



Area 40 - District 11 - Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2026

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. Cody read Concept 6, *“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 Established - Present are 10 GSRs and 6 committee chairs, 10 is quorum.

Review of May 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes - April T.

Motion #23: (Jon A./ Tammy P.) Motion to accept meeting minutes.
16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report- Debbie D.

7th Tradition basket passed. There was a \$307 Area expense that was included from May, we received a reimbursement from District 12 but not yet from 31 for pre-assembly. There is between \$50 and \$150 of outstanding expenses from the Safety Workshop, and \$50 in printing.

Motion #24: (Aimee S./ Cody) Motion to accept Treasurer’s report.
16 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

Pat P. passed around the Committee sheet to be updated by committee chairs as to when their committee meets.

Home Group Announcements

644 Group - Aimee S.

Sizeable rent increase for the homegroup coming up, annual campout coming in August. The kids free women’s meeting proposal did not pass. We will be considering voting changes to our bylaws at the next group conscience. Meetings will be cancelled June 21st and 22nd while the carpet is being replaced. 8 am on the 21st the building will be open for a tear out party for those interested. The Meeting guide app will state that the meeting is temporarily cancelled, rather than removed from the app.

West End - Jon A.

Doing really well and have some interesting things going on at group conscience. Anyone interested is welcome to attend this Wednesday at 5:15pm. Guest from West End group conscience asked question of District regarding use of West End basement space, issue will be added to new business.

Brown Baggers - Charles H.

Nothing to report, we will have a discussion about the 12 step workbook proposal later. Other than that the group is doing well.

Recovery Group - Jon A. filling in for Ryan

Everything is going well. The Beartooth Conference will be 17th of July, with really good speakers coming. The cost will be \$210 for the weekend and \$230 after the 1st of July. There are flyers and a QR code available for registration.

Serenes - Tammy P.

All is going well, we have a consistent flow of newcomers.

ODAAT - Barb O., alt-GSR

Doing well.

Serenity Seekers - Kate J.

We have had a couple of newcomers which is amazing and we are still doing our speaker meeting on the 1st Friday of the month.

We Are Not Saints -Angela F.

Meetings are going good with Mondays being super duper packed.Going good.

3 Legacies - Daniel M.

Meetings are at the same place and same time. Our travel meeting was to the 848 group and that was a good little group. Still doing the Hotline commitment, received a couple calls for District 12.

Great Reality - Andy M.

Not much to report still Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7pm downtown. Our literature study is still Wednesday with that book I can't remember.

Downtowners - Cody

Downtowners are doing really good. Our speaker meeting is staying strong and we just added 4 new openers making our current meeting times and have changed the format of our Tuesday 6pm meeting to a 12x12 book study.

Absent groups - Lockwood, 848, Sunlight of the Spirit, and Ballantine.

Visitors Present

Stacey from West End with a question from group conscience. Robert from 644 group. Ty from Recovery group. Jo T., new to Billings.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives - Nadine F.

See report. Reminded that there is money available in Archives that can be used for travel. Flyer available from Safety Workshop that will be submitted to the Archives.

Bridging the Gap - Mark W. proxy for Cam M.

4 contacts, 2 women and 2 men, and they have been contacted.

Corrections - Virginia I.

See report. Discussion of stamping books going into the jail, possibly with QR code to Meeting guide app, national AA resource. Questions about what is accessible to inmates on tablets at different facilities. Able to use District committee funds to purchase stamps for books. Alpha House needs volunteers. Better to do 2 stamps to increase accuracy. Book marks are not allowed at the jail because they can be used for contraband. The jail is also able to take used literature - 12x12s, Grapevines, Living Sober, etc. The jail library is built strictly on donations, softbacks.

Hotline - Kate J.

See report.

Grapevine - Grapevine position open, Mark W. temporarily standing in

See report.

Treatment - Vince V.

See enclosed report. Rimrock will be discontinuing the White Birch meeting beginning in July. The meetings at Rimrock will continue on the same days and times but will be co-ed.

Motion #25: (Daniel M/ Jon A) Motion to discontinue the White Birch service commitment because the women will be transported to Rimrock starting in July.

16 for, 0 against, 0 abstain. Motion passed.

Don M. stated that doughnuts are not a distraction but rather a good attraction at Crisis Center.

Motion #26: (Vince V./ Mitch A.) Motion that District supply RiverStone with 10 books for residents.

Residents are medical students becoming doctors. The District does not have a service commitment with RiverStone, there is \$922 available in literature. Residents have grants available to cover text books. A low percent of interns that attend open meetings seem interested in AA. Possible opportunity to help educate the medical profession about AA. AA is not in the business of educating doctors and that the students have access to funds for books, Newcomers don't contribute to the basket to educate doctors. RiverStone has funds available.

Motion #27: (Jon A./ Nadine F.) Motion to table this discussion until the next meeting in August when more information is gathered, and GSRs have had an opportunity to take it back to their groups.

15 for, 1 against, 0 abstained.

Minority opinion that Dr Solomon is an addiction doctor and is a member of AA and the mission of the District is how to best carry the message.

Supplying doctors with the Big Book will help with that.

Noted that residents are students not inpatient. 1 member wants to change vote after minority opinion.

Public Information - Don M.

Election year and need to reach out about Public Service Announcements. Flyers are working really well, being distributed to motels, and needing to restock locations. Anticipate needing more flyers by July, so copies will be made now. Also, participated in the Resource Workshop

and Safety Workshop. Will meet July 25th 3pm at 510 Cook. Rotations are almost over, so now is the time to start thinking about service positions for the next rotation. If anyone has questions about the PI chair responsibilities please reach out to Don M. Continue to fill the little libraries around town with Grapevines.

Communications with the Professional Community - Mitch A.

See enclosed report. It is not known if there were unofficial 12 - Step calls.

Literature - Daniel M.

See enclosed report. No official date for the release of the 5th Edition yet.

Intergroup - Erika B. proxy for Chris C.

See enclosed report.

Al-Anon -Deb L.

District 7 meets on the 2nd Monday of every month. I really appreciate all the flyers because sometimes we don't have information and coming to these meetings helps with that. At my home group on the 5th Tuesday of the month, it happens 5 times a year, we have a speaker meeting. So if you want to hear the other side of the story please attend. We supplied a little sandwich. It's at Pilgrim Congregational 409 South 26th at 6pm. If you have any questions I'll try to help. Reported that Alanon in Hardin has decreased. Alanon has always been small in Hardin. Information passed about when District meetings occur.

District 11 Commitments

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

Mondays	June - Brown Baggers	July - ODAAT	August - Brown Bagger
Thursdays	June - ODAAT	July - Recovery	August - West End

<u>Rimrock</u>	6-7pm, 2nd Sunday, speaker meeting and 7-8pm Mondays, discussion		
	June - 644	July - Brown Baggers	August - 644

<u>Crisis Center</u>	10-11am		
Saturdays	June - Ballantine	July - West End	August - ODAAT

<u>Hotline</u>	1 female & 1 male		
	June - Recovery	July - Serenity Seekers	August - 3 legacies & Jo T.

Old Business

Discuss providing breakfast at Fireman's Point Campout & Delegate Report

Groups that said yes to providing breakfast at Fireman's Point - ODAAT, Serenes, 644, Great Reality, Downtowners, West End, and 3 legacies.

Motion to provide breakfast at Fireman's Point Campout and Delegate's Report.

15 for, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

1 chair had left.

Consider moving the August 8th District Meeting to August 15th

Vote on tabled motion from last month.

Motion #20: (Aimee S./ Mitch A.) Motion to move August District to August 15th.
15 for, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

Consider whether we want to host our own District 11 Delegate Report.

Groups that support District 11 hosting its own Delegate's report - 644, West End, Great Reality if it can be done the next day, and Serenes. Pat P. will reach out to Delegate to determine when she is available and will communicate to GSRs what dates are available. West End and Serenes are willing to host. Vote on tabled motion from last month.

Motion #21: (Jon A./ Angela F.) Motion to host Delegate's report in Billings.
13 for, 1 against, 1 abstained.

Minority opinion - Downtowners felt that it was unnecessary, that Columbus isn't too far to travel, and rides can be coordinated.

Please encourage group involvement with Fireman's Campout and District 11 Delegate's Report.

Review AA - A Workshop final report - Mitch A.

See enclosed report. Positive feedback, expenses are trending down. Six evaluations completed, one specific request from Alternatives for a Bridging the Gap presentation for their clients. The cost to the District is \$539.38. Treasurer has not yet received receipt for rented space. Extra supplies remaining will roll over to next year's workshop to reduce cost.

Review District 11 Safety Workshop Ad-Hoc Committee final report - Don M.

Thank you to committee members behind the scenes to make this possible. We had 79 attendees! \$53 in cookies, no rent because we used the library, there were some printing costs. Final cost not yet confirmed but 7th tradition contributions were \$229, so its probably a wash. Feedback was really good, with the only afterthought being to give the professionals more time because they had so much valuable information. Many attendees reached out to professionals for copies of her presentation. Feedback requested that there be annual workshops, or that it occurs again. Safety Card and guidelines still available if anyone wants some.

Review update from the 2027 Fall Roundup Committee - Lynne W.

See enclosed report

New Business

Consider election of District 11 Grapevine chair if anyone is present to stand for the position - Pat P.

Jo T. nominated for the position. Jo recently moved to Billings, has been sober for 20 years, has served as a GSR and Treatment chair. Is not ready to stand, but came to District to be of service. If the position doesn't fill she may be more willing at a later date. The issue will be tabled until the next District meeting in August.

Consider Proposed Agenda Item – Consider turning the idea of a 12 - Step Workbook over to the Grapevine - April T and Charles H.

Agenda item was created in Brown Baggers group, then brought to District to be voted on, then if passed it will be passed down the triangle to Area, if passed there then it will be passed to the General Service Conference (GSC). Proposed Agenda Item presented explaining history and intent to reach potential members in isolation without access to sponsorship. Discussed that this item is separate from the PAI presented at Spring Area, that didn't pass GSC. Grapevine is available on tablets of incarcerated people. It is thought to be needed in the correction community. Cost should be minimal, with current subscribers not having additional costs, and possibly increasing Grapevine sales. A workbook of the steps has been presented many times, many people are isolated, and Grapevine is a unique approach. Possible push back is Grapevine's current debt. Better option than asking fellowship to produce another book. Best compromise to get the 12 steps into the prisons where people can't do what can be done here and eliminates expenses. Not voting to approve the PAI but to continue the conversation at Area. Alcoholics are able to be penpals with incarcerated individuals, but inmates requesting sponsors are on long waiting lists.

Motion #28: (Nadine F./ Tammy P.) Motion that District would allow this PAI to proceed.

15 for, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

Discuss the appearance of affiliation rather than cooperation with AA on the Recovery Church chapter websites in District 11 (Harvest Church and Faith Chapel)

Angela F. reported that the Worship leader was at her sponsor's house and the item was discussed and will be changed.

Motion #29: (Mitch A./Angela F.) Motion to table this issue until next District meeting.

15 for, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

Discuss Service Positions for the Fireman's Point Saturday morning breakfast hosted by District 11 and Delegate's Report on Saturday August 8th at Fireman's Point Campground (if approved)

1. Review Service Positions
2. Review timeline of Fireman's Point Breakfast and Delegate's report

Pat P. will be reaching out to groups to fill service positions.

Motion #30: (Andy M./Mitch A.) Motion to follow up on service opportunities for Fireman's Point Saturday morning breakfast.
12 for, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

Announce we are beginning work with the Archives Committee to update District 11 Policies and Procedures based on approved agenda items from 2025 - 2026 rotation
Anything that has been approved so far will be updated in the Policies and Procedures.

Announce that we will begin elections for the next rotation, beginning with the DCM position, at our August District meeting.

Elections will begin with DCM and Alt - DCM. Please take back to groups to find people interested in standing. If DCM is elected before Fall Area, they will be able to attend with the outgoing DCM.

Stacey from West End wants permission from District to use the basement of West End during some open meetings for childcare of meeting attendees.

States that West End would be responsible for space. Meetings have taken place in the basement before without permission asked or granted. Possibly installing locks to protect District materials. Intergroup and District rent from West End, each being separate entities.

Motion #31: (Don M./ Nadine F.) Motion that West End can use the space outside of District meeting times, keep the space clean, provide their own supplies.
14 for, 0 against, 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Pat P. will be traveling to Ennis for the Archive Work Party June 27th, with room for 4 in his vehicle. All are invited. Please watch for emails for Fireman's Point Service positions.

Information and Events

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 is provided on the form. Suggest emailing the Area 40 Secretary.

Area 40 Archives Work Party

Date, June 27, Location: 107 Mountain View—Ennis, Mt

Cooney Campout

July 10 – 12, Location: Red Lodge Arm Camp Grounds, Cooney Reservoir

Reservations: Cooney registration opens April 10th. Contact reserveamerica.com

Beartooth Mountain Conference

Date, July 17 – 19, Location: Beartooth Christian Camp, 130 Trinity Trail, Fishtail MT

Flyer & Registration: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-07Beartooth.pdf>

Fireman's Point Campout

Date, August 7 – 9, Location: Fireman's Point, 34 Countryman Creek Rd, Columbus MT 59019

Call for Motion to Adjourn

Motion #32: (Angela F./ Mitch A.) Motion to adjourn.

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

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Next District Meeting August 15, 2026

In grateful service, submitted by:

April T.

District 11 Secretary

DISTRICT 11 COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT JUNE, 2026

	CHECKING ACCOUNT	PRUDENT RESERVE	PETTY CASH
OPENING BALANCE	7,140.96 \$	3,576.32 \$	100.00 \$
INCOME	311.47 \$ 0.45 \$		- \$
EXPENSES	181.61 \$	- \$	- \$
CURRENT BALANCE	7,270.82 \$	3,576.77 \$	100.00 \$

INCOME		PREVIOUS MONTH YTD	CURRENT INCOME	TOTAL YTD INCOME	REMAINING INCOME
DISTRICT 11 7TH TRADITION		152.00 \$	43.00 \$	195.00 \$	
AA WORKSHOP 7TH TRADITION		\$	- 229.00 \$	229.00 \$	
FIREMAN'S PT 7TH TRADITION		\$	- - \$	- \$	
JOINT DIST 11,12,31 PRE-ASSEMBLY		\$	39.47 295.00 \$	334.47 \$	
CONTRIBUTIONS		\$	- 2,465. 13 \$	2,465.13 \$	
TOTAL INCOME		3,141.13 \$	82.47 \$	3,223.60 \$	

EXPENSES	SPENDING PLAN 2026	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD EXPENSES	CURRENT EXPENSES	TOTAL YTD EXPENSES	REMAINING SPENDING
RENT	\$	780.00 1,872.00 \$	156.00 \$	936.00 \$	936.00 \$
RENT - US POST OFFICE	\$	- 260.00 \$	- \$	- \$	260.00 \$
AREA ASSEMBLIES - DCM	\$	275.15 1,000.00 \$	- \$	275.15 \$	724.85 \$
AREA ASSEMBLIES - DIST REP	\$	146.67 700.00 \$	- \$	146.67 \$	553.33 \$
AREA ASSEMBLIES - DIST REP	\$	- 700.00 \$	307.60 \$	307.60 \$	392.40 \$
DCM - DISTRICT TRAVEL	\$	- 150.00 \$	- \$	- \$	150.00 \$
DCM - PRE-ASSEMBLIES	\$	503.44 150.00 \$	- \$	503.44 \$	(353.44) \$
WCRAASC - 2026	\$	1,019.67 800.00 \$	- \$	1,019.67 \$	(219.67) \$
WCRAASC Forum	\$	- - \$	- \$	- \$	- \$

COMMITTEES	\$	-- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$
ARCHIVES	\$	- 100.00 \$	- \$	- \$	100.00 \$
BRIDGING THE GAP	\$	- 100.00 \$	- \$	- \$	100.00 \$
CORRECTIONS	\$	- 100.00 \$	- \$	- \$	100.00 \$
GRAPEVINE	\$	- 100.00 \$	- \$	- \$	100.00 \$
LITERATURE	\$	4.00 100.00 \$	- \$	4.00 \$	96.00 \$
PI	\$	101.50 100.00 \$	- \$	101.50 \$	(1.50) \$
CPC	\$	- 100.00 \$	- \$	- \$	100.00 \$
TREATMENT	\$	- 100.00 \$	- \$	- \$	100.00 \$
AREA 40 HOTLINE	\$	- 100.00 \$	- \$	- \$	100.00 \$
12TH STEP CALL	\$	127.52 300.00 \$	25.60 \$	153.12 \$	146.88 \$
FIREMAN'S POINT/DELEGATE REPORT	\$	- 250.00 \$	- \$	- \$	250.00 \$
PRINT/POSTAGE	\$	256.84 600.00 \$	- \$	256.84 \$	343.16 \$
BOOK PURCHASES	\$	77.50 1,000.00 \$	- \$	77.50 \$	922.50 \$
EVENTS	\$	-- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$
UP EVENTS	\$	- 250.00 \$	- \$	- \$	250.00 \$
PI/CPC SERVICE WORKSHOP	\$	40.00 1,500.00 \$	292.97 \$	332.97 \$	1,167.03 \$
DISTRICT SERVICE WORKSHOP	\$	- 250.00 \$	- \$	- \$	250.00 \$
GSR ORIENTATION	\$	-- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$

MISCELLANEOUS	\$	- 150.00 \$	- \$	- \$	150.00 \$
TRANSFER TO PRUDENT RESERVE		\$	- 383.62 \$	383.62 \$	
OPERATING TOTALS	10,832.00 \$	3,715.91 \$	782.17 \$	4,498.08 \$	6,717.54 \$

Archives Committee District 6/13/2026

The Archives Committee will be conducting 3 more interviews in the upcoming weeks. Thank you to the GSR who gave me the name and number of an old-timer to interview. That will be promptly followed up through this weekend.

The District Archives chair will join other District members in helping to clean the Area Archives Repository later this month.

In Service,

Nadine F. (chair)

DISTRICT CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT JUNE 2026

Our committee meeting is the first Thursday of each month at 7:15 pm 909 Wyoming.

Last month we had 4 women and 2 men approved to take meetings into the jail.

MWP held an orientation on June 3rd and we had 6 new women attend as well as 4 of our current volunteers. We're waiting for approval. I got an email from the prison volunteer coordinator thanking us for being so willing to help out.

Alternatives orientation will be held on July 8th at 6 pm at the library. Please pass this along to your sponsees and their friends!

Nadine at the YCDF has asked if we think it a good idea to stamp the Big Books we donate with the hotline number and, perhaps, the website address for meeting lists. I remember that we had a stamp of this type years ago. I would be glad to purchase it with my committee funds if you think it helpful.

Lastly, you may have heard that many correctional facilities are supplying inmates with tablets. The inmates at the MWP have these and can download any AA literature they want. However, the tablets only work in the cells so there is still a need for Big Books.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

Virginia Ireland

May hotline report

District 11 received 3 calls this month with one missed and returned. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Kate

****GRAPEVINE****

District Report for the month of June

June issue is "Young and Sober"

There is a new book!! Titled "Gratitude". It cost \$14.99.
It's a collection of stories about being thankful.

It's free to download the Grapevine App. And a subscription for the app

cost \$2.99 per/month and 29.99 per/year.

In love and Service,

Mark Walters

Treatment

District Report for June 13, 2026

Took a meeting to the Psych Center a couple Mondays ago, seems to be doing okay and they are okay on books.

Talked to Brent at Rimrock and they want to discontinue the women's meetings at White Birch. Going forward they are going to bring women down to the main facility on Monday nights like it used to be. Thank you to the groups who took care of those meetings at White Birch. The meeting schedule will be the same with Monday nights at 7pm and the second Sunday at 6pm being a speaker meeting. The change will occur the first of July, June commitments will remain the same.

Talked to Marci at the Crisis Center and the meetings are going good.

Talked to Amy Solomon at RiverStone and she would like 10 to 20 books if possible.

Last August we gave her 20 books. She is giving them to residents that work there. She makes them read the Big Book so when they have patients with addiction problems come to see them they feel comfortable with the residents. The residents keep the AA books.

In Service,
Vince V.

June '26 CPC Report

Greetings District 11 Trusted Servants,

The committee last met Tuesday the 9th of June and will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month, BW Blacksmith, 1438 Grand Ave. at 7pm. We discussed this Spring's workshop including venue evaluation, participation, expenses, and contributions. The net expenses were nearly identical to last year's. We have set a date for the 2027 workshop of Friday, May at MSUB. We are beginning to look for speakers or panelists for this event. Please let us know of anyone who might be a good choice and willing to participate. Our goal is to have most of the preliminary work done in order to help the incoming chair facilitate and coordinate this event.

There is a new outreach to professionals called "Professionals Platform Series". It's goal is cooperation between professionals and A.A. through a series online speaker events, the first of which will be July 23rd on the topic of "What does a recovery-friendly workplace look like". I have forwarded the links and information to April.

I do not believe there were any 12 step call request through "official channels" the last month. We will be visiting health care facilities again through the Summer. I noticed while driving through Lodge Grass the other day, that they have an IHS facility there.

Best Regards,
Mitch Asbeck

District Literature Report:

With the upcoming release of the 5th Edition Big Book, it is a significant moment to acknowledge the profound impact of this text in sharing its life-saving message. Although many of us may not read it regularly, the Big Book is easily accessible for study at various meetings. Sponsors often use this resource to assist individuals seeking help in maintaining sobriety. Recently, I had the opportunity to take part in a study of Living Sober, a book I hadn't explored much since my early days of sobriety. The discussion was engaging and reminded me of the different AA literature studies I've been involved in over the years. I am excited to hear from other groups about which studies have been most helpful and inspiring. If your group is not currently holding a Literature study meeting, I encourage you to bring up the topic with your group members to consider the potential for growth through this process.

That is all,
Daniel

Inter Group Report for June 2026

Cooney Camp Out:

Signs will be posted up announcing Cooney Gazebo. A clean up crew is needed. Supplies will be taken up Friday night.

Cooney Camp Out needs more planning and organization participation or it may not continue.

Seventh Tradition needs to be collected this year.

More events:

Float meetings at Lake Elmo this summer on Sundays at 2pm starting

June 14th, 2026 - August 30th, 2026. They need volunteers for chairing the meeting.

Making a flyer to pass out to the groups.

Halloween event will be held October 10th, 2026 at the church on Poly and 13th

5-8pm. Flyer by August

Holiday Party December 12th, 2026 from 5-9pm. Flyer by September

Treasurer's Report: Jamie S.

For the month of May:

Opening balance: \$4986.15

Ending balance: \$ 4139.65

Income: \$0.00

Expenses: \$846.50

Prudent Reserve: \$3001.28

This week, Jamie will write the three checks to Area, District and GSO. Bookstore Report: New Bookstore Co-Chairs Jason and Erika

Bookstore: Noah purchased about \$2000 worth of books last month and there should be \$800-\$1000

in the safe. Noah will get Erika a debit card. Bookstore is in great shape with a full inventory. Rough ballpark balance \$1500.

Pat P. asked about bulk pricing and how much we charge for books. Jamie S. suggested that we ask our home groups about how much we should charge. As of now, if the bookstore profits, the money will be donated up the triangle.

In Service,

Erika B., InterGroup Alt - Liaison

Roundup report

I'm Lynne W, dist 11 fall 2027 roundup chair. Earlybird registration is still open! We are in need of a hospitality chair again, & there are a few other positions open. All our current chairs are working hard to bring this fabulous event to life.

I went to the Gopher State Roundup in Minneapolis & it ignited the fire in my heart. The support of that roundup from the groups was amazing! I'll be working hard as your humble roundup chair to get as much participation as possible from all over our district.

Our next meeting will be June 18.

Thank you for letting me serve,

Lynne W

Area 40 Agenda Item Proposal Form

- 1. Describe the proposal:** Turn the idea of a 12 - Step Workbook over to the Grapevine. The fellowship will be able to submit worksheets on how to guide members through the steps. Just as the Grapevine now selects stories that best represent members and align with AA traditions, so will the worksheets they choose. This creates the opportunity for members that don't have access to

sponsorship to begin working the steps, until such a time when one becomes available.

2. **List the proposal benefits:** In an effort to conserve resources such as time and money, transferring the idea of a 12 - Step Workbook to the Grapevine removes it from being a reoccurring GSC agenda item. The cost would be significantly less than attempting to publish another book requiring a majority approval. It would provide the fellowship, be it individuals, groups, or sponsorship lines the opportunity to contribute what has helped them, with the flexibility to change over time. Being part of the Grapevine would make it eligible to incarcerated members that are only allowed to receive AA approved literature, helping the promises to come true in their lives.
3. **Cost estimate:** The cost will be drastically less than the \$100,000 needed for the writing of the Plain Language Big Book as the creation of the worksheets will fall to the members willing to contribute. Also, the publishing costs will be nonexistent as the Grapevine already publishes monthly. The influx in workload may require an additional person be hired at the Grapevine. Adding the feature of the 12 - Step Workbook to the Grapevine will increase subscription revenues by connecting other people's experiences to the still suffering alcoholic, making the Grapevine even more useful.
4. **List additional background material(s) included with the proposal:** None provided.
5. **How the proposal originated:** This is in response to the 2026 GSC agenda item that requested a workbook of the steps. The request came from the September 2025 Oregon Area 58 Assembly where via a proxy GSR inmates proposed the idea of a 12 - Step Workbook that provided direct instruction to work through the steps. Many correctional facilities prohibit or limit what materials are allowed for inmates, but making this a Grapevine workbook, it will be in the category of AA approved literature, and therefore permissible. This is an attempt to create a workbook that will circumvent the expense and resources required to develop a stand alone service piece.
6. **Why the proposal should be considered:** This proposal should be considered because it provides an opportunity for people that are without the option of a sponsor to get into the program, start working the steps, and get some relief from this disease. Meetings alone do not bring relief from alcoholism, that requires the steps, and this provides a window for that to happen.