



Area 40 - District 11 - Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order by DCM Pat P., followed by the Serenity prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by Alt-DCM Mark W. Justin E. read the Sixth Concept, *"The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board."*

Quorum was established with 13 voting members, with 13 GSRs and 6 Committee Chairs present.

Home Group Announcements

Ballantine Home Group - Dave L.

Struggling for attendance. Meetings are Mondays at 8pm and Saturdays at noon. Changing group name from Home Group to Open Door.

3 Legacies - Daniel M.

Meetings are held Monday and Thursday night at 7pm at Unity Church basement at 14th Street West and Lynne Avenue. All meetings are closed discussions from the Big Book or 12x12.

Community commitments are suspended for now. The travel meeting for June is Laurel Home Group Founder's Day & picnic at Lion's Park.

We Are Not Saints - Angela F.

Things are going well. Meetings are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 6pm. They had their business meeting last week and decided to purchase a Grapevine subscription to have available with other literature.

Serenity Seekers - Kate J.

Nothing to report.

Downtowners - Justin E.

Just the normal, things are going good. Attendance is picking up.

Great Reality - Andy M.

Everything is going along great. Meetings are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at First Congregational church. They have almost completed the Plain Language Big Book study.

West End - Jon A.

Things are going good, attendance is still up. We're having a hotdog eating contest on Saturday, July 5th after the noon meeting. 3rd Annual West End Weekend carnival themed August 29-31.

Sunlight of the Spirit - Nita R.

Meetings are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30pm at the Salvation Army. We just got a couple new members and things are going well.

Brown Baggers - Charles H.

All is well, no changes. Today's issue for our business meeting is the definition of open meetings, who attends and who participates.

ODAAT - Erika B.

Tuesdays are open at 7pm and Fridays are closed at 7pm. Attendance usually drops off in the summer but it is remaining constant, possibly due to them having air conditioning.

Serenes - Tammy P.

All officer positions have been filled. We have decided to travel to other meetings, starting this Sunday with the Red Lodge meeting. Also, members have been enjoying service work at the Crisis Center. The group has one newcomer, which they are keeping track of.

Recovery Group - Annette R.

Nothing new to report. Beartooth Mountain Conference will be July 18th-20th. Lots of flyers are available.

644 - Aimee S.

They have been looking into the cost associated with making zoom available for workshops. There was a couple break in attempts, then we fixed the locks, and the problem has been resolved. We had an ad hoc to discuss ideas surrounding sober livings', not a big attendance, but good ideas expressed. The information was then passed on to Mitch A. the CPC chair.

Absent groups - 848 and Lockwood.

Review of May 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion #29: (Angela F./Jon A.) Motion to accept meeting minutes.

18 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 against. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The big expense for the month was the Resource Workshop that was well attended and put together. There was a miscellaneous expense to \$20 for filing with the State, and a \$30 charge because she misplaced a check and had to cancel payment. Debbie personally paid back the account for said check. Had a receipt for printing costs without a name after the workshop. A check has now been issued. Has not yet received reimbursement for District 31 for the Pre-Assembly, but did receive from District 12. Has not received all receipts from the workshop yet

Motion #30: (Nita R./ Annette R.) Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

18 in favor, 0 abstained, and 0 against. Motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives - Nadine F.

See enclosed report. Searching for members with 25 plus years of sobriety.

Bridging the Gap - Cam M.

12 referrals, believes they have all been contacted. All is well. Passed out Bridging the Gap information cards. Question about what number to give to people during 12 step calls. Forms for Bridging the Gap will be made available and are also available at aa-montana.org.

Corrections - Absent proxy Annette R.

See enclosed report. The approval process at YCDF has been completed but has not been released yet. Annette will check on that this week.

Hotline - Kate J.

See enclosed report.

Grapevine - Absent

Committee meetings will begin the last Tuesday of every month beginning June 24th at 7pm at Mazevo on 8th and Grand.

Treatment - Vince V.

See enclosed report.

Public Information - Don M.

Did not meet last month because of participation with the Resource Workshop, but will be meeting June 28th at 2pm at the 644 group at 510 Cook.

Communications with the Professional Community - Mitch A.

See enclosed report. Suggested to coordinate with Bridging the Gap for cohesion of services when talking with medical facilities.

Literature - Daniel M.

See enclosed report.

Intergroup - Barb O.

The beginning balance was \$3595 with 470 in expenses, for a balance of \$3125. The Bookstore's balance is \$1941. Cooney Lake will be July 11-13th, the flyer is available. Suzy L., the event coordinator is planning another fellowship pancake breakfast for the middle of October from 7-9am at the Little Flower School.

Al-Anon - Barb O.

Didn't attend the meeting, nothing to report.

District 11 Commitments

Psych Center

6-7pm, show up at 5:45pm

Mondays

June - 644

July - Serenes

August - West End

Thursdays

June - Recovery

July - ODAAT

August - Brown Baggers

Rimrock

6-7pm, 1st Sunday, speaker meeting and 7-8pm Mondays, discussion

June - ODAAT

July - Recovery

August - Downtowners

Crisis Center

10-11am

Saturdays

June - Serenes

July - Open Door

August - Sunlight of the Spirit

Hotline

1 female & 1 male

June - West End

July - 644

August - Great Reality

Old Business

Review progress on transferring ownership Cell Service account for 12 Step call Service to the District Treasurer, Mitch A.

Not yet, per Mitch A.

AA - A Resource Workshop report, Mitch A.

See enclosed report. 32 professionals attended this year compared to 7 last year. 26 members were in attendance. 15 evaluations were completed with 7 containing contact information. Workshop has not been reconciled with the Treasurer. Mitch A. hasn't been reimbursed and the \$100 annual committee allotment will be provided to help with the cost of the workshop.

Discuss update on Fireman's Point Saturday morning breakfast hosted by District 11 and Delegate's Report on Saturday August 9th at Fireman's Point Campground, Pat P.

See enclosed report for service commitment details. Mark W. will supply a trailer. Don M. and Pat P. will supply griddles and cook. Groceries- Pat P. and Debbie D. Setup Team- 644, Cook Prep and Support Team- Recovery Group, Serving Team -3 Legacies and West End, Cleanup Team - ODAAT, 7th Tradition Team- Sunlight and Debbie D. Good opportunity to join again with District 12 and to hear the Delegate's report. Thank you to all who make this possible.

Review progress on the District application for Non-Profit status. Debbie D.

Approved by the State as a nonprofit and have filed with the IRS for an EIN. The next step is filing with the IRS for nonprofit status, and then filing a return. Steps need to be completed in order, finishing one before starting the next. Debbie D. will make all this information available to any group that needs assistance and will help in any way possible. Any group with income of over \$5,000 per year needs to file. Intergroup could benefit from this information.

Review progress from ad-hoc Roundup committee. Mark W.

First ad hoc committee met last night, Lynne W. was selected to chair, there are 10 members sitting on the committee with 8 in attendance last night. The next meeting will be June 26th at 6pm at Blacksmith coffee shop at 1438 Grand Avenue.

New Business

Discuss request of 1 case of Big Books for Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch. Vince V.

Some District 11 members have been taking meetings into Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch and are requesting District 11 to supply a case of books. The books will be used during meetings. About 45 attendees, most of which are women. District 11 doesn't have a service commitment there, District 12 does. It could be a one time opportunity. Possibly individual members could donate extra books. A case of books is \$220. Perhaps the District should support already established District commitments. Reminded of the Responsibility Statement. District 12 will discuss at their District meeting tomorrow per Greg of District 12.

Motion #31: (Aimee S./Annette R.) To take back to groups anyone who wants to donate or purchase a book for use at the Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch and GSRs can facilitate that.

17 in favor, 1 abstained, 0 against. Motion passed.

Information and Events

Information – Contact lists:

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.

Agenda Writing Workshop (Virtual)

Date: June 18th, 6pm. Zoom Meeting ID: 960 4800 4742, Passcode: 695230,

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96048004742?pwd=WPcYMQ1fN1fahDHuG3LHTubunTaD7v.1>

Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-06AgendaItemsWorkshop.pdf>

Cooney Campout

Date: July 11-13, 2025, Location: Cooney Reservoir Red Lodge Arm.

Flyer and Registration: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-07CooneyCampout.pdf>

2025 Area 40 Delegates Report (Virtual)

Date: July 19, 2025, Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 944 6985 5257, Passcode: 626262

Zoom Link (<https://zoom.us/j/94469855257?pwd=02hvbv357NJa8mEHTLKpKbxLN4J6fPB.1>)

Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-07DelegateReportZoom.pdf>

Fireman's Point Camp-Out

Date: August 8-10, 2025, Location: Fireman's Point Campgrounds

Campsite Cost - RV/Trailer: \$20, Tent: \$10, Campsites first come first serve.

Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-07DelegateReportZoom.pdf>

Breakfast hosted by District 11, 9am, August 9th

Third Annual West End Weekend

Date: August 29-31, 2025, Location: West End Group, 2931 Colton Blvd.

Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-08WestEndWeekend.pdf>

Fellowship at the Falls

Fellowship at the Falls

Date: September 5-6, 2025, Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 1300 Ferguson Drive, Great Falls

Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-09FellowshipAtTheFalls.pdf>

Area 40 Fall Assembly

Date: September 12-14, 2025, Location Holiday Inn, Great Falls

Flyer: Not Available

West Central Regional Forum

Date September 19-21, 2025, Location: Hilton Omaha, 1001 Cass St., Omaha, NE 68102

Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-09WCRF.pdf>

Call for Motion to Adjourn

Motion #32: (Jon A./Aimee S.) Motion to adjourn.

16 in favor, 0 abstained, and 0 against. Motion passed.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Next District Meeting August 16, 2025

In grateful service, submitted by:

April T.

District 11 Secretary

DISTRICT 11 TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE, 2025

	CHECKING ACCOUNT	PRUDENT RESERVE	PETTY CASH
OPENING BALANCE	\$ 6,975.66	\$ 3,187.72	\$ 100.00
INCOME	\$ 1,261.45	\$ 0.42	\$ -
EXPENSES	\$ 1,050.75	\$ -	\$ -
CURRENT BALANCE	\$ 7,186.36	\$ 3,188.14	\$ 100.00

INCOME	INCOME PLAN 2025	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD	CURRENT INCOME	TOTAL YTD INCOME	REMAINING INCOME
DISTRICT 11 7TH TRADITION \$ 360.00		\$ 677.50	\$ 37.65	\$ 715.15	\$ (355.15)
CONTRIBUTIONS \$ 6,000.00		\$ 3,335.89	\$ 1,223.80	\$ 4,559.69	\$ 1,440.31
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,360.00	\$ 4,013.39	\$ 1,261.45	\$ 5,274.84	\$ 1,085.16

EXPENSES	SPENDING PLAN 2024	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD EXPENSES	CURRENT EXPENSES	TOTAL YTD EXPENSES	REMAINING SPENDING
RENT	\$ 1,872.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 936.00	\$ 936.00
RENT - US POST OFFICE	\$ 232.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 232.00

DCM - AREA ASSEMBLIES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 484.14	\$ -	\$ 484.14	\$ 515.86
DCM - DISTRICT TRAVEL	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
DCM - PRE-ASSEMBLIES	\$ 100.00	\$ 554.88	\$ -	\$ 554.88	\$ (454.88)
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	\$ 6.00	\$ -	\$ 6.00	\$ 94.00
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	\$ 279.99	\$ -	\$ 279.99	\$ 20.01
DELEGATE REPORT	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
PRINT/POSTAGE	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00
BOOK PURCHASES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 574.00	\$ 426.00
EVENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UP EVENTS	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
PI/CPC SERVICE WORKSHOP	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 60.44	\$ 775.75	\$ 836.19	\$ 663.81
SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOP	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
GSR ORIENTATION	\$ 150.00	\$ 212.44	\$ -	\$ 212.44	\$ (62.44)
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 150.00	\$ 72.11	\$ 50.00	\$ 122.11	\$ 27.89
TRANSFER TO PRUDENT RESERVE	\$ -	\$ 626.80	\$ -	\$ 626.80	
OPERATING TOTALS	\$ 9,654.00	\$ 3,788.15	\$ 1,050.75	\$ 4,838.90	\$ 5,441.90

Archives Committee Report

Recording Oral History of Old Timers in District

I had 2 scheduled interviews for the last month, we had to reschedule the meeting to July. We interviewed one old timer who has 41 years of sobriety. We used the Guidelines for Conducting Oral Histories provided by the General Service Office Archives. We are experiencing a learning curve with our recording equipment. Our DCM is helping me through that, with his assistance we will be able to utilize the recording to a file that can be retrieved for future use.

In Service,
Paul G. and Nadine F.



DISTRICT 11 CORRECTIONS REPORT

June 2025

Date: 6/14/2025

Submitted by: Mina C. – Corrections Chair

May was a productive and encouraging month for the Corrections Committee. We successfully held three orientations for new volunteers.

As a result of these efforts:

Three men have been approved to bring meetings into Alpha House.

Five women have been approved to take meetings into Passages.

I have distributed the approved volunteers' names to the respective liaisons, who are now coordinating with them to ensure they are oriented and ready to begin carrying the message into these facilities.

Unfortunately, despite a strong turnout at the Yellowstone County Detention Facility (YCDF) orientation, internal staffing issues at the jail have currently paused their ability to complete the volunteer screening process. We are monitoring this situation closely. Annette P., our liaison for YCDF, is in direct contact with the facility and will keep us updated as things progress.

Regarding our committee's schedule, please note that the Corrections Committee meeting originally set for Wednesday, June 18th has been rescheduled to Wednesday, June 25th at 6:00 PM due to scheduling conflicts. Going forward, all committee meetings will take place on the last Wednesday of each month.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service

Hotline report

Good morning. I received a report via email of 6 missed hotline calls and 2 answered for our district this month, for a total of 8.

However this report did not seem to align with texts I received throughout the last month to aid in getting missed calls returned. With further investigation, our area hotline chair clarified we had 2 female calls, with one that was initially missed and was returned shortly after I was notified. This call was actually a woman from a recovery center looking to purchase more coins, not a still suffering alcoholic. The other female call was answered.

Due to discrepancies in monthly reports received from area that include all districts via email similar to what was previously mentioned for this current month, Lance, our area hotline chair reports he is currently searching for a hotline chair alternate to aid in this process. Lance also reports the AA hotline answering service does not always report specific locations of callers, and he has requested for the answering service to include what district the caller is from in the future to decrease confusion/discrepancy, and he predicts this will aid him in forwarding calls to appropriate districts.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

Kate

District 11 Hotline Chair

Treatment Committee Report

Things are going well at Rimrock, the meetings are good and the commitments are being taken care of. The Crisis Center is also going well with the service commitments being filled. Psych Center meetings are going well. Books seem to be disappearing again. Will Check behind the desk.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Vince V.

Communications with the Professional Community

The next meeting will be June 17th at BW Blacksmith at 1438 Grand Ave. Meetings will now be the middle of the month: July 15th, August 12th, and September 16th. Next steps are to contact all attendees and registered persons. Last month there were 3 12-Step calls, 1 female and 2 males. Will be working with the Public Information chair to present a flyer and card to every case manager, nurses station, floor, and medical facility about 12-Step call service. Discussion of HIPPA privacy via text message with a case manager. Request from Riverstone 'Lunch & Learn' presentation and Billings Clinic 'Great Rounds'.

In Service,

Mitch A.

2025 AA, a Resource Workshop Financial Report

Printing Cards & Flyers \$272
Coffee \$35.68

Speaker Gifts Gift Cards & Books \$174
Supplies Folders \$44.99

Lunch Topz \$528.99
Ice \$6.49
Total Expenses \$1125.27
Shortfall \$555.27

Water & Cookies Sam's Club \$33.92
Eventbrite \$29
Member Fees & 7th Tradition \$570

Literature committee report

Thanks to our Intergroup bookstore chair Cora for loaning the Literature display for the CPC workshop, ordering the pamphlets, and going the extra mile to make copies for the handout packet. The event was a success, and we look forward to its continuing growth.

Publishing at AAWS reports that backorder issues are decreased from 60 items to 16. Digital distribution is increased 300% in Correctional facilities for AA literature on tablets. Sales are strong on enhanced ebooks and audio books. The Plain Language Big Book has passed 150,000 copies distributed, and plans to provide digital access in Correctional facilities are being tested by a vendor in Pennsylvania.

A committee of US and Canadian members have been established to review the Haitian Creole translation of the Big Book before printing. Thanks to our past Delegate Libby L. for her contribution on this item.

That is all,

Daniel M.

Fireman's Point Breakfast hosted by District 11 Volunteer Service Positions, Groceries and Supplies

Timeline for Fireman's Point Breakfast and Delegates Report:

- Prior to August 8th: Purchase all groceries and gather supplies.
- Friday, August 8th, 7pm – Load trailer with coolers, camp griddles, and supplies at

West End Group • Saturday, August 9th:

- 6:30am: Meet at West End Group to carpool to Fireman's Point Campgrounds
- 7:15 am: Arrive at Fireman's Point Campgrounds and begin setup.
- 8am: Start cooking breakfast.
- 9am: Serve Breakfast
- 9:15 – 9:30am: Collect 7th Tradition Contributions
- 9:45 – 9:50am: Wrap up serving breakfast.
- 9:50am: Start breakfast cleanup.

- 10am: Delegates Report
- Following Delegates Report: Breakfast Cleanup

Groceries:

Sausage Patties
Pre-cooked Bacon
Eggs
Hashbrowns
Milk
Juice
Pancake Mix
Butter
Syrup
2 Cases of Water

Supplies:

Aluminum Foil Serving Pans
Aluminum Foil
Paper Plates
Garbage Bags
Coolers
2-3 Camp Griddles

Service Positions:

Setup Team: 4+ volunteers

- Setup of Camp Griddles
- Setup of food prep tables
- Unpack coolers.
- Setup food serving tables.
- Setup of Garbage Cans

Cook Team: 2 – 3 volunteers

- Cook sausage
- Cook bacon
- Cook hashbrowns
- Cook pancakes

- Cook eggs

Cook Prep and Support Team: 3 - 4 volunteers

- Manage the flow of sausage and bacon to the cooks and shuffle cooked sausage and bacon to the serving pans. • Hydrate hashbrowns and manage flow of hashbrowns to the cooks and shuffling cooked hashbrowns to serving pans.
- Prepare pancake batter and help with shuffle cooked pancakes to serving pans.
- Mix eggs and manage flow of eggs to the cooks and shuffle cooked eggs to serving pans.

Serving Team: 4 – 5 volunteers

- Help Cook Prep and Support Team to manage cooked food and help keep food covered and warm. • Prepare serving tables.
- Setup table/area for serving Juice.
- Serve food as people flow through the serving line.

Cleanup Team: 4 – 5 volunteers

- Help with cleanup and breakdown of Camp Griddles
- Wash serving and cooking utensils.
- Empty garbage cans, as needed.
- Clean up serving and food prep tables.
- Pack coolers with the remaining food and juice.
- Pack up unused supplies.

7th Tradition Team: 1 or 2 volunteers

- Pass 7th tradition basket(s) during breakfast.
- Maintain control of 7th tradition contributions (money bag)
- Hand over collected 7th tradition contributions to District 11 Treasurer, Alt-DCM, or DCM

