSR Orientation.

January 2027. No offers.

Call for Motion to Adjourn

Motion #4: proposed by Mitch Seconded by Cam M.

all in favor, 0 abstained, 0 and against. **Motion passed.**

Closed with the Responsibility Statement at 12:03pm

**Next District Meeting
November 14, 2026**

In grateful service, submitted by:

Tammy P. (substitute for District 11 Secretary)

Information and Events:

- Information – Contact lists and Area 40 Site:
 - District 11 Contact List – Here is the [link](#) that will allow viewing and editing the list.
 - Area 40 Panel 75 Contact List – Use this [link](#) to view the list.
 - Calendar of Events – Use this [link](#) to view the Area 40 Calendar
 - Area Committee Information – Use this [link](#) to access Area 40 Committee information and District Mini-sites.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous Group Information Change Form – Use this [link](#) to access and download the form. Instructions for where to send the completed form are provided on the form. Suggest emailing the Area 40 Secretary.
- Event – South Central Montana Intergroup – Halloween Party
 - Date: October 10, Location: First Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St. W, Billings MT
 - Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-10Grapefest.pdf>
- Event – H.O.W Group Speaker Event
 - Date: October 10, Location: Fellowship Hall, 2165 Durston Rd., Bozeman MT
 - Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-10HOWGroupEvent.pdf>
- Event – District 41 Workshop – Bridging the Community
 - Date: October 10, Location: Great Falls Civic Center, Gibson Room, 2 Park Dr., Great Falls MT
 - Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-10District41Workshop.pdf>
- Event – District 61 Grapefest
 - Date: October 17, Location: Wilson House, 1376 Linden St., Helena MT
 - Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-10Grapefest.pdf>
- Event – Recovery Group – 39th Annual Fall Men's Retreat
 - Date: October 23rd – 25th, Location: Abba's Haven, Lavina MT
 - Registration/Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-10MensRetreat.pdf>
- Event – Attitude of Gratitude
 - Date: November 14th, Location: Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, 3580 N. Benton Ave., Helena MT
 - Registration/Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-11AttitudeOfGratitude.pdf>

Archivist Report Oct. 10, 2024

It has been a pleasure to
be the District 11 Archivist.
My most ~~to date~~ part has been
to interview old timers. I will
be meeting with Max & Patrick
later this week to update
for District 11 Policies & Procedures

Thank you
for allowing me to
serve.

Nadine F.

3 new interviews in last month
looking to do a few more before
end of the term.