

District Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2025

Grant opened the meeting at 3:05 pm with the Serenity Prayer. Brandy read Tradition 8 and Grant read Concept 8. Heather (Al-Anon) made a correction that Al-Anon will be **hosting** Area Assembly (not attending as last month's minutes stated). Diane made a motion to accept last month's minutes with corrections, Dawn seconded, all accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance \$8,354.54

Expenses:

Founder's Day (Meat) \$316.92

Pamphlets (P.I. Chair) \$41.25

Literature \$139.53

Total Expenses: \$497.70

Deposits:

7th Tradition \$29.00

Grapevine Sales. \$29.00

Pink Can Fund \$26.00

New Beginnings \$200.00

Bounce House Donation \$400.00

Total Deposits: \$684.00

Ending Balance \$8,540.84

Prudent Reserve \$3,000.00

Available Balance \$5,540.84

Group Reports

AA 101: Kandice: wonderful attendance and 7th tradition

Candlelight: April: not present

New Beginnings: Cathy: Sunday meeting is well attended; Fridays and Wednesday attendance has been picking up

Just for Today: no updates provided

SOP: Brandon: taking meeting to pre-release on Sundays at 6:30 pm starting this week, pre-release no longer allowing meetings M-F

Mustard Seed: Rebecca A.: business meeting last Monday of the month; \$8 for pink can; upcoming speaker meeting Tracy G. on 8/18

Meeting of Recovery in Belt: Regina: not present, provided email updates: Joe Heifner is moving to Arizona for keeps this August. He gave me his archive box. I will bring it next month and give it to someone to put in storage.

Courage to Change: no updates

Rise and Shine: Dan: has all the Christmas decorations for Rise and Shine at his house along with several chairs; attendance is high; 7th tradition is good; still keeping bathroom key with someone during meetings to prevent non-attendees from using the restroom.

Sunday Serenity and Fourth Dimension groups: Amanda: both of these meetings recently relocated to First Presbyterian Church

Al-Anon/Alateen: Heather: business meeting on third Thursday of the month; only have 4 people who are training for AMIAS and looking for more; going to have a booth at What Women Want; will have a speaker in Helena at AA Fall Roundup.

Central Montana Group (Lewistown): Lindsay: Emailed updates. I will be attending Paha Sapa Mountain conference in August 15-17, if anyone is interested there is a website

<https://pahasapaconference.com/>. I will be attending the Fall Assembly in Great Falls. I will be attending the west central Forum in Omaha NE in September. I joined the ZOOM meeting for the Delegates Reports a couple of weeks ago. Old business: I have a date set for Lisa C.D. to give her Delegates Report on October 11th. She is also going to share her story. Our Group will provide a meal. I will have more info following our Business meeting on the 12th. - discussion that district may be able to provide partial/full support of the meal. New Business: Is the District able to help with the costs of Lindsay GSR to the Central MT group to attend The West Central Forum? - discussion that per Tradition 7, District does not typically fund GSR's as groups are self-supporting.

Electric City Sisters (new, closed AA meeting): Zoe: first meeting will be held on 8/14 at 7:00 pm (and each Thursday at 7:00 pm after that) at Church of Christ - 1400 6th St NW.

Serenity at Noon-Thirty: no updates

Chair Reports

Archives: open position

BTG: Rebecca L.: steady stream of volunteers signing up to be BTG contacts; would like to create a BTG district email and asked if there already is one and what are the guidelines to creating a new account; plans to reach out to Area BTG for confirmation and guidance.

Corrections: Brandy: women's pre-release going well, Rebecca A. has two additional women assisting (Mary W. and Alix R.). Jail library well stocked. Next Bridging the Community committee meeting will be held on 8/15 at 6:00 pm; the event is planned to be held on 10/18/25 11:00 am-3:00 pm

CPC: open position

Grapevine: Jim: plans to connect with Molly to see what funds he has to work on increasing inventory

IT: Eric: requested secretary to resend corrected July minutes so he can upload them to District mini-site

Literature: Dawn: has been selling a lot of coins; won't be putting in book order for some time as she had ordered a lot of books in preparation for Spring Roundup.

PI: Diane: looking into purchasing 3 pamphlet racks but out of stock at the moment while NY is looking for a new manufacturer; however she found used NA racks which are very similar but \$52 shipping charge. She will check prices on Amazon. During the meeting, it was found that two racks are available in Helena AA for sale and Amanda offered to pick them up later this week if they are purchased.

Schedules: Cathy: will add new Electric City Sisters meeting to schedules and update website; please contact her if there are any other updates needed

Treatment: April: not present

Hotline: Nick: not present

SYS: Rosie: spoke with Steve who is eager to host AA events at the barn on his land; last she spoke with him they were thinking around Halloween-time, just waiting to hear from him when the barn is finished.

DCM: Grant: did not have much time this past month to attend business meetings but hopes to get to more of them this month; plans to create a binder for resources; suggested meeting to discuss budgets for chair positions. During the meeting, Amanda shared that Riverside/Elkhorn Treatment Center is open again (women's corrections) outside of Boulder, MT and at least two women there are asking for meetings. She asked Grant to bring this up to Area contacts to see what can be done.

Old Business:

- Combination lock: Dawn shared concerns, would like combination lock to only go to DCM, Literature, and SYS.
- Suggestion to indicate that RMTC speaker meeting and Angel Room unhoused meetings are not "regular" AA groups/meetings.
 - Reviewed AA guidelines on the types of AA meetings that are held in a treatment facility: 1. Self-supporting group chaired by AA member; and 2. A treatment facility only AA meeting (referred to as beginner's meeting) that is not listed on the meeting list or meeting guide app. The RMTC speaker meeting does not adhere to either of these criteria.
 - Diane made a motion to leave these two meetings on the schedule but have them listed separately from the rest of the meetings; labeled as in cooperation but not in affiliation with AA (i.e. facilities meetings)
 - Amanda minority opinion: feels that these meetings should not be listed on AA meeting schedule at all
 - The motion passed.

New Business:

- No new business

The next district meeting details will be held **Sunday, September 7 at 4:00 pm at Great Falls Church of Christ (1300 6th St NW) in the Fellowship Hall.**

Seventh tradition was \$31. Meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm, closed with the Responsibility Statement.

For the next meeting:

Tradition 9: Diane

Concept 9: Dawn

Snacks: Dan

Respectfully submitted,

Rikki L.