



Area 40 - District 11 - May 10, 2025 - Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by DCM Pat P., followed by the Serenity prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by the Alt-DCM Mark W. Victoria T. read the Fifth Concept, *“Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.”*

Quorum was established with 14 GSRs and 6 committee chairs present for a total of 20.

Home Group Announcements

Brown Baggers - Charles H.

All is well, meetings are held regularly, the openers are showing up, people are chairing meetings appropriately, we’re seeing newcomers come along, with lots of enthusiasm and support.

Sunlight of the Spirit - Nita R.

The group is growing with new people, it's thriving, and doing well.

Great Reality - Andy M.

Everything is great at Great Reality! Still meeting twice a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7pm. Literature study on Wednesday nights is the Plain Language Big Book study.

Serenity Seekers - Kate J.

Nothing to report, still having speaker meetings on the first Friday of the month.

ODAAT - Erika B.

Nothing new to report. Last group conscience we voted down the possibility of having a zoom meeting. Attendance has picked up a little bit.

Downtowners - Justin E.

Remodel is complete and we are using the other alley entrance.

Serenes - Tammy P.

We have 3 officer positions open but we have a group conscience this Thursday and hope to fill those.

Recovery - Paul M.

The GSR and Alt-GSR are out of town so he is standing in. Recovery group is doing good, service commitments are being met, attendance is growing with a lot of it being newcomers, and they have an upcoming retreat. Beartooth retreat will be July 18-20th, registration is \$210, there will be 5 speakers, it will include meals and lodging. Annual picnic in August. If you register in July it will be \$220.

West End - Jon A.

Things are good with attendance up, lots of newcomers. Planning the carnival style West End weekend Memorial Day weekend. It should be a lot of fun and he will give us more information when it comes available.

We Are Not Saints - Victoria T.

Nothing new to report.

3 Legacies - Daniel M.

Three Legacies Group continues to meet 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. Our travel meeting to 1801 Broadwater was well attended and included a mix of old timers and newcomers. We are continuing to suspend community commitments for now.

848 - Bob C.

We have a meeting everyday of the week at noon including holidays. Attendance is up, lots of newcomers, and made some changes at group conscience.

644 - Aimee S.

Had some issues with doors being unlocked, but that has been resolved. The group had a lengthy discussion about sober living's and their attendees. She wrote an email asking for input from other groups. The group is feeling the overall number of attendees from sober livings, especially at the 8pm meeting is high with 25-30 slips needing to be signed, contributions being down at said meeting, people not identifying as Alcoholic, some people not wanting to come because the meetings feel like a treatment center rather than AA, a breakdown of the unity of AA, and of Traditions. More can be explained in new business. Possible solutions have been discussed with the group currently being undecided. Also, there is a workshop about Safe and Welcoming Environment on May 24th 3pm. Flyers are available. Also, 644 Group has an ongoing zoom meeting every night at 8pm, it recently celebrated its 5th year birthday on March 20th!

Ballantine - Dave L.

Absent groups: Lockwood

Review of April 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion #23: (Aimee S./Jon A.) Motion to accept meeting minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report

Received \$1300 in contributions, Grasshopper app needs to be moved over a row. Report is missing the \$20 paid to the State of Montana for processing fee to register as non-profit. To date, the District has not received contributions from Districts 12 and 31 for costs associated with Pre-Assembly. DCM Pat P. will reach out to those Districts. District 11 has paid expenses to the individuals for Pre-Assembly.

Motion #24: (Mitch A./Erika B.) Motion to approve Treasurer's Report.

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

Standing Committee Reports

Archives - Nadine F.

See enclosed report.

Bridging the Gap - Cam M.

See enclosed report.

Corrections - Mark W. proxy for Mina C.

See enclosed report.

Hotline - Kate J.

See enclosed report.

Grapevine - Michelle M.

See enclosed report

Treatment - Vince V.

See enclosed report.

Public Information - Don M.

See enclosed report.

Communication with the Professional Community - Mitch A

See enclosed report.

Intergroup - Absent

Alanon - Absent

District 11 Commitments

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

Mondays May - Brown Baggers June - 644

Thursdays May - 848 June - Recovery

Rimrock Treatment Center 6-7pm, 1st Sunday and 7-8pm Mondays

**Speaker meeting changed to 1st Sunday of the month

Mondays, discussion meeting

May - Sunlight of the Spirit June - ODAAT

Community Crisis Center 10-11am

Saturdays May - 644 June - Serenes

Hotline

May - Recovery June - West End

Old Business

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

Progress was previously discussed within the CPC report.

Motion #25: (Daniel M./Nita R.) Motion to fund the 12 Step phone and monthly service at \$100 for the new phone and \$20 per month.
20 favor, 0 abstained, 0 against. Motion passed.

Request for group support for service opportunities at AA - A Resource Workshop.

Most positions filled. Everyone, especially greeters, are asked to dress appropriately. Michelle M. will be Speaker Timer. Volunteers are required to register and pay \$15 to attend.

Discuss update on District 11 participation for the Delegate's Report on Saturday, August 9th at Fireman's Point campground.

Pat P. will continue to work with Bob from District 12 to create a flyer and what will be needed to provide breakfast Saturday morning.

Motion #26: (Don M./Jon A.) Motion to change District date for August to the 16th.
20 favor, 0 abstained, 0 against. Motion passed.

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

Debbie D., Treasurer, has submitted Articles of Incorporation to the State of Montana. She has also spoken with the IRS and was distinctly told not to skip steps in this process, and was provided a list of necessary steps to take. After being set up with the State of Montana, we will file with the IRS for a tax ID number, then we can file that number with the IRS to become a non-profit. Currently, Debbie D. is waiting to hear back from the State. Next month she will provide a progress update.

New Business

Form an ad-hoc committee to update suggested positions and duties for the Area 40 Roundup hosted by District 11.

The prior committee chair suggested that positions be updated in the Policies and Procedures manual. A committee will need to be established in the next 3 months in preparation of the 2027 Roundup. Nadine F. as Archivist, will be part of that ad-hoc committee because she is responsible for updating the Policies and Procedures manual. It is also suggested that people who were part of the prior Roundup take part in this ad-hoc. Please take this information back to the groups for involvement. Mark W. and Debbie D. will be part of the ad-hoc committee.

Motion #27: (Nita R./ Don M.) Motion to approve assembly of ad-hoc committee to research and change District 11 Roundup Policies and Procedures.
19 favor, 0 abstained, 0 against. Motion passed.

Discuss concerns surrounding the sober living houses and their attendees.

Traditions to keep in mind: number 3, the only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking, number 5 with each group's primary purpose being to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic, and Tradition 6 that AA can't lend its name to outside enterprises. Also there is no we in AA, if the sober living attendees have a desire to stop drinking they are part of we. In the past, members of AA have explained to Rimrock and other facilities exactly what AA is and how we work. Possibility of group members meeting separately from the District to express concerns. There is the concern that the large number of sober living attendees are not a reflection of AA, but rather a reflection of treatment centers. Old timers are feeling over run by the numbers in which they appear, 20-30 per meeting. This is Tradition 4 in action, each group

is autonomous except in matters affecting other groups. The decisions made in one group will affect other groups. Numerous suggestions to reach out to sober living operators about what is AA's purpose. GSRs are encouraged to take information back to groups and work together to find resolution.

Information and Events

Contact Lists

District 11 and Area 40 Panel 75 contact list is available.

AA - A Resource Workshop

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

5th Annual Founder's Day Campout

June 6-8th at Lubrecht Experimental Forest located on MT HWY 200 near Garnet Ghost Town, 30 miles East of Missoula. Check in 2pm Friday and check out noon Sunday. Flyer and registration: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-06FoundersDayLubrecth.pdf>

Cooney Campout

July 11-13th at Cooney Lake Red Lodge Arm. Registration and flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-07CooneyCampout.pdf>

Call for a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion #28: (Victoria T./Andy M) Motion to adjourn.

19 favor, 0 abstained, 0 against. Motion passed.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

**Next District Meeting
June 14, 2025**

In grateful service, submitted by:
April T.
District 11 Secretary

DISTRICT 11 TREASURER'S REPORT MAY, 2025

	CHECKING ACCOUNT	PRUDENT RESERVE	PETTY CASH
OPENING BALANCE	\$ 6,798.60	\$ 3,186.95	\$ 100.00
INCOME	\$ 405.39	\$ 0.39	\$ -
EXPENSES	\$ 216.44	\$ -	\$ -
CURRENT BALANCE	\$ 6,987.55	\$ 3,187.34	\$ 100.00

INCOME	INCOME PLAN 2025	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD	CURRENT INCOME	TOTAL YTD INCOME	REMAINING INCOME
DISTRICT 11 7TH TRADITION	\$ 360.00	\$ 633.50	\$ 44.00	\$ 677.50	\$ (317.50)
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,940.00	\$ 1,395.89	\$ 3,335.89	\$ 2,664.11
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,360.00	\$ 2,573.50	\$ 1,439.89	\$ 4,013.39	\$ 2,346.61

EXPENSES	SPENDING PLAN 2024	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD EXPENSES	CURRENT EXPENSES	TOTAL YTD EXPENSES	REMAINING SPENDING
RENT	\$ 1,872.00	\$ 624.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 1,092.00
RENT - US POST OFFICE	\$ 232.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 232.00
DCM - AREA ASSEMBLIES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 254.31	\$ -	\$ 254.31	\$ 745.69
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ 279.99	\$ -	\$ 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	\$ -	\$ 60.44	\$ 60.44	\$ 1,439.56
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	\$ 3,335.88	\$ 216.44	\$ 3,552.32	\$ 6,728.48

Archives Committee May 2025 Report

Committee member Jan M. and myself went through most of the files in the Archives files last Saturday. We were able to put much of it in chronological order, and separate out Intergroup's records for their own files. It was really fun, the files were more organized than they initially appeared. Good job District 11 Archivists!

There are two upcoming old-timer interviews scheduled, thanks to the committee member Paul G.

And the big news is, the Archives chair, Nadine, was gifted with a guest sign in book from the 204 group from the 1970's. Apparently, a former member, who was no longer sober, passed away with the book in his belongings. Danelle Rovai spotted the book in the garbage and rescued it. She realized this was a treasure and belonged in the hands of Alcoholics Anonymous. There is even a sign in sheet from a convention held in 1955! I would have brought this for inspection but the pages are brittle, aged, and fragile.

I plan to take pictures of each page and create a file of this treasure for District 11 files. I will present it to the Area Archivist, where it can be stored in a safer, weather-free, aging free

repository. I am looking forward to the finished project to share with you!

In Service,
Nadine F.
May 10, 2025

Treatment District Report for May 10th

Everything is going good at the Psych Center, nothing to report there. And, nothing to report from the Crisis Center, everything is going well there too.

Talked with Cheryl at Rimrock Foundation and she changed the speaker from Friday to Sunday at 6pm on the first Sunday of the month. Also, on Fridays from 4:30 to 7pm men will be meeting at the First Baptist church at 218 N 34th Street and women will be meeting at White Birch for fellowship. Anyone interested, just let me know then I can contact Cheryl. My number is (406)647-8484. Please take this back to your groups.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Vince V.

Cooperation with the Professional Community

CPC committee continues to meet on Tuesdays. The next meeting, and last, prior the workshop is May 13th at BW Blacksmith 1438 Grand. As of the last meeting, we're planning on 75 attendees. A big thank you to all who have been participating and helping. Reached out to Lance, the Hotline chair about cards, had none, no response from Bruzier, Mitch's printer is working on these. A new phone has been procured that is compatible. Number has been ported over. Grasshopper will not refund the subscription. Phone \$100 and Consumer Cellular \$20. No 12 Step requests. A couple of members will visit all medical facilities in the area after the workshop. Number stays the same (406) 287-0019.

Mitch A.

Bridging the Gap

Everything is well. There were 10 referrals. The committee meets the first Sunday of the month. I did get the pdf from the big chair.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Cam M.

Hotline

Our district had one male call that was returned. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Kate

District Literature report

Literature has a display ready for the AA-A RESOURCE WORKSHOP at the Public Library on May 16th. Thanks to Cora, our bookstore chair for ordering the pamphlets for this event and making copies of information sheets for our folder handouts.

I received an email from GSO that had outdated information on my contact from a Literature

committee in District 12. I gave them the correct information, and forwarded to the current District 12 Literature committee the direction to update their contact information with GSO.

That is all,
Daniel

Grapevine Chair report May 2025

For the month of February it was all about education and learning for me as a Grapevine Committee chair.

Submitted paperwork to grapevine that I was elected a committee chair and reviewed the handbook on the Grapevine webpage.

Subscribed to Grapevine on-line and familiarized myself with the benefits and uses of the grapevine app.

Met with Pat regarding information and obligations as the newly elected Grapevine Committee Chair.

Reached out to Hugh the Grapevine Area chair and have planned a zoom call to discuss obligations and planning.

Next Month: Will be attending different meetings and trying to recruit AA members that would be willing to be part of the Grapevine Committee.

Organize and put together a presentation table regarding Grapevine Benefits and reading material associated with the Grapevine, which also shows some of the new features available on website and app.

Thank you for letting me serve!

Michelle M.

PI report

The committee met on May 3rd, I was the only person there. There will not be a committee meeting in June. I will announce the next meeting at June's district meeting. I am currently focused on the upcoming AA-A Resource workshop May 16th.

Yours in Service,

Don M

Corrections Committee Report

Date of Last Meeting: April 16

Attendance: Approximately 7 attendees

At the April 16 Corrections Committee meeting, several key developments occurred:

Passages Orientation:

As a result of the meeting, an orientation was successfully scheduled and completed at Passages, with approximately 20 individuals in attendance.

Yellowstone County Detention Facility Orientation:

An orientation was also held at the Yellowstone County Detention Facility. Between 8 to 10 AA volunteers participated. Screening results from this orientation are expected within three weeks. The Corrections Chair will follow up if no progress is reported within that time frame.

Upcoming Women's Prison Orientation:

An orientation is scheduled at the Women's Prison on May 14 at 7:00 PM. For more information, please contact Virginia I.

Next Corrections Committee Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, June 17

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: 1234 Avenue C

If you are currently taking meetings in to a correctional facility or are interested in doing so, please consider attending. A flyer will be created and distributed to all GSRs via email by the Corrections Chair.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Mina C.

Agenda Item

At our last group conscience meeting at the 644 group, a lengthy discussion was held regarding concerns surrounding the sober living houses and their attendees. I will briefly list them here:

1. The overall number of sober living attendees is fairly large, leaving significantly less chairs available for other regular patrons.
2. Group members feel that meetings with such large numbers of sober living attendees are not reflecting an Alcoholics Anonymous program, but rather are more reflective of group treatment sessions. As a result, regular and more long-term attendees do not want to attend meetings at the times this vast number of sober living attendees are typically known to attend.
3. The group feels a number of the procedures and requirements of the sober living houses are in direct violation of several of AA traditions, therefore may be affecting AA as a whole.

What I would really appreciate from other GSRs is any feedback surrounding this topic. What is the past experience of other groups? Are other groups having this same experience? What options of solutions have been offered or attempted in the past? What worked? What didn't? Any pertinent thoughts that could be shared?

