

Kansas Area 25 Wrap Sheet

WINTER 2020 EDITION

The Wrap Sheet is a brief synopsis of Area 25 Assembly/Committee Meetings. Please share this information in your District/Group Business Meetings. The Wrap Sheet is a source for the membership to see the Area service structure working to carry the message.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Salina, KS | January 17th-19th, 2019

Delegate P70/A25 - Sheri P.

- The 2020 General Service Conference is April 19-25 in Rye Brook, NY
- The 2020 AA International Convention is July 2-5 in Detroit, MI.
 - Asking for volunteers to help work the Southwest Regional Hospitality Room at International.
- The Records Department has worked tirelessly to catch up on shipments of GSR and DCM kits. Please be patient with them as they get caught up during this system transition.
- In Corrections there is a new service piece on Bridging the Gap/Temporary Contact.
- The Big Book, 12&12, and Living Sober should be available in audio/streaming download in January, 2020. The 12&12 will be available in ASL in early 2020.

Alternate Delegate P70/A25 - Jon R.

- Will be attending SWRDA (Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly) in Oklahoma City in March.
- Will be available to help our Delegate with the report after the conference and for any other service requests from districts and groups, just ask.

Alanon Liaison - Baylee S.

- The 48th Annual Kansas Alanon/Alateen Conference will be held June 12-14, 2020. Please mark your calendars and join us. The venue is the Best Western Wichita North at 53rd North and I-135 in Park City, Kansas.

Accessibilities - Ben S.

- We had 9 People in attendance from 6 Districts.
- Spent time discussing the ASL meeting for the Deaf Community in District 10.
- Discussed hearing issues in other meetings in District 19.
- Recommendations were made to have people to stand to share to project voice, or to use a microphone.
- One Member discussed using Skype Closed Captioning for Meetings.

- Discussions and questions brought up for Closed Captioning at State Conference.

P.I. - Sonya F.

- There were 14 people in attendance, from 6 districts.
- Questions on how to get literature to the people not court ordered:
 - A flyer was mentioned as a tool used by one of the groups
 - Lisa from district 23 stated she has written letters to the high school and received no response.
- Discussion of PSA on radio stations. District 19 has a message on Wichita City Buses.

Chronicler - Heather G.

- Attendance: 8 individuals from Districts 5, 6, 8, 10 & 19
- Email any group history information to chronicler@ks-aa.org
- Spanish versions of Chronicler information available
- Discussion of updating group history form: Heather will send out ideas on updating; question of making a PDF fillable version will be explored.

CPC - Jody H.

- 10 people in attendance from 7 districts: 4, 8, 10, 18, 19, 27 & 30.
- Reported on an Email from GSO surveying areas about starting a conference CPC convention in the near future and would Kansas be interested in hosting.
- Packets for Professionals and Health Care Profession have been assembled, some have been passed out and could be duplicated by groups and districts.
- Digital media platforms such as AA Linkedin and Youtube are available for short video or PSA dissemination.

Corrections - Michelle D.

- We had 21 people from several districts represented today.
- Discussed the creation of a database of individuals who are certified to take meetings into institutions as we need more people to service the more rural areas of the state.
- District 8 will be the host for this year's Correction Conference. It will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church in Topeka, March 28, 2020 from 9AM to 3PM. Lunch will be provided please remember the 7th Tradition as you attend.
- A request for recycled Grapevines to be collected and distributed to those behind the walls was made and the committee will encourage groups to bring them to the committee and assembly meetings.
- The committee will attempt to coordinate information on meetings and contacts for those who are transitioning out of facilities throughout the area. Please let your District committee or the Area Committee if you can assist us in this effort.
- Our yellow can treasurer announced that we spent \$8,000 more on literature than last year, and our balance is \$6,000.

Grapefree Press – Amanda G.

- 4 attendees from 4 different districts.
- Needing submissions for birthdays, memoriams, events, etc.
- Also requested to continue to send in photos of meeting halls. Be sure to include the group and location when submitting. All submissions need to be sent to gfp@ks-aa.org
- Adding an article on the topic of “How Service Work Has Impacted My Recovery”. Please submit articles to gfp@ks-aa.org.
- Hard copies will continue to be dispersed at Area Assembly/committee meetings. Currently bringing 100 copies.
- The digital version will continue to be posted online at ks-aa.org

Grapevine - Patty G.

- 7 members representing 6 districts were in attendance.
- One group in Topeka has a Grapevine Meeting known as Language of the Heart.
- We encourage everyone to participate in submitting articles, and stories to Grapevine. Don't forget pictures and jokes as allowed.
- The Grapevine now has a youtube channel, audio books and downloads. Also check out how Kansas is faring in the Subscription Challenge.
- Our Grapevine Chair is available for workshops and Grape-a-thon events hosted by the fellowship. Let her know when your event is planned.
- We regret that the Grape-a-thon planned for Feb 1st in Lawrence was postponed and will be rescheduled. Watch for their announcement.

Literature - Geno R.

- 7 Districts participated with 14 total members.
- Terry L. past Literature chair shared his experience and knowledge of the 6 items recommended for newcomers. Namely:
 - Information on Alcoholics Anonymous-For Anyone New Coming to A.A.-For Anyone Referring People to AA. (catalog # F-2)
 - The A.A. Group... Where It All Begins (catalog #P-16)
 - A Brief Guide to A.A. (catalog # P-42)
 - A Newcomer Asks (catalog #P-24)
 - Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.(catalog # P-2)
 - This Is A.A. - An Introduction To The A.A. Recovery Program (catalog # P-1)
- Each person talked about what their group gives newcomers

Treatment - Susie H.

- 6 Districts were present with 9 members attending.
- Two DVDs (Hope & Young People Videos) were shared from the packet sent by GSO.
- One district has developed separate contact lists for men and women to aid in integration into the meetings on the outside of the facility. They have a committee to work with the groups and check on progress. It has identified a need to improve communication among the groups.
- One district reported difficulty with contacting an administrator in the facility in it's area.
- One district has a very large group that with the facility's supports several meetings for their clients.

Web – Sarah D.

- Attendance: 10
- Discussed contracting of 3rd party Web Service provider.
- Discuss cloud-based Web hosting to improve performance.
- Brett B. to coordinate Meeting Guide activity with DCMs
- Google Shared Drives are to assist Committee and officers with Document Library, simplified sharing, and storage. Need to set guidelines, procedures and training.
- Mail Chimp: the database of emails will be cleaned. A Mailchimp will be sent out asking subscribers if they wish to continue to be on the list.
- Working closely to optimize the Spanish Language Search on the site.

New Business

- Assembly unanimously approved the following committee members:
 - Accessibilities chair, Ben S.; Chronicler, Heather G.; Corrections chair, Michele D.; Cooperation with Professional Community chair, Jody H.; Grape Free Press editor, Amanda G.; Grapevine chair, Patty G.; Literature chair, Geno R.; Public Information chair, Sonia F.; Treatment chair, Susie H.; Web chair, Sarah D.
- 2020 Budget presented by Josh R. Motion to Approve made by Remi K. district 10 Seconded by Scot O. district 10.
- Ad Hoc Committee on the State Conference was given by Bridget B.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Central Office Cooperation with Area 25
- Motion from Web Committee: That an additional \$1500 be appropriated for the contracting of High Touch Technologies Inc, (HTI) web services to include. Maintain all website software: content management, e-commerce, Wordpress "Plug-in, other. Centralize management of website hosting, domain management, security, Anti-Malware, back-ups etc. Motion made by Cliff J. district 10, seconded by Aaron F. district 23. Motion Approved unanimously.
- Motion from Delegate Sheri P.: I move that Area 25 contribute \$400 to the Hospitality Room at the 2020 International Conference in Detroit for seed money. A friendly motion was accepted from Sina W. district 21, to increase the amount to \$500. The motion was seconded by Bridget B. Alternate Chair.