



Area 40 - District 11 - Meeting Minutes September 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Alt- DCM Mark W., followed by the Serenity prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by Secretary April T. 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 11 with 12 GSRs and 5 chairs, 17 voting members.

Home Group Announcements

Sunlight of the Spirit - Nita R.

Sunlight of the Spirit is thriving, has new members and nothing new to report.

Recovery Group -Mathius M.

Matthias M. is the new GSR for Recovery Group, transitioning over from Alternate. Men's retreat will be October 22-26th in Lavina. Girl Talk went well. Zoom meetings are Monday and Wednesday, with in-person meetings 5 days a week.

3 Legacies - Daniel M.

Same place, same time and we have had some newcomers so that has been nice. Our travel meeting will be to Pioneer Park for the 644 Annual Picnic.

We Are Not Saints - Angela F.

Meetings are going well. Attendance is up, but not new homegroup members. Lots of treatment centers are showing up with 60 people at the meeting on Wednesday. It has been fun. Meetings are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6pm at 909 Wyoming.

West End - Jon A.

Attendance has been really good. West End Weekend was a great success, we had a ton of people roaming around, we got to dunk a lot of people. It was a lot of fun; I think we're going to do it next year so if you don't have anything going that weekend come by and watch people get dunked! Just really good fellowship, other than that we are doing really good.

644 Group - Don M.

644 has a new meeting Sundays at 4pm, it's a literature study, starting with Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers. We are finishing the Plain Language Big Book. Today at 2pm we have a workshop about the history of AA. Also, we have our picnic on September 27th 11-3pm at Pioneer Park. We are providing hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, and condiments with plates. There will be a band. We ask that you bring side dishes, desserts, drinks, and chairs. There is not a lot of seating, it will be located on 3rd Street West side by the tennis courts. Just look for the group

of drunks. Meetings are well attended and are seeing the treatment vans as well. Considering changing Friday's 8pm meeting to a Plain Language Big Book study meeting.

Ballantine Home Group - Dave L.

We meet on Mondays at 8pm and Saturdays at noon. We have a lot of fishermen so we're trying to get some fellowship going while fishing, so if anyone is interested let me know.

ODAAT - Erika B.

Nothing new to report, except a change on the meeting schedule, Tuesday meetings are open.

Serenes - Tammy P.

Attendance at meetings is up, but attendance at group conscience is low, but we were able to scoot in a quorum. We are going to finish the Crisis Center, then wind it down for service because of the momentum. We have also discussed travelling to meetings and that hasn't happened. Once that happens, I will sign us up for more service projects.

Brown Baggers - April T.

Attendance at meetings is up, especially at the 6:30 am meeting. Owen attended Area on behalf of Brown Baggers, and it was reported that it went really well.

Serenity Seekers - Kate J.

Nothing new to report. Still having speaker meetings once a month, have a small attendance, and I am grateful for our 2 meetings a week. And if anyone has a burning desire to drive out there this winter let me know. It gets a bit dicey out there.

April T. stood in as Alt-GSR as Charles wasn't there. Mark W. asked if April T. was able to stand for Brown Baggers in Charles' absence. April T. is the Alt-GSR for Brown Baggers and also acting Alt-DCM for this meeting. Lynne W. confirmed that it was acceptable for April T. to vote and pick up service positions for this meeting. If a questionable situation arises the topic can be revisited. Adding one more voting member.

Absent groups - 848, Lockwood, Great Reality, and Downtowners

Review of August 16th, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion #39: (Jon A./Mathius M.) Motion to accept meeting minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report

See enclosed report. Added a couple of lines in our income to divide out 7th tradition from events. Also added a Area Travel reimbursement line so that expenses for travel are shared with a group, it will go in there, so it won't look like a contribution but rather a reimbursement. Reimbursed Pat P. for travel to Area and year to date printing costs. Groups and committees have had an opportunity to bring up changes to the 2026 budget, we will be voting on that next month. There are copies on the table, any questions please submit them to Debbie by Monday. Does anyone have any recollection of who may have a key to the post office box? The information at the Post Office hasn't been updated since 2013. Nadine F. will check as Archives.

Motion #40: (Cam M./Jon A.) Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

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

Standing Committee Reports

Archives - Nadine F.

See enclosed report.

Bridging the Gap - Cam M.

There have been a few that have been connected. I got phone lists printed for women to get into White Birch and the women's prison. Hopefully, we can get other groups to get their women involved, because we desperately need to get White Birch going and the prison. As far as he knows there are no meetings going into White Birch and I want to get that going. Erika B. was told that they White Birch didn't want meetings, but rather gatherings on Friday, has that changed? Cam M. will call and check. Don M. asked if professionals are using the hyperlink, Don M provided information about how it is used, with suggestions to reach out to Area Bridging the Gap chair. Bridging the Gap cards do not contain hyperlink. Flyers provided for GSRs to take to groups to find people willing to help with Bridging the Gap.

Corrections - Virginia I.

See enclosed report.

Hotline - Kate J.

See enclosed report. Jon stood in for me at Area. Jon A. attended a committee meeting in Area, reported back that the founder's writings are dead because of no definitive definition of founder's writings. If you have a concrete definition it would help with protecting the writings. There is concern with the 12-calls and suicide prevention. Lance will have an ad-hoc committee to address the issue. You can be sued if someone doesn't handle the situation properly. The suicide hotline gets sued all the time. Something will probably come up at the Spring Assembly. Lance is looking for an alternate chair, if anyone is interested reach out to him. Don M. gave 988 as Suicide Hotline number if someone is in trouble.

Grapevine - Debbie D. proxy for Michelle M.

See enclosed report. Barb O. went to the Grapevine committee at Area. Area 40, Grapevine Chair announced that we are having a competition, statewide, to see who can get the most Grapevine app subscriptions in the next 6 months. The winner gets a hand carved surprise, made out of mahogany. Please get a number of how many subscriptions we have to Pat so we can win. Also, Pink Can contributions can be used to provide Grapevine subscriptions to correctional facilities.

Treatment - Jon A. proxy for Vince V.

See enclosed report. Question about soft or hardcover books being needed at the Psych center. Questions about how to give names of people who will be taking meetings into Rimrock. Erika B. reported that from Area there are 2 treatment facilities that will be requiring 20 hour training, CPR, Narcan administration, 1st aid, and de-escalation skills, with zoom being an option. Hard books may pose a threat, but books should be kept behind a desk. Remember that treatment has \$100 for spending. Don M. looked back on minutes and found discussion about books for the Psych Center.

Motion #40: (Nadine F./Mitch A.) Motion to buy 10 softcover books for the Psych Center, asking that the Treatment chair monitor how often the books are being refilled. 14 for, 1 against, and 1 abstained. Minority Opinion: Jon A. doesn't want to vote because he wants more information from past actions. Motion passes.

Public Information - Don M.

See enclosed report.

Communications with the Professional Community - Mitch A.

Attended Area as well, was part of CPC committee, of 14 Districts, 9 have CPC chairs. The Montana Department of Corrections has AA listed as a religious option. Cards available with medical study showing AA is the most effective treatment of alcoholism, the other has a qr code hotline. Tentative date for next workshop May 15th. An AA informational meeting outline designed for treatment and sober living facilities was discussed at the CPC meeting. Will be presenting Intermountain Health on October 22nd. Also, a presentation to Riverstone Health on October 28th. 1 step call since last meeting. The 12-step phone has been misplaced and is in process of being replaced.

Literature - Daniel M.

See enclosed report. Mark W. went to Area on behalf Daniel for Literature, since it was already approved by District to reimburse no motion is needed for Mark's costs to be reimbursed.

Intergroup - Barb O.

Halloween party October 11 from 5-8pm at Little Flower School with costumes and chili cook off. The bookstore chair was elected, Vicki from 644 group. The pancake breakfast was canceled due to lack of event insurance, but that has been resolved. Elections will be held in October.

Al-Anon - Barb O

Al-Anon would like to be involved in District events more often, and not just in roles of serving food, but of having speakers also.

District 11 Commitments

Psych Center

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

Mondays

September- Brown Baggers

October- 644

Thursdays

September- West End

October- Brown Baggers

Rimrock

6-7pm, **2nd Sunday**, speaker meeting and 7-8pm Mondays, discussion

September- 644

October-Recovery Group

Crisis Center

10-11am

Saturdays

September- Serenes

October- ODAAT

Hotline

1 female & 1 male

September- Recovery Group

October- West End

Old Business

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

Debbie D. is waiting on more paperwork, will update next month.

Review progress on approved updates to the "Suggested Positions & Duties for Area 40 Roundup Hosted by District 11" section of the District 11 Policy and Procedures. (Nadine F.)

Everything had been completed, and the Policies and Procedures has been updated and is available on the table at District and on the website.

Review District 11 Group Meeting List audit progress.

A GSR brought it to the attention of the DCM, Pat P. went through and updated the location, time, and date of all District meetings. This is a great example of how to bring problems to the attention of the District. Thank you to the Great Reality group for bringing to the attention of the District. This is why communication is really important, and appreciated. Recovery Group meetings on Wednesday and Friday are open. Please look through for discrepancies. Smoking meetings are still possible if they are in personal homes.

Review development of the proposed 2026 District 11 Spending Plan

Review the current spending plan and work with the DCM, Alt-DCM, Secretary,

Committee Chairs and GSRs to develop the proposed 2026 District 11 Spending Plan.

As previously discussed, please reach out to Debbie D. by Monday with concerns about budget. The final budget will be brought to the District in October for vote in November. Question asked regarding what happens to unspent money from the budget. Money typically rolls over from one year to next with the option to send money down the triangle.

New Business

Announce the Formation of the Roundup Committee for the 2027 Fall Roundup held in Billings. AA members interested in standing as the Roundup Committee Chairperson, Co-Chairperson or any of the other Roundup positions, should attend the Roundup Committee Meeting scheduled for 7pm Friday, October 10th at B.W. Blacksmiths, 1438 Grand Ave.

A date, time, and place has been identified. No sobriety time requirement to get involved in the Roundup Committee. Please take back to groups.

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.

Annual Potluck in the Park, 644 Group

Date: September 27, 2025, from 11am to 3pm, Location: Pioneer Park

Contact Brooklyn (406) 670-6392

Flyer attached

2025 Havre AA Mini Conference

Date: September 26-28, 2025, Location: HRDC, 2229 5th Ave, Havre,

Flyer & Registration: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2025-09HavreMiniConferenceProgram.pdf>

2025 Fall Roundup

Date: October 3-5, 2025, Location: Great Northern Hotel, 835 Great Northern Blvd., Helena

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

ANYPAA-All Northwest Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous
How to ANYPAA to Montana, information outlined in the link below.

<https://www.anypaa.org/>

Call for Motion to Adjourn

Motion #:41 (Cam. M/Jon A.) Motion to adjourn.

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

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Next District Meeting October 11, 2025

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

DISTRICT 11 TREASURER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER, 2025

	CHECKING ACCOUNT	PRUDENT RESERVE	PETTY CASH
OPENING BALANCE	\$ 7,332.20	\$ 3,188.52	\$ 100.00
INCOME	\$ 2,300.61 \$ 0.83		\$ -
EXPENSES	\$ 1,547.19	\$ -	\$ -
CURRENT BALANCE	\$ 8,085.62	\$ 3,189.35	\$ 100.00

INCOME	INCOME PLAN 2025	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD	CURRENT INCOME	TOTAL YTD INCOME	REMAINING INCOME
DISTRICT 11 7TH TRADITION \$ 360.00		\$ 186.15	\$ 25.50	\$ 211.65	\$ 148.35
AA WORKSHOP 7TH TRADITION \$ -		\$ 260.00	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ -
FIREMAN'S PT 7TH TRADITION \$ -		\$ -	\$ 269.00	\$ 269.00	\$ -
CONTRIBUTIONS \$ 6,000.00		\$ 4,559.69	\$ 1,061.00	\$ 5,620.69	\$ 379.31
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,360.00	\$ 5,005.84	\$ 1,355.50	\$ 6,361.34	\$ -

EXPENSES	SPENDING PLAN 2024	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD EXPENSES	CURRENT EXPENSES	TOTAL YTD EXPENSES	REMAINING SPENDING
RENT	\$ 1,872.00	\$ 1,092.00	\$ 312.00	\$ 1,404.00	\$ 468.00
RENT - US POST OFFICE	\$ 232.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 232.00
DCM - AREA ASSEMBLIES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 484.14	\$ 435.86	\$ 920.00	\$ 80.00
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
12TH STEP CALL	\$ 300.00	\$ 279.99	\$ 54.94	\$ 334.93	\$ (34.93)
DELEGATE REPORT	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
PRINT/POSTAGE	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 438.48	\$ 438.48	\$ (138.48)
BOOK PURCHASES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 574.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 694.00	\$ 306.00
EVENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

UP EVENTS	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
PI/CPC SERVICE WORKSHOP	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,120.65	\$ -	\$ 1,120.65	\$ 379.35
SPONSORSHIP WORKSHOP	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
GSR ORIENTATION	\$ 150.00	\$ 212.44	\$ -	\$ 212.44	\$ (62.44)
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 150.00	\$ 122.11	\$ -	\$ 122.11	\$ 27.89
TRANSFER TO PRUDENT RESERVE	\$ -	\$ 626.80	\$ -	\$ 626.80	
OPERATING TOTALS	\$ 9,654.00	\$ 5,279.36	\$ 1,361.28	\$ 6,640.64	\$ 3,640.16

Archives

I would like to thank Patrick P. for helping me do the Roundup updates to the District Policies and Procedures. He also cleaned them up and made them look crisp and neat. Thank you, Patrick! I was also able to interview Pete S. before he moved out of state. Pete has 40 plus years of sobriety. There are more interviews of the old timers planned for the next month.

Thank you for letting me be of service!

Nadine F.

Corrections

It's been a busy month!

I have compiled a list of meeting days and times for Alternatives, YCDF and MWP. I have also contacted the facilitators for each.

Earlier this week three of us met with Karli Morris, the activities director for Passages pre-release center. The meetings have gotten quite large and disruptive lately. On our side, volunteers haven't been keeping our commitments as we should. Beginning in October, the attendance will be limited to 10 inmate workers. The PRC women will be instructed to attend outside AA meetings (prior to this, they were just encouraged to go outside of the facility). I have scheduled an orientation for Alpha House and Passages for September 23rd at 6 pm at 2120 3rd avenue north. Please have people contact me if they are interested.

Annette P. retrieved the list of people approved to bring meetings into YCDF and has put them on the schedule. We'll try to get another orientation there when we recruit more volunteers. We attempted a committee meeting via Zoom but, unfortunately, I had trouble with the sound. That has been corrected now, and we're scheduled to do Zoom meetings the second Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. Please let your groups know.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve.

Virginia I.

Hotline

We had a total of 2 calls, initially missed, that were returned successfully this month.

Thank you for letting me be of service!

Kate

Grapevine

I will not be at meeting due to soccer game commitments. I do not have much as grapevine chair. Have not had much interest in committee members. Please just tell people that Grapevine committee meets 4th Tuesday of the month which will land on Sept. 23rd in second floor of library in reserved room. So far, I have been the only one in attendance. I will be brainstorming ideas to recruit members. Please just ask GSR to announce at their meetings. Thank you

Michelle M.

Treatment

Crisis Center is going well, and meetings have been taken care of. Rimrock Foundation meetings are being taken care of also. Brandon requested that if we could let him know what people are coming for the meetings, for the group that has it for the month. Maybe call him and give him the sign-up sheet. His number is (406)565-7277. Psych Center is requesting 10 books from District. Diane will deliver books.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Vince V.

Public Information

Howdy,

As your PI chair I attended the Assembly and participated in the area PI committee meeting. I made several contacts and will continue to collaborate with those contacts. I also attended the CPC Committee meeting this week. Our next PI Committee meeting is October 4th at 2pm at 510 Cook Ave.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Don M.

Literature

Mark attended the Area Assembly in person and was able to participate in the Literature committee. There are discounts on the new revised pamphlets to refresh groups' Literature racks. The reprint of the 1st edition Big Book is available for just \$2.00, and the commemorative book for the 90th year is available.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Daniel M.

***Reviewed meeting notes from District Meeting 8-16-25**

There had been a request for pocket sized Big Books to be delivered to the Psych Center. It was discussed that people can get books from their home groups after release.

“Question about cost associated with supplying Psyche Center with pocket-sized books and who the books would be offered to. Remaining budget of \$426 for book purchases. Suggestions to make use of home groups and sponsors to get first Big Book. “