

KANSAS AREA 25 WRAP SHEET

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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 | April 14–15, 2022

FRIDAY APRIL 14

7:00 pm – Josh Area 25 Chair opened the meeting, turned over to Delegate to discuss recent changes at GSO

7:15 pm – Darin, Area 25 delegate, addressed issues that have come to light at GSO. Conflicts between trustees, the board etc. Concerns about prudent use of funds. Discussion about Concept 5 appeal. Trustee elections, trustees don't have a vote in the committees. Mock conference is just like the conference—says South West Region united in views—question asked what the other regions think, answer, said after the truth got out, trustees said to let it go and move on, some delegates say to let it go.

Regardless of how it shakes out, has then been talks about overseeing the budgeting going forward. Transparency and oversight was what started all this. He answered questions and will report back after General Service Conference, he read:

“Why we have a Conference,” By Bernard B Smith, non-alcoholic trustee.

Why Do We Need A Conference ?

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairman of our board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure,

answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting: “We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to insure recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth which brought us back to life.

“We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effects of the human urge for power and prestige which we must insure can never invade A.A. We need it to insure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing over-integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

We need it to insure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to insure that the doors of halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel

welcome. We need it to insure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is.”

What do we do as GSRs and DCMs etc.? Brush up on concepts and traditions.

OVER 50 in attendance.

SATURDAY APRIL 15:

8:30am KAAAI Board Meeting

9:00am Committee Meetings

10:00am Mock General Service Conference, Introduction and Committee Discussions.

12:00pm Lunch Break

1:00pm General Service Conference Continued, Committee Reports

Representatives of each committee that broke out to address topics that will be in the upcoming GSC.

Supplied views and passed ideas to Delegate. Many topics from literature to safety one committee reported the decided to “take no action” Accessibilities....made a recommendations to include intellectual disabilities and reading added. ...no recommendations or actions needed in many cases. Some notes:

Web. Committee went over the trustees. attended by ex-delegate. review resumes for trustees will happen at GSC. voting members, north. Southwest region: Jimmy J B our recommendation for a candidate. reviewing the slate of trustees, NON-ALCOHOLIC A trustees. Suggest go through one-by-one.

instead of approving as a group. GV has a slate as well. fill four-year term up for review every year. did not recommend. Idea about closing big meeting, lords prayer, serenity prayer. 50 percent think the, chair should chose how to close. try to get ppl to go to regional founs.

Darin will support Jimmy J B as our candidate for SWR trustee.

2:00 pm – Business Meeting

REPORTS:

Secretary / Cindy D. motion to approve, seconded approved after corrections.

Chair Report / Josh R. thanks to Stephanie for translating our meeting. Currently using the equipment that we already have, but will make recommendations.

Treasurer / Scott O. Read contributions printed out... in the budget, question about line items. Bridget B. Seed Money will show up in an interest account CD. Also listed his address as some contributions were going to the old address motion to approve/ seconded, all in favor passed.

Delegate / Darin H. ... thanks for hard work on mock conference. Leaves next Thursday night, will go see Bill’s house, then into committee meetings....asked for questions for anything we wish him to bring to conference. Starts Sunday, ends the following Saturday, 14 hour days, goes fast.

Alt Delegate / Bridget B. ...I attended SWRDA in March where we were trained by past delegates all over the region on how to act and respond at the conference. Upcoming events are the SW regional forum Sept 29– Oct 1, 2023 in El Paso Texas

SWRAASA Oct 11–23, 2024 in Richardson, TX.

Alt Chair / Heather G. The July Assembly will be held here at the Webster Conference Center on July 21-23. The October committee meetings, October 21st, will be back at the Quality Inn. The room block at the Comfort Inn: Group Name: Area25; Group Number ZD80G5 The cutoff date for the July Assembly is July 1st. I will ask Will to send an email before the cutoff date.

- All meetings in 2024 will be held at the Webster Conference Center. Those dates:

Jan. 19–21, 2024

April 5–6, 2024

July 19–21, 2024

October 18–19, 2024

- We are finalizing the 2025 dates at Webster Conference Center.

State Conference Chair / Dee Y. ...State Conference report: Dee Y. Sept 15–17, get registered! Will go to week before conference. 95 dollars in scholarships, currently 103 registered. Doing a raffle for a room, for every 100 people that register to win a room 1 night at Angus in with Perkins free breakfast for everyone in room. 1 room per 100 registrants. flyer/register motels listing options, Best Western Angus is the host hotel. Ice Cream people. Food trucks, is going to be a lot of fun!!

Accessibilities / Chelle F. ** Area 25 welcomed our new Accessibilities chair Chelle F! Chelle shared resources and activities for Accessibilities:

- Meeting Guide App [blue chair] shares accessibility info
- Zoom Meetings + Development resulting from Global Pandemic
- Working with Spanish speaking GSRs to compile list of Spanish speaking meetings and contacts to share with DCMs and our Area 25 registrar.

- Garden City and Liberal have Spanish translation but no translation equipment—someone records on phone and translate on phone.
- Area 25 has equipment for translation for all in Area when available if needed – DCMs can contact me and I will take info and learn more and address the need.

Suggestions/Ideas:

- District 10 is taking meetings into nursing homes, have lists for those willing to provide sponsorship and transportation, signage on windows and greeters at doors to assist newcomers.
- All participants were encouraged to go back to districts and groups and ask for areas of need.

Alanon Liaison / Martin B. The Alanon Area Committee meeting was held in Topeka Feb 4–5, I attended the Conference committee meeting and planning during this time. They work very hard when they get together! Alanon Area Assembly will be May 5–6 at the Holiday Inn in Salina.

This year will be the 50th Annual Alanon/Alateen Conference. The Alanon/Alateen Area conference will be held on June 9–11, 2023 at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Wichita. The Area speaker will be Mike H., Scott City, KS past Area 25 Delegate. In addition to Mike H., there will be an open AA meeting at the conference. To register for the conference, you are encouraged to go to the area website <http://www.kansas-al-anon.org/>. Payment for the conference and the hotel can be done online there. Also on the website, you may find an Alanon meeting near you, order literature, and find upcoming events.

Chronicler / Marty T. Marty T. ...great meeting and great discussion, updating group histories, including groups that are disbanded. DCMs please check to make sure information is correct. Long-term members,

not old-timers, get stories. Available to visit any district, we don't know where we are going if we don't know where we have been.

Corrections [CFC] / Sallie T. Sallie T. Hispanic members attended. exciting quarter, more districts taking in meetings, up tick in literature requests. Grateful for contacts. Old Business. Daniel B. ...checks had been lost in Reno county fire. 3rd and final check/money order was located, so grateful this is the final one lost, a sad chapter closed in the committee. Correctional Conference in Lansing was very successful. Will get info out on things districts can do to carry the message. committees are being formed. Corrections Conference Report available to be emailed.

Cooperation with Professionals Committee [CPC] / Cheryl H. Introductions followed by district 19 reporting they were able to attend a nurse fair and talked to many about AA, Spanish speaking district in KC has 2 opportunities to talk about AA. 1. is a high school. There are districts and individuals giving cards to professionals about how AA can be contacted, lastly discussion giving case managers at hospitals info regarding AA. Unfortunately no one today had been able to use any of the pamphlets given out at the January Assembly. I am available to help with CPC at anytime. Just please let me know.

Grape Free Press / Gena W. We introduced ourselves and talked about how to get the Grape Free Press. 1. Have it emailed from the area when you join the email list, 2. Download or view a digital copy from the Area 25 website, and 3. Have a printed copy. Printed copies are mailed to DCMs to distribute to those groups in need. We looked at the addition of district QR codes that was an idea that came out of the January committee GFP committee. A recurring discussion topic is about the cost of printing the January issue due printing costs and

length was towards \$5 a copy. This issue I was able to get the cost down to \$2.75 with margins, me stapling, and mailing out flat for the DCMs to fold. It is a beautiful design I inherited with this position and I am willing to redesign it in anyway for anyone who might want to be editor that doesn't not have the Adobe Creative Suite.

Grapevine / Tama C. Will be sending notes out about the Grapevine podcast, there is a different podcast every Monday. They last around 45 minutes. District GV committees are raffling off 2 subscriptions to the Grapevine and taking copies on the meeting hall tables. Another group has a Grapevine meeting. Ordering 2 for the group. ideas to take old grapevines into jails without staples, prisons, probation offices, doctors offices, police stations.

Literature / Ken S. ...talked about what going on in districts, discussed literature price increases, last time they raised them was in 2014. There are non-jacketed big books and 12/12s, but with old cover. Talked about ability to get literature form central offices, Wichita and Kansas city.

Public Information [PI] / Rich S. ...are sending out letters to schools and getting out biz cards with QR codes to websites, a lot of districts are working on getting things going. Also talked about getting PSA's to radio and TV stations. We also went over some of the guidelines and how to set up a PI Committee. Happy to do a PI workshop no problem.

Treatment / Jerry W. ...Talked how to get involved with the facilities, what to do when you go, comply with rules of facilities, being a good example of the program. Districts have put together newcomer packets for treatment centers. Talked about how to share, to answer questions they may have, without having them take over the meeting. District

10 reported on Bridging the Gap project including newcomer packets for individuals who want them. Gathering old Grapevines and giving them with info about AA.

Web / Will H. Old business addressed:

- redesign of the registrar change form on website and creating a submittal PDF
- Upgrade the Meeting Change Form on website to handle multiple meeting requests.
- Creation of alt Web Committee Chair position

...good discussion, will continue to evaluate ADA compliance, alt web committee chair, will be new business, we need amend the by-laws to create it as a position. Checks and balances, also have a backup to help the current chair, and ultimately move into the position. In-house position. 4 - year position. Alt Chair, into Chair. Would need two new replacements, need bodies, will help. Talked about a password vault that can be passed on to chair, in case of emergency, back to checks and balances. Will mock up duties etc. for by-laws.

DCM REPORTS

DCMs read reports starting with the newest to the oldest districts.

In lieu of each report, here is a free-form list of events and happenings:

Spanish-speaking Districts: meet every two weeks, very active!!!! Districts and meetings. listed events and dates. concepts workshops, present at correctional conference. dates. coordinating service positions to align with Area. district 20 still 5 active groups, meeting times, events 21st anniversary etc. dates. lots of events. meets every month. pi committee visits facilities.

English-speaking Districts: announcements of service activity in districts, events, and

active groups that attend. 50 year birthdays etc, memorials shared etc. number of groups, half in attendance. some on zoom. getting rosters updated, some meetings dark, some new added. speaker meetings, needing committee chairs filled. Websites, steady attendance, activity in correctional facilities. ...participation in Area service. goals established in committees. Some do not have committees active. DCM visited other active districts to get participation, qr codes, saw one in a body shop, good place for it. Sponsorship jamboree and service workshops. Anniversaries. rebuilding, regrowing, getting districts together... adding meetings... Round Robins. foxhall wamego 30th anniversary. WTW 46th, some chair positions not filled, meetings growing since covid. added speaker meetings. beanie wienie speaker meetings.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Area elections in July / Josh R.. Chair

- next assembly is a voting assembly for service commitments, treasurer, alt. treasurer.
- recommendations for guidelines clean up will be voted on. Including update to State Conf committee. Guidelines sent out before assembly so we will have them.

UPCOMING DATES:

- April 23th–29th, 2022: General Service Conference, New York.
- July 22nd–23rd, 2023: Area Assembly, Webster Conference Center, Salina.
- September 15–17th 2023: Area Conference, Great Bend Convention Center
- September 29–Oct 1 2023: SW Regional Forum, Radisson El Paso Airport Hotel El Paso, TX
- October 21st, 2023: Area Committee Meetings, Quality Inn, Salina.