

Area 25 Committee Meeting
October 20-21, 2023
Quality Inn, Salina, Kansas

Friday, October 20, 2023 7:00pm

Josh R., Area Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance. He shared of Jim H.'s passing and asked that all remember Jim in the moment of silence which was followed by the Serenity Prayer. Josh introduced the incoming Area Chair, Melissa B. Melissa then shared her story with the group. The meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

Saturday, October 21, 2023

9:00am Josh R., Area Chair, welcomed everyone to the Committee Meeting and opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

The members of the Assembly split off to attend Committee Meetings.

10:30am Three Past Delegates participated in the Concepts Workshop. Mike R., Panel 60, presented Concept 7, Don G., Panel 64, discussed Concept 8 and Sue C., Panel 66, shared on Concept 9.

Mike R. read Concept 7 from the Service Manual and stated that this concept ties in with Chapter 10 of the Big Book "The Family Afterwards" and stated that he would trust that all would read this later to see the connection. He stated that financial problems will arise and that one is better off following the spiritual path, than the financial path. He shared that the broad theme of this Concept is to strengthen our spirituality. He stressed the need to separate the spiritual from the physical, material and legal aspects. He reminded the group that Tradition 5 reminds us to always keep spirituality first and that AA is a spiritual entity with a primary purpose. He discussed the delegation of authority in AA which goes from the AA Groups to the Conference to the General Service Conference (GSC) and the Trustees. He shared that our leaders are trusted service with spiritual authority and gave the example of one's sponsor to us or the Delegates (GSC) to the Trustees. He shared that the GSC voted that the General Service Board take its inventory and report back to the GSC.

Don G. shared on Concept 8. He read the Concept from the Service Manual. He stated that the entities of AA World Services and the Grapevine are given the authority to do the day-to-day work of AA, not the Trustees. He stated that the General Service Board is to represent the vision of AA into the future. They have custodial oversight and are not involved in the day-to-day work of AA. Don shared that the Big Book is the engine that drives AA and that there will be surge of incoming funds once the Fifth Edition and the Simple Language Edition come out. He suggested that these funds be used wisely. He stated that the authority is in the Executive Committees. He shared that AA needs leaders and managers to hear and implement changes so that AA can be here for the future.

Sue C., shared on Concept 9. Sue thanked Josh for asking her to speak and she then read Concept 9 from the AA Service Manual (page PS16). Sue discussed the inverted triangle and stated, "You are the most important person in the room". And reminded all that their Groups had voted them into their position. She stated that the DCM level is the next level of service and at this level one comes to Area and takes the information gained back to the district and groups. Sue shared that when she was Delegate, she served on the Trustee Committee and stated that she got to experience moving around the inverted triangle. She reminded everyone that Trustees serve for fun and for free. She shared that the Trustees meet three to four weekends per year and that it costs them a lot. In her service on the Trustee Committee, they vetted and picked the most qualified candidates from their resumes and looked for the levels of service the candidates had in their Groups, Areas, etc. She shared that the

position of Trustee at Large is a very important position. Sue shared that she got to carry the voice of the GSR, which had gone from Group to District to Area as Delegate on Panel 66. "I got to take your voice to the Conference" she stated. She also shared that page 40 of the Service Manual is particularly important in Twelve Step Work.

The floor was sent opened for questions:

The question was asked if everyone was aware of the situation with GSO and money and if they knew of the why and what happened. Mike R., Past Delegate, responded to this question. He stated that when the people from the General Service Office came out to meet the troops at the Forum (which is held every other year) that they had a bit of an awakening. Don G. confirmed that the people at GSO are aware that "the people are upset" following the Forum.

Josh reminded everyone to "look at things as a whole" and brought back the word of Carolyn H., Past Delegate, to be watchful of those who use one Tradition or one Concept to try to get their agenda met. Josh reminded the members that they have The Right of Decision when they do not have time to go back and get input from their Groups or Districts. He also mentioned The Power of the Purse where one does not support behaviors and withhold funding. He stated that this Concept was not meant to be looked at individually, but as it relates to other Concepts and Traditions as a whole.

Jimmy Jack B. shared that the "fellowship needs to take hold of this." He stated that contributions to GSO have not fluctuated much. He also reminded all that money is needed to publish the new books. He also stated that spending \$30,000 to change two words in a pamphlet are not what is best for AA as a whole. He stated that the fellowship has to take responsibility for the shape that it is in and needs to hold Delegates accountable. He stated, "We have to step up and get back on track". He stated that my decreasing contributions, this may cause a decrease in services and we may miss a still suffering alcoholic.

It was brought to the floor, by District 27, that on the Area Financial Statements is does not show the contributions by Group any more and that envelopes for GSO Contributions aren't available anymore. Josh stated that the Treasurer could provide the contributions by Group.

11:30am The members took a lunch break.

1:00pm Business Meeting

Josh R., Area Chair and still an alcoholic, opened the Business Meeting by announcing the passing of Jim H., Past Delegate Panel 50. He shared that Jim was a true giant and trusted servant. Josh asked that we send positive thoughts to our current Delegate Darin H. and his family in the moment of silence which was followed by the Serenity Prayer. Josh then read the Area 25 Preamble.

Officers Reports:

Area Chair – Josh R. reported that the State Conference was a great success and that next years Conference will be September 20th thru 22nd, 2024 in Great Bend.

Secretary's Report – Cindy D. read the minutes of the minutes of the April 15, 2023 Committee Meetings. Lisa, District 23 made a motion to approve the minutes as read and the motion was seconded by Jerry W., Treatment Chair. The motion to accept as read passed. Cindy thanked the Assembly for the opportunity to be of service over the last several years and invited all to come visit sunny Florida where she will relocate her AA activities.

Treasurer's Report – Scott O., presented the Financial Statements for the 3rd Quarter, 2023. He stated that the Balance Sheet was in balance at \$64,425.99. Income for the 3rd Quarter was \$13,264.64 and expenses were \$12,297.33, leaving the Net Income at \$967.31. Scott stated that Form 990 had been completed and filed with the IRS. He also shared that the State Conference had been self-supporting and ended up with a profit of about \$1,000 with a few more invoices to be paid and a few more contributions for the Conference to come in. Scott stated that he is working on getting the contributions broken down so that they are reflected by Group rather than just by District. Sally from District 9 made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and the motion was seconded by Sallie T., District 10. The motion to accept as presented passed.

Delegate – Darin H. was unable to be at the Committee Meetings due to the passing of his brother Jim. He sent a message stating that he felt bad for not being at the Committee Meetings and that he would be giving a number of Delegate Reports before the end of the year.

Alt. Delegate – Bridget B. was not present but she had sent in her report and it was read by Josh. Bridget congratulated everyone on making it to their last Committee Meeting in 2023. And stated, "It is hard to believe my term as Alternate Delegate is already over. I am honored that you chose me to be your next Delegate and I look forward to serving the Area." Bridget apologized for not being at the Committee Meetings today but she was "squeezing in one last vacation before next year". Bridget reported that over the last three months she has been brushing up on the Concepts and getting herself prepared to serve next year as Delegate. She shared that several Area Officers and Chairs were present at the Regional Forum and have come back energized about serving the Area. She wished everyone a wonderful weekend and stated that she would see everyone in January at Assembly.

Alt. Area Chair – Heather G. reported that the January Assembly will be held at the Webster Conference Center, 2601 N. Ohio, Salina, Kansas. There are room blocks at the Comfort Inn for 2024 and you can make reservations by calling them directly at 785-502-8007 and telling them that you are with Area 25. The room rate is \$99.00 a night plus tax. The cutoff date for reservations for the Comfort Inn is January 5, 2024. Heather will have the online link for the hotel sent out via Mail Chimp once she receives it. All meetings, Assemblies and Committee Meetings for 2024 and 2025 will be held at the Webster Conference Center. Heather thanked the Assembly for allowing her to serve the Area for the past two years.

State Conference Chair – Dee Y. reported that the State Conference had been a lot of fun! There were 329 people registered and the Conference was self-supporting. There were several highlights over the weekend. She stated that they had great speakers and really enjoyed having the speakers here. The ice cream social and bingo were well attended and there was a lot of fellowship and laughter. The incoming Committee is geared up and getting ready for the 67th Conference on September 20-22, 2023 in Great Bend. Dee thanked the Conference Committee and all members of the Area for making the Conference such a great event. She thanked the Assembly for the opportunity to serve as the Area 25 Conference Chair. Lisa R, Incoming Conference Chair shared that the Conference Committee is excited about next years conference. She recommended that everyone book their rooms for the Conference early as there is an air show in Great Bend the same weekend. The Committee will be raffling off a hotel room for every 100 registrations. The Conference will be September 20-22, 2024 and they will have food trucks, bingo, fellowship and great speakers. It will be a great weekend!!

KAAAAI Board Report – Rick S. gave the report of this mornings KAAAAI Board Meeting. There were four Board Members and six other people in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read

and approved. Scott O. reported that contributions are ahead of budget for the year and that the State Conference was self-supporting this year. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the Board. Josh shared that the outside printing budget is being increased by \$2,000 for the 2024 year due to increased costs in printing. It was reported that the cost of the Area storage unit also increased. The idea of having seed money in place for the State Conference was discussed. There was discussion about the Mission/Vision Statement for the Board and if there is one or if one needs to be created.

Committee Reports:

Al-Anon Liaison – Martin B. shared that the 51st Annual Kansas Alanon and Al-a-teen Conference will be June 7-9, 2024 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Manhattan, Kansas. The theme will be "Opening Doors for 2024: Bring a friend". Among the speakers will be Shanna (Alaon) and Scott G. (AA) formerly of Manhattan. Other speakers will be Owen (AA), Judy (Alanon), Trisha and Sharon M. from Topeka. One can register through the Alanon website at Kansas-al-anon.org. The Alanon Area Assembly will be November 3-4, 2023 at the Holiday Inn on South 9th in Salina.

Accessibilities – Chelle F. reported that five people representing three Districts attended the committee meeting this morning. It was discussed that there is an Accessibilities Workbook online in PDF format to aid in meeting Accessibility needs. The need for quiet and needs for kids were discussed. Service animals and mental health concerns were discussed. It was discussed that that the whole triangle (unity, service and recovery) needs to be considered when discussing accessibilities.

Chronicler – Marty T. reported that eight people representing three Districts attended the committee meeting this morning. The collection of histories from our long-term members was discussed and all were reminded of the importance of tapping into this source of experience. Also focusing on collecting District histories is important as well. Marty stated that making a display to present the history at District events could be useful to sharing the district's history. Marty stated that it has been a privilege to serve as Area 25 Chronicler for the Area over the past two years. He reminded the members that having the history of our past is important to knowing where we are heading. "We don't know where we are without knowing where we have been."

Corrections – Sallie T. reported that 12 people representing five Districts attended the committee meeting this morning. She reported that Corrections is getting more active in the Area with a few more facilities opening up and literature being sent into facilities. District 19 reported that they are seeing new activity at the Winfield Correctional Facility with another meeting being taken into the facility. They also had a contact pre-release who reached out and then come to the CFC meeting and share about their experience with volunteers bringing in meeting. Kansas Area CFC received several inquiries from the GSO Corrections Desk. CFC has been able to assist in getting literature into a jail in District 7 and then setting up a meeting in the facility. Sallie expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to be of service to AA and Kansas Area 25 as Corrections Chair. She stated that she has been inspired and challenged and that her sobriety and gratitude have been enhanced. She stated that carrying the message to those behind the walls has been very rewarding, heartbreaking and humbling experience. She stated that she has been blessed to be a sponsor, a contact pre-release and correspondent. She is forever grateful for this chapter in her life. She stated that she has been involved in CFC service for 22 years. She stated that it is bitter sweet to move to the next chapter of the book of life in service and exciting to see what's ahead, one day at a time. She thanked the Assembly for allowing her to be of service.

Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) – Cheryl H. reported that 13 people representing nine Districts attended the committee meeting this morning. Cheryl stated that they had discussed what CPC is and the fact that CPC works closely with PI (Public Information) but the main focus of the Community is to get information to Professionals in the Community. Districts reported that they have taken information to law enforcement personal, human resource departments, physicians, school counselors, other health professionals and nursing homes. The need to have information available about how to reach AA was discussed. Cheryl stated that she had been contacted about speaking with a group of physicians to help women reach AA.

Grape Free Press – Gena W. reported that five people representing five Districts attended the committee meeting this morning. The incoming GFP Chair Kim H. also attended the meeting. The group talked about all the different ways to get the GFP: 1. Sign up for the Area 25 email, 2. Download a pdf from the Area Website, or 3. Have a paper copy delivered. Gena stated that there is a signup sheet at the GFP display for DCMs to sign up with their address and how many copies of the GFP they need to have mailed to them. Gena thanked the Assembly for the opportunity to serve and stated that she is excited to pass the chair on to Kim H. Gena stated that Kim has a lot of great ideas and that they will work together for a smooth transition. One idea that came up in the committee meeting today was to work with the Chronicler and add a bit of Area 25 history to each edition of the GFP

Grapevine – Tama C. reported that one person representing one District attended the committee meeting this morning. They discussed all of the ways to get the Grapevine. 1. Print edition (the magazine) which is 64 pages, printed monthly and received by subscription. 2. Digital subscription, which is the same as the print edition but can be received on one's desktop/laptop computer, tablet, and smart phone. 3. Web edition is formatted so subscribers can choose which stories or features to download and read. This edition works on desktop/laptop computer or smart phone and has the same content as the print edition. 4. Audio edition is a recording of the same content as the print edition. There is a new podcast series where long-time AA members Dan and Sam interview different members of AA about their experience, strength and hope in a casual, 'meeting after the meeting' manner. There is also a ½ hour variety show at 9:00am EST every Monday. Grapevine is also available through a YouTube subscription and on Instagram. If you subscribe to the "Grapevine Complete" package you get access to all print and online formats of each issue and the Grapevine Story Achieves, which is a searchable collection of nearly 20,000 stories dating back to 1944. Tama thanked the Assembly for allowing her to serve.

Literature – Ken S. reported that eight people representing six Districts attended the committee meeting this morning. Ann S., the Literature Chair for the next rotation, also attended the meeting. Information from the Regional Forum in El Paso, TX was discussed. Ken shared that there is a poster at the Literature Table which shows all of the different print editions of the Big Book. The group passed around copies of "Our Great Responsibility" where Bill W. talked at the General Service Conference. Numerous pamphlets, and the need for them were discussed. The cost savings from discontinuing some pamphlets were also discussed. Ken thanked the Assembly for the opportunity to serve as the Area Literature Chair over the past two years and he thanked all who had participated in the Committee during that time also.

Public Information – Rich S. reported that two people representing two Districts attended the committee meeting this morning. The Group discussed getting meeting cards out. District 12 is getting in contact with local radio stations and cooperating with some churches in their area. Rich stated that it has been a pleasure to serve Area 25 as PI Chair. He stated that he is looking forward to serving as Treatment Chair in the new rotation. He thanked the Assembly for allowing him to serve.

Treatment – Jerry W. reported that 10 people representing four Districts attended the committee meeting this morning. Jerry stated that they had a large turnout of Hispanic members from Districts 20 and 27 today. Those members shared that these members were interested in reaching out to hospitals, treatment centers and other social services. The importance of getting literature placed in various offices and in the hands of Counselors was discussed. The difference between rural and urban settings and treatment were discussed. Bridging the Gap was suggested as an avenue for future exploration. Jerry shared that he was contacted, while at the Regional Forum, by the Bridging the Gap website in regards to making the connect for a person who was in treatment in Denver, CO who would be going to Wichita, KS. Jerry stated that he had just been in a lunch meeting with a Trustee who was involved with Bridging the Gap. Jerry thanked the Assembly for allowing him to be of service.

Web – Will H. reported that eight people representing five Districts attended the committee meeting this morning. Will stated that they had reviewed the July minutes of the Committee meeting and touched back on the proposed Web Committee changes to the Area 25 Guidelines, and they discussed these proposed changes. Social Media for Groups was also discussed. Old business discussed was a submittable/fillable PDF for Registrar Change Forms and multi-meeting change forms. ADA compliance and the last pass password vault was also discussed. New Business discussed was getting 509c3 for Kansas Area 25 to submit to Mail chimp (to get a discount) and removing an obsolete conference registration link from the website. It was discussed to have a private Google drive folder for Area 254 to store commonly shared documents (509c3, Guidelines, contracts, etc.). A Web Committee Roadmap and getting ks-0ss.org emails transferred to incoming officers and chairs. They also discussed how to get group members to get involved in the Web Committee.

DCM Reports:

Josh reminded all DCMs to turn their reports into the Area Secretary. Reports were given in reverse numerical order this time.

District 31: Jesus R., DCM presented his report in Spanish and then Stephanie H. translated for those who do not comprehend Spanish. There are six Groups in District 31. The Groups are all open with the same hours to carry the message. On Saturday, December 16th Crisol Group will be celebrating their anniversary and everyone is invited. The Legado de Amor Group is sharing information with flyers in churches and businesses in their city (Dodge City). The District is having workshops with participation from all groups.

District 30: No report

District 27: Idelfonso S., DCM presented his report in Spanish and Stephanie H. again translated the report for those who do not comprehend Spanish. There are 13 Groups in District 27. The District continues to have study groups every Wednesday from 7pm to 8:30pm. The District was well represented at the 66th Kansas Area 25 State Conference in Great Bend. The District elected a new District Secretary. The District will be sending a letter to their Groups to encourage member to stand for positions in the next rotation of service. The goal is to have the Districts service structure match that of the Area. The District approved inviting the Delegate to future events of Grupo Hispano to give Delegates Report or share his experiences of being Delegate so the Hispanic community is motivated to support our elected servant and Committee Chairs. At the Hispanic inter-district meeting it is being proposed to have a meeting in all three Districts, to exercise the spirit of rotation. The District had invited the current Delegate to come and speak on August 13th but he was unable to attend. In

November, the month of Traditions, District 27 will have sharing from Groups about the Traditions. Idelfonso wished everyone a happy 24 hours of sobriety.

District 26: No report

District 24: Fred H., DCM, reported that there are four Groups in the District. He stated that the Districts Fall Festival in September had been a great success and self-sufficient. All Groups in the District are claiming growth in attendance. Fred thanked the Assembly for allowing him to be of service.

District 23: Karma L., DCM reported that there are 19 Groups in the District. The Quarterly District Speaker Meeting was held Saturday, October 14th and Gordon S. from Topeka spoke. There was a great turn out and it was a huge success. The Phoenix Group has stated a new committee called The Phoenix Committee Outreach and they are taking meetings to Cottonwood which provides Mental Health and Addiction Treatment for inpatient and outpatient and working with the homeless. The Central Office in Kansas City is going to sponsor workshops on the Concepts and everyone in the District is excited to get this project started. Nuts and Bolts, Lawrence will have their 35th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Karma stated the District had lost one member to the disease of addiction, Troy L.

District 22: No report

District 21: No report

District 20: Samuel H., DCM report that all is well in the Wichita Spanish District. They continue to have five active groups. All group meetings are from 8pm to 9:30pm, seven days a week. La Ultima Milla Group also has meetings Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 11:30am. Emperadores Group has Saturday meetings from 12pm to 1:30pm and Sunday meetings from 10am to 11:30am. The District Meeting is held the 3rd Sunday each month at 8:00am. The Public Information Committee continues to pass the message through the radio every 3rd Thursday at 8:00am and they continue to take meeting to Higher Ground Treatment Center on Thursdays at 8:00pm. They hold a meeting in Spanish in Ark City at the Maple Park Group. The District phone number is 316-284-7727. The Emperadores Group will be having their Posada Navidena on December 16th at 5:00pm. There will be a Public Information presentation followed by dinner, cake, gifts for the kids and a dance. This event is completely complimentary. For more information call 316-708-6215. In November they are having an Inter-District Meeting of the three Spanish Districts.

District 19: Robyn G., DCM stated that the District has 28 Groups and that at the last District Meeting there were 18 GSRs in attendance. Two of the GSRs are new, they are from Andale and Renewell. The District 19 Round Robin will be October 28th from 10am to 2pm at the Parklane Group hall. Darin H, Area 25 Delegate will be speaking. There will also be a chili cookoff and raffle.

District 18: No report

District 17: John B., DCM stated that the District has seven Groups but only two are participating at the District level. The District will be having their 38th Round Robin on November 11th and 12th. Attendance numbers in meetings is staying about the same. They had some newcomers lately but it is sporadic. They are still taking meetings to the Treatment Center.

District 16: No report

District 15: Andy K., DCM reported that the District has seven Groups in six counties of Central Eastern Kansas. Andy stated that he was aware of the State Hospital in Osawatomie. He shared that there is the Sunflower Treatment Center in Osawatomie and that they have meetings taken to it once a week and the Center participates in outside meetings. There is also a treatment center in Paola, Kansas that is

being addressed as to whether they need meetings brought in. Andy stated that Franklin County used to have meetings in their jail but now, none of the County jails have meetings being taken in.

District 14: Andi S., Alt. DCM reported that there are nine Groups in the District and all is going well in District 14. The Groups in the District are reporting that they are doing well and that attendance at meetings is good. The Annual District Picnic was held on September 10th in Emporia, KS. Kent P., DCM of District 7 was the speaker and did a fantastic job! The District held elections for the next rotation and all positions have been filled with interest and excitement. The Corrections and Treatment Committee chairs have been filled also. The next District event will be the Carbondale Group (228 Main Street, Carbondale, KS) on November 5th. Dinner will be at noon. Rachel B. of Emporia (and incoming Dist. 14 DCM) will be the AA Speaker and Marlene O. of Topeka, KS will be the Alanon speaker.

District 13: Charles L., DCM reported that attendance at area Groups is steady among the nine active groups. All Service positions are filled except Accessibilities. Correction is taking meetings into the Harvey and Reno County jails. Treatment is taking meetings into Mirror and Valley Hope – Moundridge. The GFP/Web Committee are sending District events to the GFP and Area website. AA birthdays are being sent to GFP and AA meditations are sent to AA members. District 13 will be hosting its 27th Annual Fall Fellowship Fiesta on November 4, 2023 at the Newton Group. District 13 will host the Area Corrections Conference in March of 2024. More info will be available on this at the January Assembly.

District 12: No report

District 11: No report

District 10: Brett G., DCM stated that he wanted to thank Area 25 and District 10 for the wonderful opportunity of serving as DCM. He stated that it has been a great experience to learn and grow in service and the fellowship of this wonderful program. He reported that District 10 continues to show up and be a vibrant community of people trying to carry the message. He stated that the District hosted the Delegate Report in September and were glad to have friends from District 27 join them. They are continuing to act on their District inventory and are committed to try and expand the relationships between neighboring Districts. The District is hosting a speaker event on December 30, 2023 from 2-4pm and Harold L. from St. Louis will be speaking. There will be free food, great fellowship and fun!! They will have Spanish Translation and Deaf Translation available at this event. They will have a flyer posted on the Area website when it is available. The Grapevine Committee is hosting a Grapevine Extravaganza next weekend on October 28th from 3-5pm. The South Leawood Group is hosting a six-week Traditions Workshop starting mid-November and running through January 6, 2024. The PI and CPC Committees are continuing to disperse postcards in various area businesses. They have placed cards in interlock device stations, laundromats, public libraries and starting to expand into locally owned coffee shops and 24-hour restaurants. The cards have been placed in several emergency rooms and rehab/mental health facilities in Johnson County. They are working with District 27 to develop a Spanish Translation of the card for distribution as well. In October the District held its elections and they have filled all service positions except Alternate Secretary. The District continues to be in good financial standing and they are heavily invested in recovery in the KC Metro. There were a few memorials from District 10: Bill H. from NE Johnson County Group passed in August with 54 years and 11 months of sobriety...he was a spiritual influence to many in the KC region. Jim H. The Four Reasons Group passed with 34 years. Bett again thanked all for the opportunity to serve.

District 9: Greg A., DCM reported that the District has nine Groups listed, however the status of one Group (Share Group) is currently unknown. Another Group, Honest Desire, has become inactive at the District level. The District meeting rotates location and is currently being held at the Basehor Group through December. The District has a good turnout of GSRs but they have very little support at the

Committee level. They do not have chairs for the Accessibilities, PI, CPC, Literature, Grapevine, Treatment or Corrections Committees. The District attempted to restart their Round Robin but ran into issues with the venue. They will try again next year.

District 8: Debbie T., DCM reported that they have 32 registered meetings in the District and the District Meeting is held the 2nd Tuesday every month. They usually have between 16 to 20 Groups participating at the District Meetings and all committee chairs are filled. The 50th Annual Topeka Area Banquet was held and it was a huge success. Group 1 is having a Halloween Party on October 28th from 6:30 to 9:30pm at the 'world famous 2100 Club', 2100 SW Central Park, Topeka, KS. There will be costume contest, and fast cash. Group 1 is also celebrating 89 years of unity, recover and service with its Annual Old Timers Meeting on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at Crestview Shelter House, Shunga Drive. Meeting is at 11am, Dinner is at 1:00pm and Don C. from Topeka will speak at 2pm. There will be a raffle at 3pm. 4th Dimension Group will be hosting a bingo event on Saturday, November 11th from 6-9pm. \$10 for 10 games and special and 50/50 Raffle. This event will be at 2303 SW College, (the old Stout Elementary School) Topeka, KS. Debbie shared that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as DCM for District 8 over the past two years.

District 7: Kent P., DCM reported that Burgers in Bern has a pot luck the last Sunday of every month at 6:15pm and then a speaker at 7pm. Seneca Wild Bunch will be having their Chili Feed on Saturday, November 11, 2023. The day will kick off at 2pm with a Corrections and Treatment Workshop, 5:30pm will be dinner and at 6:30pm Gary B. will be the AA speaker and Dana S. will be the Alanon speaker. Sabeth Right Step Group will host a Skate Night on December 9th from 5-9pm. The Atchinson Alano Club hosts a potluck the last Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Valley Falls AA is meeting Monday and Fridays. At the District level, Treatment is taking meetings into Valley Hope-Atchinson. Corrections is active in the jails, either in person or getting literature into the jail. They have gotten information to the local hospitals Social Worker and from this they did their first service work for the hospital by taking a man from the hospital to a recovery house in Kansas City. Kent closed with "We are not a glum lot. If newcomers could see no joy or fun in our existence, they wouldn't want it. We absolutely insist on enjoying life."

District 6: Cliff S., DCM shared that the Manhattan Noon Group will be hosting their Annual family friendly Halloween Pumpkin Decorating and Costume Contest at 5:30pm on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Pumpkins, pizza and pop provided. The "Autum Extravaganza" is November 4th. Doors open at 9:30am in Wamego. There will be four speakers sharing their experience, strength and hope. Sloppy joes will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert. There will be a special "Mystery" session along with raffle prizes given away throughout the day. An 80's themed party will be hosted by Manhattans TWTW Group on New Years Eve. The evening will start at 6pm with taco provided, please bring a side dish or desert to extinguish the fire. There will be both an AA and Alanon speaker and a dance is planned from 10 until midnight. Have your disco outfit ready. Flyers for each of these events will be available on the Area 25 website. The District continues to discuss the spirit of rotation and have shared copies of "The five questions" hoping to encourage members to step up and fill service positions at our November meeting. Cliff thanked the members for the opportunity to serve.

District 5: Bryan P., DCM shared that District has 13 Groups in the District. District 5 is continuing to announce open service positions at meetings in the District as the District has several positions open. The Eighth Street Group hosted a Round Robin. The District also reached out to the community and had a table at the Tony's Event Center to let people know that we exist – we are anonymous, not invisible. District 5 sponsored a Group Inventory at New Beginnings. Bryan stated that he chaired this inventory and he learned a lot more dos and don'ts! Other Groups have denied needing any services or help

involving a group inventory, or anything else for that matter. Jerry N., AA member is District 5 passed away on September 29th with many years of sobriety.

District 4: No report

District 3: No report

District 2: Steve R., DCM reported that there are five Groups in the District and that the District has seen growth because everyone is hungry for recovery. All Groups stayed open through the pandemic but attendance was low but now attendance has increased considerably for all Groups. Meetings are being taken into the local prison and treatment center. The District had their first District Meeting with a goal of holding them quarterly. They just held their District Speaker Meeting where Darin H. shared his Delegates Report and Chili Feed.

District 1: No report

New Business:

Presentation of 2024 Budget:

Josh shared that the Budget Committee, Heather G., Josh R., Scott O., and Melissa B. had met to discuss the 2024 Budget. He stated that a copy will be sent out before the next Assembly. The major change from the 2023 budget was that outside printing was increased from \$4,000 to \$6,000 for 2024.

Web Chair Guidelines:

Josh stated that these would be sent to DCMs inboxes. There were no additional changes to these guideline changes from when they were presented at the July Assembly.

Drawing for Committee Assignments, even numbered Districts:

Accessibilities – Districts 12, 23, 24

Chronicler – Districts 3, 17, 31

Corrections – Districts 2, 10, 15

CPC – Districts 7, 30, 19

Grape Free Press – Districts 6, 21

Grapevine – Districts 18, 14

Literature – Districts 13, 16, 20

Public Information – Districts 1, 11, 22

Treatment – Districts 5, 8, 27

Web – Districts 4, 9, 26

Additional Input from Attendees. Josh asked if there were any other Agenda Items for January and there was no response. Josh thanked the Assembly for allowing him to serve and stated that it had helped keep him sober a couple more years. A motion to close was quickly made and seconded. The motion to adjourn passed and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Day

Area 25 Secretary