

January Assembly  
January 21 to January 23, 2023  
Webster Conference Center  
Salina, Kansas

Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> - Committee & Officers Meeting 7:30pm

Area Chair, Josh R. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Officers Present: Area Chair, Josh R., Alternate Area Chair, Heather G., Treasurer, Scott O., Secretary, Cindy D., Alternate Delegate, Bridget B.

Committee Chairs Present: Chronicler, Marty T., Corrections, Sallie T., CPC, Cheryl H., Grape Free Press, Gena W., Grapevine, Tama C., Literature, Eric D. Public Information, Rich S.

In addition, there was a Past Delegate, DCM's, GSR's and members of AA present.

Discussion/Info Presented:

- Area Chair Josh R. reviewed the Agenda for the weekend, pointing out some highlights such as the presentation on the first four Concepts of Service.
- Each of the Committee Chairs shared what they hope to accomplish in the last year of their rotation.
- Josh shared that new Area Assembly binders would be available tomorrow and that all handout relating to the various topics for discussion would also be available.
- The point was made that Memorials will be done with the DCM Reports as they were not listed on the agenda. Memorials are only done at full Assemblies in January and July.

Josh stated that he feels that everything is on an even keel and that he is hoping to make Assemblies and Committee Meeting bigger and better. He reminded everyone that the July Assembly will be the voting Assembly for the next rotation of officers and encouraged all to think about standing for office and serving the Area Assembly. He is looking forward to a great weekend and the meeting was closed with the group reciting the Responsibility Statement.

Saturday, January 22, 2023

8:00 to 8:30am -KAAAAI Board Meeting (See minutes in the Documents Library.)

9:00am Josh R., Area Chair opened the Assembly and sent the new GSR's off to a sharing session with Past Delegate Mike R. and the DCM's to a sharing session with Past Delegate Mike H.

10:45am The Assembly members came back together and then split off into their respective Committee Meetings until noon.

As the Assembly reconvened after lunch, Josh checked into see how many members were registered for the State Conference. He noted that there was an increase in registrations but the end result was better but still rather pathetic. He encouraged all to get registered.

1:30pm Josh introduced the three speakers who would be sharing on the first three Concepts in a Concept Sharing Session. Josh stated that three Concepts would be covered at each Assembly/Committee Meetings. Dave R., Past Delegate shared on Concept 1, Mike R., Past Delegate shared on Concept 2 and Concept 3 was presented by Mike H., Past Delegate.

3:00 Committee and DCM Reports were presented.

Accessibilities – Ignacio H. – Josh stated that Ignacio was unable to attend this Assembly.

Al-Anon Liaison – Martin B. Reported that he had attended the Al-anon/Al-ateen Assembly which was held in Salina on November 4 – 5, 2022. This year the 50th Annual Kansas Al-anon/Al-ateen Conference will be held June 9-11, 2023 at the Drury Plaza Hotel Broadway in Wichita. To register for the conference member were encouraged to go to the area website <http://www.kansas-al-anon.org> where payment for the conference and the hotel can be done online. There will be an AA speaker and an AA meeting at the conference. Martin also stated that you can find Al-anon meetings on the Al-anon website as you can AA meetings. There are still a number of zoom meetings occurring.

Chronicler - Marty T. reported that he had a great turn out with 16 people from six Districts attending the Chronicler Committee meeting this morning. He thanked the numerous members from District 31 who had attended. Marty shared that the latest and greatest in the area of service was shared. He said they are still working to collect histories and preserve our history and that they are transferring tapes to digital. A few history reports from District 31 were turned in and they will be translated from Spanish to English and scanned onto the Document Library. Any district with any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Marty he is willing to visit districts or groups. He shared he has history and will travel. He stated, "We do not know where we're going until we know where we have been." He thanked the assembly for allowing him to be of service.

Corrections - Sallie T. reported that seven districts have reported that more facilities are opening back up and allowing meetings to resume. She stated that Districts 4, 8, 9, 13, 16, and 19 have reported either new or ongoing meetings are being brought into their Districts facilities. She shared that there are a lot of new District Chairs and that it was nice to see new faces in the committee meeting. The 2023 Corrections Conference will be hosted by Districts 9, 10 and 27 and will be held March 9, 2023 at the Lansing Correctional Facility. The yellow can

fund has been able to keep literature going into the facilities. Sally stated that she was truly grateful for the opportunity to be of service.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) - Cheryl H. reported that she had a great turn out with 24 people from 11 Districts attending the committee meeting this morning. The purpose of CPC was read and it was clarified that CPC informs professionals and future professionals about AA. It was also discussed that the committee works closely with PI but it is different. The committee then discussed who professionals are, with a few examples: judges, lawyers, educators, human resources, and a number of other professionals. The CPC Chair offered to go with Groups/Districts to help with addressing professional groups and to aid in them in understand more about AA. The Chair has also made packets for different professional groups with info about AA. She will be handing those packets out to each DCM to take back to their districts. Cheryl stated that pamphlets can be ordered through GSO. The committee also talked about the pamphlet "Speaking at Non-AA Meetings" and discussed anonymity.

Grape Free Press - Gena W. shared that she had 11 people at her committee meeting this morning. They discussed what the Grape Fee Press is and how to get it. The three ways to get it are: 1. Go to the Area 25 website ks-aa.org and sign up for the Area 25 email list. 2. Go to the website and download the current pdf version. Or 3. For those not digitally able or connected, copies are printed and distributed to DCM's at Assemblies. The committee discussed solidifying the content of the GFP. Gena has contacted DCM's for input and it was suggested that GRS's be included also. Ways to lower the printing costs were discussed, printing in black and white was suggested. Mailing to individual members was discussed and Gena shared the history on this and that at one time this was done and there was a subscription fee. The committee also discussed principals and communication. Gena shared that she is also responsible for the wrap sheet that is available on the website a week after the Assembly/Committee Meetings.

Grapevine - Tama C. shared that 15 people from seven Districts had attended the committee meeting this morning. The group discussed what they do to promote the Grapevine. Some groups keep the Grapevines out on the tables for all to share, other groups give away subscriptions when a person celebrates one year sobriety and other groups raffle off Grapevine subscriptions. The group discussed putting old grapevines in various places such as truck stops, doctors' offices, police stations, probation officers and lawyers offices. There was a suggestion that they look at producing teen version of the Grapevine because there are more young people or teenagers with a drinking problem today.

Literature - Ken S. stated that he had nine people representing seven Districts in his meeting. The committee had a good discussion about the purpose of AA literature, how to order literature and what a Group/District Literature Chair does. Ordering literature may be done online or by mail with form F-60 which is about available from AAWS at no charge. A question was raised about the ethics of using free online apps to read literature as opposed to supporting AA by ordering literature. The group did not form an opinion but agreed that this was a valid point. Ken shared that he currently has zero Service Manuals available and will

reorder and have more in April at the Committee Meetings. Ken thanked the Assembly for allowing him to serve.

Public Information - Rich S. reported that eight people representing eight Districts had attended the PI meeting today. Various Districts are trying to get member interested in doing PI work. District 9 is handing out cards with a QR code to the police, District 23 is handing out pamphlets, District 5 has its website up and running and carrying the message (<https://www.district5-ks-aa.org>). District 27 also has their website up (<https://www.aadistrito27kc.org>). PI at GSO is working on young people's submissions and hopefully that will be ready for the Conference in April. The comprehensive media plan has been updated and will be forwarded to the Conference.

Treatment - Jerry W. shared that 12 people from six Districts had attended the Treatment meeting this morning. He shared his personal history with Treatment experience. The members discussed how to find detox facilities, Inpatient facilities and what committee members can do to facilitate in the process and interfacing with these facilities. Several Districts are taking meetings into Treatment facilities. The most important work with Treatment clients is to make them feel welcome and help them to see the benefits of the Twelve Steps.

Web - Will H. reported that 17 people from Districts had attended the Web Committee meeting. A number of issues were discussed:

- The Google Business address/location issue.
- The new website was reviewed and possible improvements were discussed.
- Redesign of the Registrar Change Request Page and submittable PDF.
- Update the Meeting Change Request form to allow for multiple meetings to be changed rather than having to submit a separate form for each meeting change.
- Begin efforts to make the website ADA compliant.
- Reviewed the 2023 proposed Web Chair and Website expense budgets.
- Discussion of non-AA websites being displayed in online search results and if anything can be done about it.
- Discussed next terms Web Committee Chair and what that transition looks like as far as technology stock and getting the new Chair up to speed.
- How does the committee support that transition and what they can do to improve this in the future.
- Discussion of whether a "Web Master" position should be created (volunteer or paid) with possibility of a five-year term or an Alternate Web Chair with a regular two year term that would work with the existing Web Chair.

DCM Reports – To change it up a bit, the DCM reports were given in reverse order this time.

District 31 – The DCM, Guillermo Josso reported that there are six active groups in District 31. The group in Syracuse closed in December. Crisol Group and Mensaje de Vida celebrated anniversaries. Legado de Amor will celebrate their anniversary on February 10 -12, 2023 at the Dodge House in Dodge City. Volver a Nacer celebrates its anniversary on February 18, 2023. Nueva Esperanza is celebrating on April 22, 2023. Four members of Legado de Amor celebrated their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> birthdays. The District is working with the PI committee and workshops. The District is also supporting the XX Hispanic Encounter AA in Wichita on June 9-11, 2023.

District 30 - No report

District 27 – DCM Idelfonso S. reported that there are 13 groups in the District. The District is visiting Groups on Tuesdays and Friday. They are doing workshops on Wednesday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm each week beginning on February 1, 2023. The District is discussing having a Traditions and Concepts Workshop at least every three months, starting in March.

District 26 – DCM Allen S. stated that the District has five active groups in Republic and Cloud Counties. They are holding their District meetings quarterly. On February 19, 2023 the Freedom Club in Concordia will hold a Round Robin. Doors will open at 11:00am and lunch will be served at noon. Al-Anon speaker will be Terry R. from Wichita. Sobriety Countdown will be held at 1:50pm and a raffle will be held at 2:00pm. At 2:30pm Mike R. of Wichita will be the AA speaker. Drink, meat and table service will be furnished. Please bring a side dish. If you have any questions contact Doyle R. at 785-275-3475.

Memorial: Rod E. of the Gateway Group with 37 years of sobriety.

District 24 – DCM Fred H. shared that the District has four groups. The St. Mary's Group had a very successful 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and Silver Lake Group had a successful 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. They will be forming a committee for the Fall District Picnic. Silver Lake Group has had an increase in attendance from 20 people to 35 people average. All of the other groups have also seen a rise in attendance.

District 23 – DCM Karma L. stated that the District has 19 groups. The District held its elections in November and all positions in the District have been filled. Nuts and Bolts had their 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 21<sup>st</sup> and it was awesome! Financially the District is looking good and contributions to the District have increased. The District continues to have hybrid District Meetings and attendance is growing.

District 22 - No report

District 21 – DCM Randall R. stated that the District has five groups. One Group is taking meetings to Treatment and to the jail. Three groups meet daily and two of the groups meet once a week. The Caldwell group is no longer meeting. The District 21 Round Robin will be held February 5, 2023 in Winfield, Kansas at the Physicians Pavilion. The day kicks off with the District Meeting at 10:45am, followed by lunch at noon. The afternoon will be filled with the

Delegate speaking, AA Trivia Contest, an Al-anon, AA and a District speaker as well as a sobriety countdown.

Memorials: Roger W. with five years and Bob B. with 40 years of sobriety both from the 12X12 Group.

District 20 – DCM Samuel H. reported that the District has five active groups and they are open from 8:00-9:30pm seven days a week. The District holds its meeting every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00pm. Group La Ultima Milla will celebrate their anniversary on February 18, 2023. Group Emperadores will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 20, 2023. The PI Committee has been taking information to the Higher Ground Treatment facility and doing radio on the last Thursday each month. The District is also working on the next Hispanic Encounter in Wichita, June 9-11, 2023.

Memorials: Erin H. Beginners Group with nine months of sobriety, Ben L. and Carolyn T. both of the Metro Group and with multiple years, Chi B. of the 11<sup>th</sup> Step Group with 20 months and Steve W. from the Parklane Group with 33 years of sobriety.

District 19 – DCM Robyn G. shared that the District has 31 groups. The District held elections in October for the 2023-2024 term. The District still has Alt DCM, PI, Accessibilities and Achieves positions open. On January 2, 2023 the District did a financial audit and all funds were accounted for. On January 4, 2023 the first District Meeting for the year was held with 17 voting members and six new GSRs. Moving forward they are setting up their committee meetings. The Metropolitan Group will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June.

District 18 – The DCM reported that there are eight groups in the District and they are holding meetings and carrying the message. The Protection, Kansas Group has closed. Attendance is down over the whole District. The District Round Robin will be held on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> in Pratt, Kansas at the Pratt Municipal Building. Doors open at 10:00am and bring a side dish.

District 17 – DCM John B. shared that the District has six groups. The District had a well attended Round Robin in November and the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southwest Kansas Conference was great! The Emotional Sobriety Workshop in Dodge City was well attended. The District is taking weekly meetings into the Treatment Center in Dodge City. Attendance was down over the holidays but a few newcomers have become active in the groups and the program.

District 16 – DCM Pat R. stated that the District has seven groups registered and five are active. The Districts website is SWKS-AA.org and meeting schedules can be found on goks-AA.org. The 12 Step Group in Garden City will hold a Speaker meeting on February 11, 2023. There will be a taco fee in Hugoton on April 1<sup>st</sup> and Family Fun Day will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Satana.

District 15 - No report

District 14 – DCM Eric H. reported that the Campus Group in Emporia has moved to a new location 1101 Neosho St. in Emporia at the Messiah Lutheran Church. They meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. The Emporia group is getting ready for their anniversary on February

19th (fliers on the table). The Carbondale group celebrated their 48th anniversary in November with 81 people in attendance. Meetings are going well there with 20 to 30 people on average. The Flint Hills group has a hybrid meeting which meets Sundays at 6:00pm. The Zoom link is on the area website and the password is the capital letters AA. The Friends of Bill meeting reports attendance is down and core members are concerned. The Osage City Group is good with an average of eight to 12 people in attendance and few newcomers coming weekly. Twin Lakes Group had its anniversary last week on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Five men are taking meetings to the Osage County Jail two times a week. Men and women are still waiting to take meetings to the Lion County Correctional Facility. New schedules for 2023 have been made and will be printed for distribution at the February business meeting. Monthly business meetings are being held at anniversary potlucks.

District 13 – DCM Charles L. stated that the District has 13 groups of which four are inactive. The Fall Fellowship Fiesta on November 5, 2022 was well attended and Area Officers gave very informative presentations on service. The District's Web Chair continues to send daily recovery readings and puts information on the web when applicable. Meetings are being taken into the Harvey county and Reno County correctional facilities. The McPherson County and Rice County correctional facilities are still on hold. The Grapevine and Literature Chairs have scheduled to attend each group in the District at least once by the end of February. They are looking at literature and composing a list of pamphlets for welcome packets and to have on hand at groups in the district before the next district meeting. The district's Grape Free Press Chair sends obituaries to the Area GFP Chair, District birthdays are also submitted as well as Birthdays from the Newton Group. Treatment is taking meetings into women's Mirror, there is currently no representation at Prairie View.

Memorials: Shane H. with five years from Coffee Pot Recovery, Kyle B. with 40 years from the Newton Group, Tom L with 55 years from the St. E's Sobriety Society.

District 12 - No report

District 11 - No report

District 10 – DCM Brett B. reported that there are 22 groups in the district and that things are going well in District 10. All district positions are filled. The district is active with twenty groups regularly participating. Committees are active in carrying the message in District 10. The Corrections Chair is partnering with District 9 for the State Corrections Conference. Their Literature Chair wrote the cover story in the last Grapevine. The Committee will also have a table at the Sunflower Roundup in February. The South Leawood Group is hosting service workshops on a regular basis with Josh R, Area Chair, scheduled to speak soon. The South Leawood group is also celebrating 25 years of AA this summer and the Four Reasons Group is celebrating 2 years (flyers in the back). The District is looking to restart their Quarterly District Service Event this year and is scheduled to have their biannual District inventory in May.

Memorials: Dick D. of the Olathe Group with 40 plus years of sobriety.

District 9 – DCM Greg A. reported that the District started the year off with this District Meeting on January 12, 2023 with seven of the nine groups in the district represented. Gregory stated this was a pleasant surprise as recent attendance had been less than expected. December elections filled the positions for DCM and Alt DCM, Treasurer and Secretary. The District still needs a Correctional and Treatment Chairs, PI/CPC, Literature and Accessibilities chair people. The district rotates their District Meetings and they voted to continue this practice. Four groups within the district have volunteered to host the district meeting for three consecutive months. District 9 along with District 10 and 27 will be hosting the Area 25 Kansas 25th Annual Corrections Conference to be held at the Lansing Correctional Facility on March 25, 2023. Financially the district is doing well.

Memorials: Vernon G., New Visions Group, approximately 40 years, Jim M. (AKA Shaky) of the Serenity/Turner Group with 32 years, and Pam R. of the Leavenworth Group sobriety unknown.

District 8 – DCM Debbie T. shared that the District has 32 Groups. Between 10-15 Groups are represented at the District Meeting. Debbie reported that all Committee Chairs for the District are filled. She stated that there are still some hybrid meetings taking place. The 4th Dimension Group is having their 6th anniversary on February 18, 2023 at Grace United Methodist Church at 27<sup>th</sup> and Western in Topeka. Doors will open at 3:00pm and the speakers will be two of the founding members. Food will follow!

Memorials: John H. of the 1100 South Group with four years of sobriety and Steve H. from the 2100 Club with 39 years sobriety.

District 7 – DCM Kent P. stated that the district has three groups and they have registered a fourth group with GSO, The Sabetha Right Step Group which meets on Thursday at 7:30pm. The district held their first district meeting in what their records indicate would be 25 years. CPC is building relations with the doctors who check individuals out before they are taken to Valley Hope in Atchison. Treatment is working with Atchison Valley Hope to line up speakers on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings. The District has two jails that have opened for meetings. Kent also quoted from page 132 of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, "If newcomers could see no joy or fun in our experience, they wouldn't want it. We absolutely insist on enjoying life."

District 6 – DCM Cliff S. Reported that he has been attending meetings in his district and that he was able to attend the 75th anniversary of AA in Manhattan on October 22nd and he has attended several meetings of the Noon Group and the Afternoon Delight Group (the newest group in the District) in Manhattan. He also attended Any Lengths Group fall Pizza Bash in Wamego and a Christmas party/potluck in Riley hosted by the Crossroads Group. He also attended the Manhattan AA and The Week That Was annual New Year's Eve meal and celebration. Cliff pointed out, "If you feed us, we will come." The District had 11 District Meetings in 2022 with an average of 12 voting members attending. Their updated hotline system is working well and has allowed for significant savings compared to previous years.

Memorials: Jack K. of Marysville #1 Group passed away after 46+ years of sobriety. Cliff added that Jack had touched the lives of many Alcoholics in very positive ways during those years. He shared that Jack was there when Cliff attended his first meeting.

District 5 – DCM Bryan P. stated that the District has 10 groups. Bryan shared that the District has a lot of meetings with a lot of newcomers coming into the two main club houses. He stated that there are new meetings opening all the time including two women's meetings. The District 5 meeting is held each month on the second Sunday at 2:00pm. Bryan is planning on getting the Districts Quarterly District Speaker Meeting back up and going post Covid. He also has on his agenda, holding a Round Robin. He shared that District 5 has produced a business card and every meeting hall has them for new people. The card has a QR code that takes people straight to the District website which is up and running efficiently. Bryan stated that it is his plan to attend all of the out of Salina meetings such as Lindsborg, Minneapolis and Herrington.

Memorials: Sandy L. Home Group unknown, length of sobriety unknown.

District 4 – DCM Eric D. reported that the District has eight groups which are meeting regularly. The District will hold a Round Robin on February 11, 2023 at the Fossil Creek Hotel in Russell, Kansas. The meeting will open at 10:00am and speakers are at 11:00am and 1:00pm. Speakers will be Brian and Rita L from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. District 4 will also have a camp out at Lake Wilson on the last weekend of August.

District 3 - No report

District 2 - No report

District 1 - No report

The members of the Assembly then took a dinner break from 4:30 to 7:00pm.

#### Saturday Evening Discussions

Some members of the Assembly reconvened at 7:00 and held a discussion of various items on the agenda. 1. AA Guidelines Discussion and 2. KAAAAI Board Discussion. Josh opened the discussion on the AA Guidelines. The Ad Hoc Committee was Rich S., Heather G., and Mike H. It was stated that the committee agreed to agree unanimously that the presented changes needed to be made to the Area Guidelines. A handout was presented with all of the points under consideration. The seven items included edits, additions and changes proposed were as follows:

1. Section 3: KANSAS AREA ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS; A. Election Procedures 3.e.(Page 6)  
Proposed change: *Change the wording from may to **will be** read from the Kansas Area Service Structure Guidelines.*
2. Section 4: SPECIFIC DUTIES OF AREA ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEE; G. Chairperson 4.  
(Page 7) Proposed change: *Helps prepare the agenda no later than six weeks after the*

*Area Assembly and Committee Meetings for the next Assembly/Committee Meetings with the Alternate Chairperson.*

3. Section 4: SPECIFIC DUTIES OF AREA ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEE; I. Secretary 8. (Page 8)  
Proposed change: *Send drafts of Assembly and Committee Meeting minutes to Grape Free Press editor and Web Chair within two weeks following the meeting.*
4. Section 4: SPECIFIC DUTIES OF AREA ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEE; M. Accessibilities Chairperson and Committee (Page 10)  
Proposed change: *Add 8. Interpretation Equipment Guidelines. Points a through f. (This got dropped out of previous Guidelines and needs to be added back)*
5. Section 4: SPECIFIC DUTIES OF AREA ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEE; Q. Grape Free Press Editor and Committee (GFP) 1.g. (Page 13).  
Proposed change: *Create the Wrap Sheet after Area Assembly and Community Meetings and submit it to the Area Web Chair for posting on Area website and Area Secretary for electronic distribution not more than 14 days after Assemblies and Committee Meetings.*
6. Section 4: SPECIFIC DUTIES OF AREA ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEE; S.2.c. Literature Chairperson (Page 14).  
Proposed change: *Maintain its supply of Service Manuals for sale at Assembly and Committee Meetings in English and Spanish.*
7. Section 4: SPECIFIC DUTIES OF AREA ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEE; All Committee Chairs.  
Proposed change: *To be added to all committee chairs guidelines committee budget to be used for travel and other committee expenses, including SWRASSA and/or regional forums. (List of chairs).*

Josh added that the Assembly may want to give some consideration to purchasing new translation equipment.

#### KAAAAI Board Discussion

Josh briefly reviewed the handout on the proposed changes in the KAAAAI Board which had been presented and discussed at the October 2023 Committee Meetings at great length. The discussion in October focused on expanding the Board and making it all inclusive and encompassing members from across the State. Josh stated that Galen E. and Don G. will be rolling off the Board tomorrow and the Assembly will elect two new members to the Board or more. Anyone can be on the Board as long as they are an alcoholic. Jim H., Past Delegate then proposed a different view and presented two handouts with described his history and a survey of what other Areas have done with their Boards. Jim's proposal would be to shrink the Board. A lively discussion followed with a number of thoughts being shared.

Josh noted that participation in this Assembly was up. There had been 145 people present during the Concepts presentation earlier in the day and there were 80 people present this evening.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Area Assembly  
Sunday, January 23, 2022  
Closed Business Meeting

Area Chair Josh R. opening of the Business Meeting of the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. He stated that he was looking forward to a great Business Meeting today and he read the Area 25 Preamble.

Secretary's Report was given by Area Secretary Cindy D. A motion was made by Bridget B., Alternate Delegate to accept the minutes of the October 2023 Committee Meetings as read, the motion was seconded by Dennis G. of District 8. The minutes were approved by the Assembly.

Treasurer's Report was given by Scott O. Scott asked the Assembly to bear with him as he shared his first set of financials with the group. Scott thanked Heather G. for all of her help in getting the financials done. Scott reported that the accounts all reconcile with the bank and all checks have been deposited in the bank. In addition, all bills are paid. The Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2022 balanced at \$60,892.25. The Profit and Loss Statement showed that total income for October through December 2022 was \$3,640.70 and total expenses for the quarter for \$4,459.76. The 2022 Kansas State conference ended up the year with a net profit of \$41.56. Cliff S., District 6 made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and the motion was seconded by Dawn S. of District 8. The motion to accept the treasurer's report was passed by the Assembly.

Josh checked in with the Assembly to see how many had registered for the State Conference before he began reports. He observed that a few more people were registered but that the number registered was still pretty pathetic. He encouraged everyone to get registered.

KAAAAI Board Report was given by Don G., rotating member on the board, gave a brief report of the meeting. He stated that after three or four years on the board he will be rotating off. He shared the translation equipment used to share the message with our Spanish speaking members had briefly been discussed in the board meeting.

Delegate Report - Darin H., Area Delegate, was not present as he was in New York for a General Service Board meeting as he is serving on the International Conference and Forums Committee. Alternate Delegates Bridget B. filled in and gave the report. She stated that in April we will be doing a mock conference to provide feedback on those items that will be discussed at the 2023 General Service Conference. For the balance of Darren's report Bridget shared Darrin's Delegate Report from the Winter 2023 Grape Free Press. Bridget also reported that the final reports from the from the 2022 General Service Conference were available on the back table and to please take a copy or two home to your District/Groups.

Alt. Delegate Report - Bridget B. thanked all of the people who had stepped up and given presentations at the SWRASSA Conference in October. She stated that she would cover more on SWRASSA in her Ad Hoc Committee Report. She stated that one issue that needs to be dealt with is if Area 25 wants to step back two years on the hosting of the SWRASSA Conference. She shared that Area 66 North East Texas had lost their opportunity to host the Conference in 2020 due to Covid 19 and the Conference not being held. Areas is the SWRASSA region host the Conference every 22 years. Bridget stated that the Regional Forum by the General Service Office will be held at the Raddison Hotel in El Paso, Texas. Bridget also shared that the Audit Committee had met and they audited the Area 25 and Yellow Can funds and reported that everything turned out just fine.

Alt. Area Chair Report - Heather G. shared that the April Committee Meetings will be held at the Quality Inn. Room rates for the Quality Inn are \$79.95 a night and at the current hotels rate is \$99. The July Assembly will be back at Webster Conference Center and in October we will return back to the Quality Inn. In 2024 all assemblies and Committee Meetings will be held at the Webster Conference Center.

Roll Call - Voting Count was then conducted by Heather G. The total number of voting members was 94 at that time.

State Conference Chair Dee Y. shared that the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Area 25 State Conference will be held September 15-17, 2023 in Great Bend, Kansas. Dee reported that members can register on the Area 25 website and there are multiple ways to pay. 43 people have registered so far and there are 1 1/4 scholarships. She encouraged everyone to go back to the back of the room and register and then go home and tell everyone about the conference. She said there will be options on hotels and the host hotel will be the Best Western Hotel. Dee shared that they are working on the hospitality room which will have snack foods and they are also looking into food trucks to provide food. The committee is working on lining up speakers. She stated that she and the committee are excited about the conference it will be a whole lot of fun.

Old Business: There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business:

Josh introduced Martin B. as the new Al-Anon Liaison. Jerry W., Treatment Chair, made a motion that Martin be accepted as our new Al-Anon Liaison. The motion was seconded by Bridget B., Alternate Delegate. The Assembly voted Martin in as the new Al-Anon Liaison.

The election of a new Alternate Treasurer was the next item on the agenda. Kaylon from District 16 stood for the position of Alternate Treasurer and he gave his qualifications for the position. Dee from District 10 made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Kaleb as he was unopposed. Pat R., District 16, seconded the motion. The Assembly voted Kaleb in as the new Alternate Treasurer for the Area.

Approval of the Area 25 2023 Budget. Josh presented the budget on slides on the overhead screen. He stated that the budget had been developed by the Budget Committee and was presented at the October Committee Meetings. One change from the October presented budget was for website expense and this was increased to cover additional costs related to the new website development. Josh asked if there were any questions relating to the budget and as there were none he stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the 2023 budget as presented. Olivia, District 8 stated that she would make the motion to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Robyn, District 19. All members of the Assembly were in favor of the budget being approved.

SWRASSA Seed Funding was presented by Bridget B., Alternate Delegate. Josh pointed out that there were two moving pieces in this situation, 1 - when to host and 2 - how to fund it. Bridget shared again that Northwest Texas was not able to host in 2020 and therefore they would have to wait 44 years for their spot in the rotation again. Bridget presented a handout with all of the research she had done on past SWRASSA Conferences and the funding of said conferences. She stated that there is a 3<sup>rd</sup> moving part and that is how to fund the Conference in future years to be prepared for the next rotation back to Area 25. Rick S., PI Chair, made a motion that Area 25 step back to hosting the conference in 2030 and let Texas have the 2028 conference. Dawn S., District 8, seconded the motion. The Assembly then voted to let Texas host the 2028 SWRASSA Conference.

The assembly members then discussed ways and timing of funding the SWRASSA conferences for 2030 and into the future. A number of ideas were presented as everyone got out their calculators and started crunching the numbers. Finally, there was a motion made to table the motion made by a member from District 8 and seconded by a member from District 13. A hand count vote was taken and the motion to table passed.

Prudent Reserve Discussion - The Assembly then turn began discussion of the balance kept in the Prudent Reserve. Josh explained that the Prudent Reserve is set to cover six months operating expenses and \$10,000 to cover the State Conference, thus the Reserve is set at \$22,000. Susan, District 19 stated there's a difference between the accumulation of funds versus a Prudent Reserve. Josh shared his thoughts on this topic. Bridget B. reminded the Assembly that if a State Conference gets canceled such as it did in 2020 the hotel could have charged the Assembly \$17,000 and that is the type of thing that the Prudent Reserve is in place to cover. The discussion of the Prudent Reserve then got derailed.

Dennis G, District 8, stated that he would like to reinstate the motion of setting aside \$12,000 seed money. Cheryl H., Area CPC Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Rich stated that he would like to amend the motion to set aside \$5,000 a year until the \$12,000 is reached to fund the SWRASSA Conference rather than setting aside the full \$12,000 at one time. Rick seconded the amended motion. A vote was taken and the amended motion passed. Heather G. then made a motion to amend the motion as \$5,000 does not equal out to \$12,000 over time. Her amendment proposed that the Area fund \$4,000 each year for three years will equal \$12,000. Oliva, District

8, seconded the motion. There was more discussion about the funding of the Conference. Rich, PI Chair, called the question to stop the debate. All members of the Assembly were in favor of calling the question. It was restated that the main motion on the floor is that the Area fund \$4,000 for three years. All members were in favor of this motion and it passed. There were none opposed.

The Assembly then returned to the discussion of the Prudent Reserve and unallocated funds. Josh stated that unallocated funds was now down to \$16,089 after the seed money of \$4,000 was paid out. And again, this discussion got derailed.

Dwan D, District 8, Proposed that a line item be added to the Budget to allocate \$400.00 per year to the funding of future SWRASSA Conferences. Dennis G, District 8 asked for clarification and Dawn stated that this funding should begin in 2023. There was a hand count and 63 members, the majority agreed that the Area should do this, nine members were opposed. A Point of Order was called stating that this would have to be a 2/3 majority vote and it was clarified that those in favor had the majority.

Josh then asked the Assembly if there was any more discussion on the Reserve, Budget, etc. Rick stated that this would be a change in the Budget and Josh clarified that it would be an amendment to the Budget.

KAAAAI Board Bi-Laws update – Josh stated that it had been proposed that the Board add four members to the four representing four areas (quadrants) of the state. When he asked “What is the will of the Assembly?”, he was met with silence.

Area Conference Guidelines – It was stated that the only proposed change is to change the location as the conference is no longer held in Wichita and that is what is stated in the Guidelines. Dennis G., District 8, made a motion that we make this change to the guidelines, a second was made by Dee Y., District 10. A vote was taken and all were in favor of this change.

Elect two KAAAAI Board Members from the Assembly. Galen E. and Don G. are rotating off the KAAAAI Board and the Assembly needs to elect their replacements. Josh clarified that these people would only be replacing existing Board Members and not adding any new members to the Board. Three members from the Assembly stood for these positions and each gave their qualifications. Those members were Rick, District 17, Dawn, District 8 and Dee C., District 10. The Assembly voted to vote by standing vote, rather than by ballot. A 2/3 vote was required to be elected. The candidates were sent out of the room. Rick and Dee will be the new members of the Board.

Harold, District 16 stated that he would like to discuss the possibility of purchasing new translation equipment so that our Spanish members can understand their English friends and vice versa. Josh stated that he could put this on the Agenda and that he had done some research on this topic already and that a system with 25 simultaneous translations can be purchased for around \$2,500.00. Josh stated that the system can also be expanded if need be.

He stated that he would set up a committee to do further research on this equipment. Dee C., District 10 made a motion that the Area go ahead and get this equipment purchased. Don G., Past Delegate, seconded the motion. Josh stated that he would set a committee to purchase the equipment and make the best use of the Areas funds with limit. It was suggested that people who will be using the equipment be included on the committee. The vote to purchase the equipment passed 73 in favor and three opposed. No minority opinion was stated.

Harold, District 16, also proposed and then made a motion that the translator's room and gas be paid for by the Area for all Area events (2 Assemblies and 2 Committee Meetings and the State Conference). Bridget B. seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Josh then called for any other New Business and there was none brought to the floor. Harold, District 16, made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by a member of the Assembly. All members of the Assembly were in agreement.

Josh reminded everyone to register for the State Conference before they leave today. He also reminded everyone that Committee Meetings will be at the Quality Inn in March and that July will be a voting Assembly. He also reminded everyone to clean up after themselves. All members stood and closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Day, Area Secretary

These Minutes were approved by the Assembly at the April 15, 2023 Committee Meetings