



Area 40 - District 11 - Meeting Minutes

October 11, 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. Jon A. read the Ninth Concept, *"Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees."*

A quorum was established at 10 with 11 GSRs and 6 committee chairs.

Home Group Announcements

Sunlight of the Spirit - Nita R.

Sunlight of the Spirit is doing well.

Recovery Group - Mathius M.

Everything is good, everything is great at the Recovery Group. Attendance is up. We have a men's retreat coming up October 24-26th at Abba Haven, for anyone and everyone who wants to come. Get a hold of me for a flyer. Meetings are full, Friday night meetings are a bit light. \$110 is the cost for the weekend. Just need to bring a sleeping bag and snacks.

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 in the basement. All meetings are closed discussion from the Big Book or 12x12. Our travel meeting was the 644 Picnic at Pioneer Park. Thanks for the great day. We will be looking forward to the next event. Still not taking service commitments at this time.

We Are Not Saints - Victoria T.

Nothing new.

West End - Jon A.

Seemed to have solved the problem of the bible being quoted in the meeting. Have had a good sign for the Halloween party. And the attendance is going good.

644 Group - Aimee S.

Sunday 4pm book study becomes permanent. They were reading the Plain Language Big Book, next will be Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers. Moved Friday 8pm to a temporary Plain Language Big Book Study to give more people the opportunity to read it. Sundays at 4pm sober livings weren't able to attend. Halloween party, there is a flyer on October 25th there will be a trunk or treat, if you have kids from 4-6pm, with costume contest, scariest dessert contest, and potluck. 644 still has a zoom meeting every night at 8pm.

Ballantine Home Group - Mark W. proxy for David

No report but standing in for commitments.

ODAAT - Erika B.

Attendance is picking up but we have many holes in our officers. We need an IGR, Group Conscience, and Archives person. We have started a collection for coffee, we were worried about how that would be received, but it's been well received.

Serenes - Tammy P.

Our numbers are still up.

Brown Baggers - Charles H.

Our attendance is good. Lots of sobriety, lots of years. Things are good.

Serenity Seekers - Kate J.

Not much to report. The speaker meetings are going well.

Great Reality - Andy P.

Nothing to report. We have Intergroup commitments the next two months so we won't be taking District commitments.

Absent groups - 848, Lockwood, and Downtowners

Review of August 16th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion #42: (Jon A./Nita R.) Motion to accept meeting minutes.

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

Error made on last month meeting minutes, it should state that We Are Not Saints meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Treasurer's Report

Motion #43: (Cam M./Erika) Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

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

Big expenses this month, The West Central Regional Service Convention and Area, also the yearly fee for the Post Office mailbox, and replaced 12-step Phone, also got a second post office key, and purchased books with the motion from last month. See enclosed report.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives - No report, Nadine absent

Bridging the Gap - Cam M.

Had a few referrals, once reached out to Cam directly. All referrals have been answered. Trying to talk with Brett about White Birch.

Corrections - Virginia I.

Please pass along to group members that we need volunteers for Corrections, preferably people that are not on probation. It makes it difficult to get into the prison and jail, but usually Passages will accept you. Request from second floor of Passages for Grapevines. Question about how to cover the cost of subscription. Subscription could be used for the contest. See enclosed report.

Hotline - Kate J.

The contact said the missed call the did not register on the designated persons phone, which has happened before but has gotten much better since Lance spoke with the call center. All of

the volunteers have been great and doing a good job. The incoming call for the Hotline is (406)540-5131. When a call is missed, the call center calls Lance, the Area chair, he reaches out to Kate, and then she forwards the information to whomever has the phone for that time. In the past there was an extra charge associated with calling back the Hotline. Whoever has Hotline for the month is to call Kate with missed calls, to be put in contact with missed caller. Her phone number is (813)842-0869. See enclosed report.

Grapevine - Barb O. proxy for Michelle M.

Report read by Mark W.

Treatment - Vince V.

See enclosed report. Brett who works at Rimrock, trying to get clarification about Rimrock's request of knowing who is bringing in meetings. At this point it is a request but not a requirement. Rimrock would like people, men and women to meet on Fridays with patients to hangout with them. A flier was created by ODAAT and will be included in the report. No sobriety requirement, but prudence to be used regarding taking meetings into facilities.

Public Information - Don M.

See enclosed report.

Communications with the Professional Community - Mitch A.

Replaced 12-Step phone. Question about call forwarding in event that something happens with a 12-Step phone. Question about 12- Step dispatcher rotation, nothing decided at this time. Some 12-Step calls are not going to the phone but still be taken care of and people are being met with. Beginning to look for speakers for the next Resource workshop.

Literature - Daniel M.

There is a 1940's video of Dr. Bob and Bill in the Stepping Stones Garden, a short home video that has been revised and available for sale, \$12, available on DVD and thumbdrive. See enclosed report.

Intergroup - Barb O.

Copy of treasure's report enclosed. Halloween party, costumes optional, bring some food. Holiday party December 14th from 12-5 at the Paper Mill, 2019 Montana Avenue. Inventory questionnaires available for people to take back to the group so Intergroup can get feedback from groups. Some positions are still open at Intergroup, secretary and vice chair. Barb O. rotates out at the beginning of the year. Not sure who the speakers will be at the Halloween party.

Al-Anon - Barb O.

The district meeting is next week for Alanon. Alanon wants more involvement with AA functions, but not as bottle washers and babysitters. They want to be speakers.

Announcement about District commitments- DCM Pat P.

Please remember that we are the only representation of AA that many people will see. So when we go into these facilities please remember there are HIPPA laws and that whoever we see there, do not talk about it with others outside of there because it can be hurtful. Please take this back to your group, that who you see there and what is said there needs to stay there.

District 11 Commitments

Psych Center

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

Mondays

October- 644

November-ODAAT

Thursdays	October- Brown Baggers	November-West End
<u>Rimrock</u>	6-7pm, 2nd Sunday, speaker meeting and 7-8pm Mondays, discussion October-Recovery Group	November-644
<u>Crisis Center</u> Saturdays	10-11am October- ODAAT	November-Recovery Group
<u>Hotline</u>	1 female & 1 male October- West End	November-Brown Baggers

Old Business

Review progress on the district application for Non-Profit status. (Debbie D.)

Nothing new to report, just waiting to do annual filing. Have started paperwork to create a procedure outline for groups to get tax ID numbers and filing.

Review proposed 2026 District 11 Spending Plan

Post Office price needs to be increased on Budget. Increased pre-assembly allotment in accordance with how much we spent. Please take this back to your groups to review and be ready to vote in November. See enclosed report.

Review update on the Formation of the Roundup Committee for the 2027 Fall Roundup.

See enclosed report.

New Business

Consider the formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to develop a bid presentation for the 2028 West Central Regional AA Service Conference.

Motion #44: (Don M./Mitch A.) Motion to form an ad hoc committee to create a bid to be presented at the next Area Assembly.

17 favor, 0 against, 0 abstain. Motion passed.

Start asking if people would be interested in being a part of this ad hoc.

2025 West Central Regional Forum DCM Report.

I want to thank you all for allowing me to be able to attend this event. This is the first time I have been able to attend. I did fly and rent a car, that is a bit more of a cost to the District, but it helped with fellowship and a trip to the zoo. This was really impactful for me, I was able to talk and meet lots of people. All the people from GSO were really personable. Met with a guy from Grapevine workshop, learned about how we can submit our stories to Grapevine because we all have stories of how we got here. There were about 12 of us there from Area 40. The West Central trustee, Charlie, who was at the last Assembly was there. Scott H., is the Service Board chair, he had an impact on me that I can't explain, he was matter of fact, very open, with grace. The only person paid is the full time Office Manager, everyone else volunteering their time. On

top of having their own jobs, they are giving so much time to AA. A Trustee spoke about the hurtful, personal attacks that were made directly at them, and all were able to respond with grace. I attended many workshops including the one run by Lisa C. Got a gold star for being the first time attending.

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.

Event – District 81 AA Grapevine Writing Workshop

o Date: October 18, 2025, Location: Missoula Public Library, Missoula

o Flyer & Registration: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-10D18-Grapevine-Workshop.pdf>

District 61 Grapefest

o Date: October 25, 2025, Location: Wilson House, Helena

o Flyer & Registration: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-10Grapefest.pdf>

Attitude of Gratitude

o Date: November 1, 2025, Location: 3580 N. Benton Ave. Helena

o Flyer & Registration: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-11AttitudeOfGratitude.pdf>

Call for Motion to Adjourn

Motion #45:(Victoria T./Cam M.) Motion to adjourn.

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

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Next District Meeting

November 8, 2025

In grateful service, submitted by:

April T.

District 11 Secretary

DISTRICT 11 COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER, 2025

INCOME	INCOME PLAN 2025	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD	CURRENT INCOME	TOTAL YTD INCOME	REMAINING INCOME
DISTRICT 11 7TH TRADITION	\$ 360.00	\$ 239.55	\$ 6.00	\$ 245.55	\$ 114.45
AA WORKSHOP 7TH TRADITION	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ -
FIREMAN'S PT 7TH TRADITION	\$ -	\$ 269.00	\$ -	\$ 269.00	\$ -
JOINT DIST 11,12,31 PRE-ASSEMBLY		\$ 165.45		\$ 165.45	

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,937.75	\$ 735.00	\$ 8,672.75	\$ (2,672.75)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,360.00	\$ 8,871.75	\$ 741.00	\$ 9,612.75	\$ -

EXPENSES	SPENDING PLAN 2025	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD EXPENSES	CURRENT EXPENSES	TOTAL YTD EXPENSES	REMAINING SPENDING
RENT	\$ 1,872.00	\$ 1,404.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 312.00
RENT - US POST OFFICE	\$ 232.00	\$ -	\$ 244.00	\$ 244.00	\$ (12.00)
DCM - AREA ASSEMBLIES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 920.00	\$ 344.95	\$ 1,264.95	\$ (264.95)
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	\$ -	\$ 1,401.24	\$ 1,401.24	\$ (651.24)
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
12TH STEP CALL	\$ 300.00	\$ 334.93	\$ 256.01	\$ 590.94	\$ (290.94)
FIREMAN'S POINT/DELEGATE REPORT	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 234.31	\$ 234.31	\$ 15.69
PRINT/POSTAGE	\$ 300.00	\$ 438.48	\$ 15.60	\$ 454.08	\$ (154.08)
BOOK PURCHASES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 694.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 804.00	\$ 196.00
EVENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UP EVENTS	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
PI/CPC SERVICE WORKSHOP	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,120.65	\$ -	\$ 1,120.65	\$ 379.35
DISTRICT SERVICE WORKSHOP	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
GSR ORIENTATION	\$ 150.00	\$ 212.44	\$ -	\$ 212.44	\$ (62.44)
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 150.00	\$ 122.11	\$ 18.50	\$ 140.61	\$ 9.39
TRANSFER TO PRUDENT RESERVE	\$ -	\$ 626.80	\$ -	\$ 626.80	
OPERATING TOTALS	\$ 9,654.00	\$ 6,640.64	\$ 2,780.61	\$ 9,421.25	\$ 859.55

District 11 Committee - 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET				
Annual Budget		2025	2026	
Rent		1,872.00	1,872.00	
Post Office Box Rent		232.00	260.00	

Area Assemblies - DCM - (2) x \$500.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
	District Rep - (2) x \$350.00 {2025 & 2026}	-	700.00	
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DCM - District Travel		150.00	150.00	
Joint District PreAssemblies - (1) x \$150.00		100.00	150.00	
WCRAASC - every year		500.00	800.00	
WCR Forum - every 2 years {\$800.00}		750.00	-	
Committees - (9) x \$100.00		900.00	900.00	
	Archives			
	Bridging the Gap			
	Corrections			
	Grapevine			
	Literature			
	PI			
	CPC			
	Treatment			
	Area 40 Hotline			
12th Step Call		300.00	300.00	
Fireman's Point Breakfast/ Delegate Report		250.00	250.00	
Print/ Postage		300.00	600.00	
Book Purchases		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Events				

	UP Events	250.00	250.00	
	PI/CPC Service Workshop - every year	1,500.00	1,500.00	
	District Service Workshop - every year	250.00	250.00	
	GSR Orientation - every 2 years {\$250.00}	150.00	-	
	Miscellaneous	150.00	150.00	
	Total Annual Budget	9,654.00	10,832.00	-
	* Contributions	6,000.00	6,000.00	
	** Prudent Reserve - 33% of Budget	2,660.00	3,185.00	
	* Contributions to date:	10/11/2025	8,672.75	
	** Prudent Reserve - to be adjusted to 33% of Approved 2026 Budget			

DISTRICT 11 CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT OCTOBER 2025

In September we were able to schedule another orientation for Alpha House and Passages. As of this writing, we have 8 new or returning volunteers for Passages and 3 new or returning volunteers for Alpha House. 5 AA members are awaiting approval from Probation and Parole.

Our next challenge is to recruit more volunteers for YCDF. Please pass along to your groups that we are looking mostly for people who are not on paper. As soon as we have a few interested volunteers, Annette will work on getting another orientation.

Another MWP orientation will most likely be held in November. I'll be asking for volunteers as soon as the date is announced.

We'll try for a committee meeting on Tuesday, November 11 th at 5:30 via Zoom.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Virginia Ireland

Hotline

Hello! For this month our district had a total of 6 calls, with one that was missed and returned. Thank you for this opportunity.

Grapevine Committee Chair

Held: 9/23/25

Library Study Room

3 in attendance

Promotions of Grapevine Ideas

- a. Separated list of local meeting and will attend one meeting from each group to possibly recruit new grapevine reps from each group. Also, to talk briefly about grapevine at each meeting
- b. Michelle will contact Hugh our area chairman to obtain more info regarding the local subscription competition and if he would be willing to set up a date to come do a writing workshop for people interested in submitting a story to the Grapevine.
- C. Review October calendar for any possible opportunities for group to set up display and encourage opportunities for subscriptions.
- d. Will copy subscription forms to have available in case people are not comfortable with digital.
- e. Encourage possible encouragement for subscriptions.
 - 1. Sponsee
 - 2. Newcomer
 - 3. Institutions
 - 4. Medical offices
- f. Talk with Hugh about ways to promote on social media.

Next Grapevine Meeting

Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30 pm

Treatment

Meetings at Rimrock are going good. Brett says everything is good this month. Brett was going to reach out to Cameron for meetings at church on Friday nights. Meeting at Crisis Center going well. Meetings at the Psych Center are going well. Gerri is out of the office until October 13th.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Vince V.

Public Information

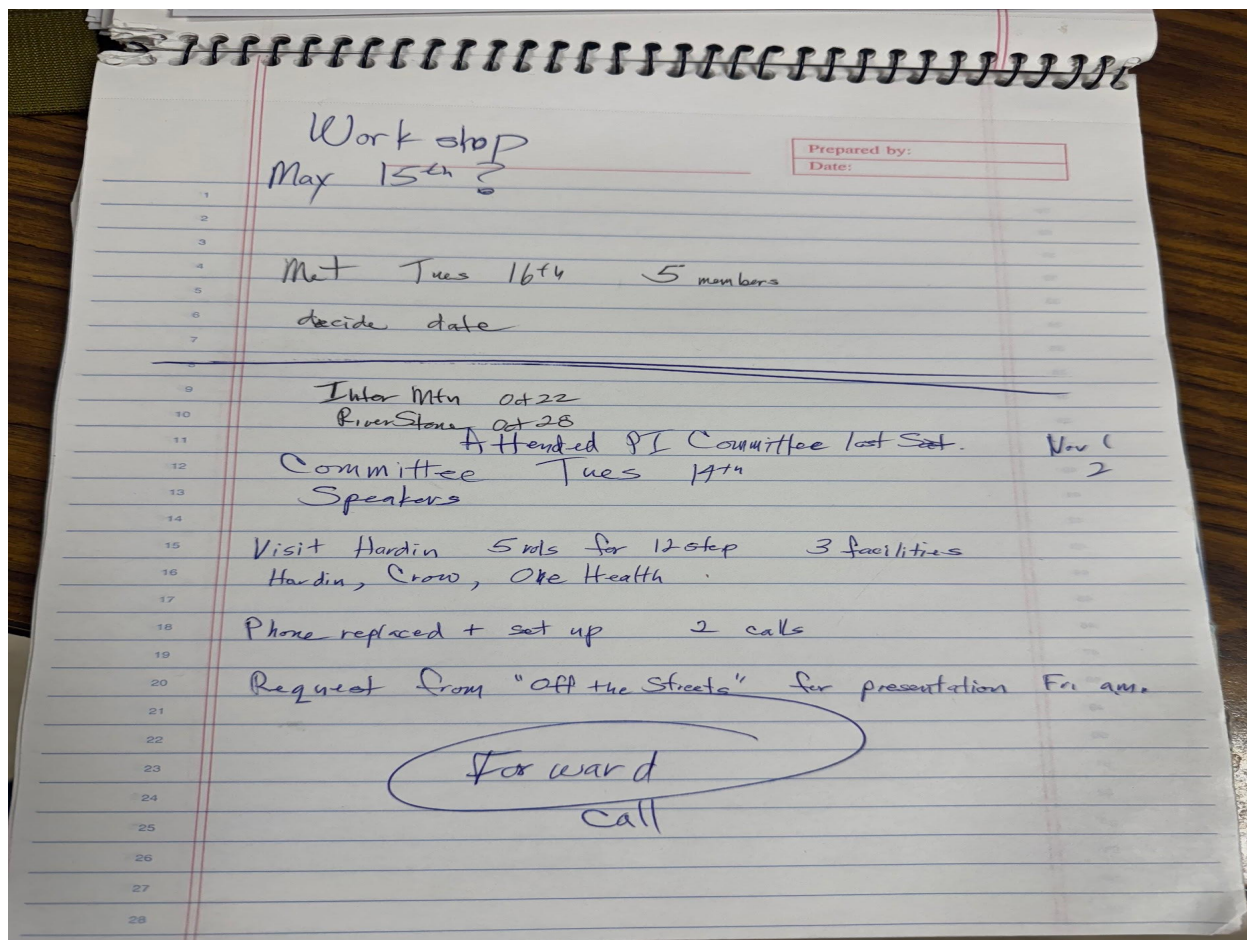
The committee met and discussed the ongoing work we are doing. Checking "Free Libraries" in neighborhoods, restocking Grapevines as needed continues. If you notice one in your neighborhood, let me know it's location and I'll service it. The next meeting is November 1st, 2pm at 510 Cook.

Yours in Service,

Don Metters

PI Chair

Communication with the Professional Community



Literature committee report:

AAWS Publishing reports recommendations to move forward on Plain Language Big Book audio books and to keep 1st Edition Big Book reprints at \$2.00

The GSC Advisory action from Literature is to approve revisions of the pamphlets, 12 steps illustrated, and Indigenous people in AA, and Q&A on Sponsorship. Discounts on these updated pamphlets is coming for Group Literature racks.

That is all,

Daniel

SCMI TREASURES REPORT 2025

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
STARTING BALANCE	2607	3266	3276	3522	3595	3125.31	3623.71	2843.4	3663.4
INCOME									
District 11 Rent		156	312			156	156	312	156
Pancake Breakfast		215							
Event deposit refund			150						
Event deposit cash			2105						
Great Reality									100
Recovery Group	250			250				250	
Rock Creek Group	249								
644 group	200	500				500			300
Brown Baggers	431					481.4		728	
Downtowners									
Serenes			25						
3 Legacies				23.3					45
ODAAT				50					
1801 Group						100			
Westend				300					
TOTAL INCOME	1129	871	2592	623	0	1137.4	156	1290	601
EXPENSES									
Rent Doug Braun	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380	380
Utilites Westend	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88
supplies		106		20			222.28		
Area 40 Pink Can									
406 Event Rentals			465						
Little Flower School		285							
Speaker gifts				60.3					
Event location			450						500
P.A.L. Inc PA rental			800						
copy \$									67.4
Cooney registration						169			
travel expenses			163						
USPS							244		
insurance									423.58
Paper statement fee	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
TOTAL EXPENSES	470	861	2346	550	470	639	936.28	470	1460.98
ENDING BALANCE	3266	3276	3522	3595	3125	3623.71	2843.43	3663.4	2803.4
PRUDENT RESERVE			3001						

Hi Ya'll, I'm Lynne W, & I'm grateful to serve as your Fall 2027 Roundup Chair. Thank you, Pat, for getting the committee started. We have elected Dave K co-chair, Becky W Treasurer, and Jon A Registration Chair. There are still many exciting opportunities to serve, such as Secretary, Venue Chair, & Program Chair, among others. The next planning meeting will be Thursday, November 13 at the BW Blacksmith on 15 th & Grand at 7 pm. We will have the next round of elections, and start picking the speakers. Finally, I want to announce the date: The Fall 2027 Billings Roundup will be October 1, 2, & 3. We are all excited to see where this journey takes us.

In loving service,

-Lynne W