



Area 40 - District 11 - April 12, 2025 - Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by DCM Pat P., followed by Serenity prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by the Alt-DCM Mark W. Daniel M. read the Fourth Concept, *"At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing all voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."*

Quorum was established with 12 GSRs and 6 committee chairs present for a total of 18.

Home Group Announcements

644 - Aimee S.

Safety was discussed at last group conscience, concluding with no weapons being allowed on the property of 510 Cook Avenue.

848 - Bob C.

Attendance varies with newcomers coming in.

Brown Baggers - Charles H.

We have newcomers coming into the group, all meetings are adequately attended. He attended Area Assembly last week and feels much more connected to Area and overall state of Montana.

Downtowners - Justin E.

Last month they completed elections for trusted servants and hope to get back on track.

Great Reality - Andy M.

Had a good Area meeting, got a lot out of it. Starting the second chapter of Plain Language Big Book in the Wednesday night book study, fascinating differences between the two.

ODAAT - Erika B.

Last night the group celebrated its 3rd birthday with a potluck before the meeting. Attended Area and went to her first breakout session and was completely overwhelmed, but came away with a new appreciation of the amount of work that people do. Also, very humbled by the amount being tackled. And, she was able to witness a unanimous vote and was very emotional.

Recovery Group - Annette R.

They just had a women's retreat, it was a big hit and well attended. God showed up. She was able to attend Area via zoom, she got to recognize the way God showed up in Bill and Bob's lives, managed to put this all together and designed it, with the love of Alcoholics Anonymous and that she was able to be part of it.

Serenes - Tammy P.

The group is going through a transition that is the opposite of growth. Currently there are three open service positions and they are completing a casual group inventory. Some members were very interested in her trip to Area while she was there, but not so much when she returned.

Serenity Seekers - Kate J.

Nothing to report.

Sunlight of the Spirit - Nita R.

Bringing in new members and having good discussions coming from "As Bill Sees It". Nita was able to attend Area, reporting that AA in Montana is thriving, felt a sense of belonging, and a sense of pride for being a part of something. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

3 Legacies -Daniel M.

Meeting Monday and Thursday night at 7pm at Unity Church basement at 14th Street West and Lynne Avenue. All meetings are closed discussion.

Travel meeting was the Founders day at Eagle Seekers. I was on the Three Legacies panel, and the workshops were well attended. The evening speakers carried a strong message.

Thanks to all who participated.

I received 2 male callers from the Hotline, and called back to one that didn't get through with no answer.

Our group decided to suspend community commitments for now to focus on our own group commitments.

Take away from Area was our past delegate, Libby was talking about bringing enthusiasm back to our groups. Gerry was talking about flight patterns of starlings, and how we all kind of move together with the unity of Alcoholics Anonymous. Also, there was a young man who had previously worked at the hotel where Area is held, came back again to speak at the mic about how attractive AA was to him.

We Are Not Saints - Angela F.

At group conscience only three of twelve people said they would help with District commitments, so there is a struggle to get people involved but effort is being made. Went to Area, loved Area, and have been there numerous times. Feels like it is her purpose in life, wants to know how AA stays alive, and how it is run by a bunch of drunks, and just wants to be a part of it. She thinks we have a great District and was glad to be there.

Absent groups: Lockwood and West End.

Review of March 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion #17: (Angela F./Vince V.) Motion to accept meeting minutes.

18 for, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

Corrections to be reflected on next month's report: Area's expense was \$314.75 and Pre-Assemblies expense was \$554.88. Additionally, there was a \$0.02 expense for Grasshopper app, which comes from the text messages being sent through at one penny per text. District received a \$100 check earmarked for Resource Workshop.

See enclosed report.

Motion #18: (Aimee S./Andy ?) Motion to accept Treasurer's Report.

18 for, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion carries.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives - Nadine F.

See enclosed report.

Bridging the Gap - Cam M.

Committee meetings are on the last Saturday of the month at Mazevo coffee shop on 8th and Grand at 11:30. Updates are happening to the phone list with a new one being available at the next District meeting. Six referrals came in and all were contacted. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Pat P. mentioned a possible new service opportunity for Bridging the Gap and Treatment that was discussed at Area.

Corrections - Mina C.

Important to remain eligible to take meetings into facilities you need to make your commitments. All facilities have different orientations. Liaisons for facilities: Kim R. for Passages, Pat P. for AlphaHouse, Annette R. and Mike for the jail, and Virginia I. for the prison.

See enclosed report.

Hotline - Kate J.

See enclosed report.

Grapevine - Mark W.

See enclosed report.

Treatment - Vince V.

Rimrock reported that they may change the speaker meeting section of the service commitment, nothing definite yet. There is discussion that with possible change to speaker meeting times, it may bring back the Saturday night live meeting, which was open to the public. Service commitments are being met at Rimrock, Crisis Center, and Psych Center, which is much appreciated. Contacts with flyers handed out on behalf of Resource Workshop include Crystal from New Day, Andy P at Billings Clinic, Martin because he works at the Hot Team at Rimrock, Tumbleweed, Crisis Center, and Billings Police Department. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Public Information - Don M.

See enclosed report.

Communications with the Professional Community - Mitch A.

Currently 35 people have registered for the workshop with a maximum capacity of 149.

See enclosed report.

Literature - Daniel M.

See enclosed report.

Intergroup - Barb O.

Nothing to report because she attended Area rather than Intergroup.

Alanon - Barb O.

Nothing to report, Alanon's District meeting is next week.

District 11 Commitments

Psych Center

6-7pm, arrive at 5:45pm

Monday

April - 848 Group

May - Brown Baggers

Thursday

April - 644 Group

April - 848 Group

<u>Rimrock</u>	7-8pm	
1st Friday, speaker	April - Brown Baggers	May - Sunlight of the Spirit
Mondays, discussion		
<u>Community Crisis Center</u>	10-11am	
Saturdays	April - Recovery Group	May - 644 Group
<u>Hotline</u>		
	April - West End	May - Recovery Group

Old Business

Report on the Joint District Pre-Assembly.

The Pre-Assembly went very well! Eight Area chairs attended with approximately 45 in overall attendance from Districts 11, 12, and 31. Next year Pre-Assembly will be in another District. Thank you to 644 for allowing us to use their space. Lots of good information was passed and discussed. Gas was the only expense that was reimbursed by the District's, but many expenses were avoided through the potluck and housing of Area chairs at local member's homes. The Treasurer has sent out checks to reimburse Area chairs and is receiving contributions from participating Districts. See enclosed financial report.

Review progress on the transfer of the 12 Step phone number to the District owned cell phone.

Questions about how the District is able to receive texts and if there is a cut off date to that service. Chair explained that since we are paid up through the end of the year we will continue to receive texts and phone calls, but will not be able to respond via that same number due to Federal regulations. There is a desire to regain the ability to text back with the same number for continuity of service with professionals. Question presented if it is possible to switch to a new phone number and have service available for workshop, and answered it may be possible. Prefer to keep Grasshopper in service until another number is set up to keep service available to professionals. Due date to get a refund is now negotiable or non-existent. Questions about the length of the process of either.

Motion #19: (Aimee S./Nita R.) Motion to move that we start the transition now to a new number and disseminate the information by the Resource Workshop, May 16th.

17 for, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion carries.

Debbie D. will assist Mitch A. with the process.

New Business

Election of District Grapevine Chair position.

Michelle M. willing to stand. She has a home group, has read the Policies and Procedures, is just short on the sobriety guideline of 2 years, her sobriety date is 7-27-2023, and has a heartfelt interest and dedication to the Grapevine. The Grapevine is part of what introduced her to AA before she got sober. She is inexperienced in AA service work, but has lots of experience with

committees and running meetings outside of AA. No one else is willing to stand and no more nominations.

Motion #20: (Pat P.) All in favor of Michelle M. standing for Grapevine chair.
17 for, 0 against, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

Request for group support for service opportunities for the AA: A Resource Workshop.

Group members are needed to help with set up, clean up, registration, name tags, and lunch set up. Please take requests back to groups to gather support for the workshop, then reach out to Mitch A. Recovery Group willing to help with set up. Vince V. volunteered to help with greeting and will get others involved. Erika B. will help with paperwork after the workshop. Mitch A. reminded people that there is no free lunch for AA's that help with the workshop.

Discuss options for Delegate's report.

Prior to three years ago, District 11 and 12 worked together for a joint Delegate report. This year an offer was extended by District 12 to join them on Saturday August 9th at Fireman's Point Campground. District 11 will be required to provide breakfast on Saturday morning. This date corresponds with District meeting time, so District will be at another time. Joint District involvement helps with the Delegate only having to travel to this area one time instead of once for each District. Supplies for breakfast will be an expense to the District. District already has campsites rented with space available for District 11 use. The second option is to schedule our own Delegate report time, including a group to host and possible food.

Motion #21: (Nadine F./Annette R.) Motion to stay at Fireman's Point for the
Delegate's report as we have done in the past.
16 for, 0 against, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

District will make use of past supply lists to determine what is needed for this year. Possibly reach out to Intergroup for their participation. Exploring options of when to have District meeting for August.

District in moving forward with filing for non-profit status.

Based on the amount of incoming money and Federal regulations, non-profit status is needed. Pat P., Debbie D., Lynne W., and Claire S. have been meeting. They need to file a non-profit with the state of Montana, file for a tax ID with the IRS, and then file the information return. There is a one time filing fee of \$275. There was discussion of getting outside help, but at this point it seems possible to file, also using the acquired information from other Districts. This status requires yearly filings to stay current, so it will need to be added to our Policies and Procedures so as to not fall off in subsequent years. The current tax ID number at the bank is not recognized with the IRS. If groups have more than \$5,000 of inflow on contributions, they may need to file for non-profit status. Help is available through the experience gained through this situation. Becoming recognized by the IRS does not relieve the Federal requirements with the Grasshopper app.

Information and Events

Spring Roundup

May 2-4th in Great Falls at the Heritage Inn - 1700 Fox Farm Rd. The room rates are \$119 until 4/18. The phone number is (406) 761-1900. Lynne W. from Billings will be speaking. Flyer and registration information at <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-05SpringRoundup.pdf>

AA: A Resource Workshop

May 16th at Billings Public Library, 510 N. Broadway. The cost is \$15 for AA members. Flyer and registration at <https://aa-montana.org/pdf/2025PIWorkshop-D11.pdf>

Call for Motion to Adjourn

Motion #22: (Vince V./Annette R.)

17 for, 0 against, 0 abstain. Motion carries.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Next District Meeting

May 10, 2025

In Service, submitted by:

April T.

District 11 Secretary

DISTRICT 11 TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL, 2025

	CHECKING ACCOUNT	PRUDENT RESERVE	PETTY CASH
OPENING BALANCE	\$ 6,798.60	\$ 3,186.95	\$ 100.00
INCOME	\$ 405.00	\$ 0.38	\$ -
EXPENSES	\$ 1,232.00	\$ -	\$ -
CURRENT BALANCE	\$ 5,971.60	\$ 3,187.33	\$ 100.00

INCOME	INCOME PLAN 2025	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD	CURRENT INCOME	TOTAL YTD INCOME	REMAINING INCOME
DISTRICT 11 7TH TRADITION	\$ 360.00	\$ 328.50	\$ 305.00	\$ 633.50	\$ (273.50)
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,840.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 4,060.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,360.00	\$ 2,168.50	\$ 405.00	\$ 2,573.50	\$ 3,786.50

EXPENSES	SPENDING PLAN 2024	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD EXPENSES	CURRENT EXPENSES	TOTAL YTD EXPENSES	REMAINING SPENDING
RENT	\$ 1,872.00	\$ 468.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 624.00	\$ 1,248.00
RENT - US POST OFFICE	\$ 232.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 232.00
DCM - AREA ASSEMBLIES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 869.63	\$ 869.63	\$ 130.37
DCM - DISTRICT TRAVEL	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
DCM - PRE-ASSEMBLIES	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
WCRAASC - 2025	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 206.35	\$ 206.35	\$ 293.65
WCRAASC Forum - 2025	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 750.00
COMMITTEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARCHIVES	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
BRIDGING THE GAP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
CORRECTIONS	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
GRAPEVINE	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
LITERATURE	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
PI	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
CPC	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
TREATMENT	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
AREA 40 HOTLINE	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
GRASSHOPPER 12TH STEP	\$ 300.00	\$ 279.97	\$ 0.02	\$ 279.99	\$ 20.01
DELEGATE REPORT	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
PRINT/POSTAGE	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
BOOK PURCHASES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 505.00	\$ -	\$ 505.00	\$ 495.00
EVENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UP EVENTS	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
PI/CPC SERVICE WORKSHOP	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOP	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00

GSR ORIENTATION	\$ 150.00	\$ 212.44	\$ -	\$ 212.44	\$ (62.44)
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 150.00	\$ 72.11	\$ -	\$ 72.11	\$ 77.89
TRANSFER TO PRUDENT RESERVE	\$ -	\$ 626.80	\$ -	\$ 626.80	
OPERATING TOTALS	\$ 9,654.00	\$ 2,164.32	\$ 1,232.00	\$ 3,396.32	\$ 6,884.48

April District Report of the Archives Committee

Archives was able to do a presentation of the history of District 11 at the recent Founder's day event. A copy of that presentation will be placed in the Archives file.

The Archive committee also conducted an interview with old timer Cris S. a week before she passed with 54 years of sobriety and service to the AA community. It was a truly beautiful interview. I am pleased and honored to put it in our archives.

Sincerely,
Nadine F.
Archives Chair



DISTRICT 11 CORRECTIONS REPORT

April 2025

Date: 4/12/2025

Submitted by: Mina C. – Corrections Chair

1. Next Committee Meeting

The next Corrections Committee Meeting is scheduled for:

Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: 1234 Avenue C – YCDF

2. Upcoming Orientation

Committee Liaisons Mike D. and Annette P. met with the Commander and successfully scheduled an orientation for new volunteers.

Orientation Details:**Date:** Thursday, May 1, 2025**Time:** 6:30 PM**Location:** 3165 King Ave East

Please see the attached flyer for more information. I will begin contacting all individuals who signed up, informing them of the scheduled orientation.

3. Additional Outreach

I also connected with Rick Deady at Alternatives regarding coordinating another orientation session in May. Further details will follow once scheduling is confirmed.

4. Meeting Operations Update

Weekly meetings continue to run smoothly. However, it has been noted that the same individuals are bringing meetings in each week. Discussion may be needed on strategies to expand outreach and engage new participants.

Attachments:

- May 1 Orientation Flyer (see attached)

Please Announce Orientation dates and Correction Committee dates and times at meetings

Monthly Report-Hotline

Hello! In March the hotline received one female call that was answered.

DISTRICT 11

GRAPEVINE REPORT, APRIL 2025

AAGrapevine.org is the web site for all your Grapevine desires.

A Grapevine display was set up at Founders Day with a couple books selling. Grapevine has a YouTube channel where visitors can listen to submitted stories from AA members.

This month's featured section is "Making Amends."

As of February 1st 2025, book prices have increased by \$1.00 for ALL books

Grapevine Print Subscription: 1-Year\$36.00. Download the Grapevine app and subscribe for digital access for all Grapevine content for \$29.99 per year.

*note: The new GSO Podcast is now available on the aa.org website.

In Love and Service,

Alt. DCM (interim Grapevine Chair)

Mark Walters

PI Report

Hello,

I attended the Area Assembly via Zoom for the PI Committee breakout. During the meeting I networked with other district PI chairs. It also became clear that I need to follow-up with our local media on PSA's. I am also involved with the committee for the CPC workshop and working on that. We will have our next PI committee meeting on Saturday, May 3rd at 2pm at the 644 group.

Your's in Service,
Don Metters

April CPC Report

Greetings District 11 Trusted Servants,

Here is the April CPC Committee Report:

I again attended the Spring Area 40 Assembly where I had the opportunity to see old friends as well as make some new ones. I participated in the Area CPC Committee meeting where we shared the events and work being done in our respective districts. There are a number of active districts in the area, among which we are counted, as well as some who have recently formed CPC committees or those wanting to. We discussed items and background information on the agenda. One of the items discussed was how to better integrate the neurodivergent population into AA. The November '24 Grapevine theme is regarding this topic. Our committee has been asked by the Area CPC Chair to present information regarding putting on workshops in a sharing session with other districts at a time yet to be determined. As a result of sharing upcoming workshop information with our contacts at RiverStone Health, we have again been asked to present information about AA to their medical staff. While at a downtown coffee shop last month I ran across a group of people with the Angel Initiative who were working with our two professional speakers to get addicted persons the help they need instead of incarceration. We had a brief conversation and exchanged contact information as well as inviting them to participate in our upcoming workshop. I received two reply emails from participants.

Our District CPC committee continues to meet every other Tuesday at City Brew; 1335 Golden Valley Circle. Beginning April 29th, we will meet EVERY Tuesday prior to the workshop. Our second AA speaker has been found and we are asking the groups to help with finding volunteers to help with tasks at the workshop. These jobs would be: 1) Room setup. 2) Room tear down/cleanup. 3) Lunch helpers. 4) Greeters. 5) Registration and money collection. I checked with the library last week and confirmed that we could use space outside of the meeting room to conduct registration. I have been contacted by a few individuals inquiring about the particulars of preregistration and helped them navigate the process. I was also approached by a member wishing to contribute financially to the workshop. Those funds were forwarded to our treasurer. We still need to confirm workshop participation by BTG. I have a number of event flyers available if anyone would like some to distribute.

We received one male 12 step request. This was responded to almost immediately; a BIG thank you to our male volunteers! I had a very pleasant conversation with the doctor who had contacted us and invited him to participate in the upcoming workshop. Regarding the transfer of our existing number to the new carrier, it looks as if it is not transferable. Whether this is an absolute fact, or if it is due to some other reason, we cannot be sure. We discussed this at the PI committee meeting a couple of weeks ago, and decided the most prudent course of action was to bring the issue back before the district committee to decide our next course of action. In visiting with the Grasshopper folks, it is unclear whether we will receive a partial refund of our subscription or not.

Yours in service,

Mitch Asbeck
District 11 CPC Chair
thereisasolutionmitch@gmail.com

District 11 Literature Report

Literature:

I attended the Pre-Assembly online and in person, and found them very helpful in preparing for the Area Assembly. I look forward to working with the neighboring District's for the next one.

I also attended the Area Assembly in person and was able to participate in the Literature committee business with the new Literature chair Rebecca.

There were 5 voting members in the committee, and topics of consideration included adding the 12 Concepts to the 12x12. The committee was divided on this point, but the sense of the Area was for the change.

Revising Living Sober was supported by the committee and the Area.

Discussion about the updates to the Plain Language Big Book reflected a need to focus on substantive changes by the Fellowship, and to allow editors to make grammatical changes.

New service manuals are available with electronic format, and in print.

The second printing of the Plain Language Big Book has 5 editorial revisions and an edit to the Panel number reviewing it.

The new Literature committee workbook and the Plain Language Big Book sold out in the first 2 months and second printings of both are available.

The 5th Edition Big Book is drafting expanded versions of Appendix 3&5 (Medical & Religious Views), and finalizing personal stories selections. Several pamphlets are being updated, and a 4th Edition Spanish version of the Big Book is selecting new personal stories. GSO is taking applications for 2 positions in the Literature department to assist with pamphlets.

That is all,
Daniel

2025 Joint Pre-Assembly Costs & Reimbursements

Name/Position	Gas Receipts	Receipts Received
Rebecca S-Q - Area 40 Literature Committee Chair	39.04	yes
Daniel S - Area 40 Corrections Committee Chair	90.23	yes
Jessica E-W - Area 40 Chair	207.52	yes
Mark H - Area 40 PI Committee Chair	88.02	yes
Lisa C - Area 40 Delegate	57.61	yes
Karon K - Area 40 CPC Committee Chair	40.92	yes
Lance W - Area 40 Hotline Committee Chair (no reimbursement necessary)	-	no
Lynne W - Area 40 Treasurer (Local, No Travel)	-	n/a
Chair Travel Cost Total:	523.34	
Pre-Assembly Supplies	30.96	yes
Supplies Total (Covered by District 11):	30.96	
TOTAL PRE-ASSEMBLY COST:	523.34	
7th Tradition Contributions:	276.00	

Pre-Assembly Net Cost:	247.34
District 11, 12, 31 Splits:	82.45
District 11 Cost Share (Split + Supplies):	113.41
District 12 Cost Share:	82.45
District 31 Cost Share:	82.45