

Kansas Area 25 Wrap Sheet

Spring 2024

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 Meeting

Salina, KS | April 5& 6th, 2024

Friday night started off with Melissa B., Area Chair, opening the meeting with Serenity prayer and then having Will H, and Sonia F. share their stories. Meeting closed with Lord's prayer.

Saturday morning the assembly was opened, and committees broke out for the Mock Conference.

Committee Reports:

Accessibilities Chelle F. : 5 Districts represented/ 10 in attendance.

District 13 has a new Accessibilities chair, welcome. Kyle.

District 23 is visiting retirement homes but not finding enough members to help out. Suggestion was to collaborate with District CPC.

Checking Meeting guide to ensure that all meetings are listed correctly for different special needs.

Al-anon Liaison Martin B:

Martin B. Al-Anon is a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. Al-Anon

believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. If you are

looking for an Al-Anon or Alateen meeting near you, please check the

Kansas Alanon website at

Kansas-al-anon.org.

Kansas Al-Anon/Alateen invites you to attend the 51 st Annual Conference at the Four Points by

Sheraton in Manhattan, KS. The conference will be June 7-9, 2024. The theme will be “Opening Doors for 2024: Bring a Friend”.

Shanna and Scott G., formerly from Manhattan will be speakers as well as members of the

McCourt family from Topeks.

Registration can be done on the Kansas Al-Anon website. Registration is \$30 for the weekend

or \$20 for just Saturday.

Upcoming Events:

**Al-Anon World Service Conference, April 18-21, 2024 Virginia Beach, VA
Area Assembly, May 3-4, 2024 Holiday Inn, Salina, KS.**

Chronicler Eric D.: Eric D. There were 8 in attendance with 3 Districts represented.

We discussed how to submit group histories.

I updated the committee about the storage locker being moved to Salina.

The districts in attendance reviewed the group histories from their districts. I collected email

addresses so we can communicate before the assembly in July and select agenda items before

the next assembly.

Corrections Jeramie S.: Jeramie S. There were 7 in attendance with 5 Districts represented. Yellow Can

was \$20,534.40 January 20 and was \$15,880.41 at the end of first quarter.

As of April 6, 2024

the balance is \$12,106.39.

The Corrections Conference held in Hutchinson, KS was a success. There were 48 in

attendance with visitors from KDOC and Valley Fall’s Police Department.

Sallie helped order

books.

Please stop sending cash and loose change to the Yellow Can Fund.

Lisa and Darin are making progress with the Ad hoc focusing on Zoom. It looks like Douglas

Co. Will be our test dummy.

The Spanish Yellow Cans are being made and will be available at the next Assembly July 19-21,

2024. District 14 is requesting to change the Yellow Can Bi-Laws to support digital AA media, e-

books, and teleconferencing subscriptions. This was looked into by a 4 month ad hoc and we

decided this is not something the Yellow Can is able to support.

District 14 – Request for changing the annual corrections conference.

Decided to contact and

request more information as to why.

They were invited to Brown County as the jails are open now.

Jails are still opening back up.

Attended Valley Hope’s “What is service work” for Area 25 (Sallie)

Grape Free Press Kim H.: Melissa B. There were 2 in attendance with 2 Districts represented.

Printed 146 copies to mail to the DCM’s. the cost was roughly \$400.

Discussed formatting

options to save money. Discussed sending out less copies per district as another option. Do not

want the responsibility to fall on the districts as groups and districts send money to the Area to

cover costs for the Area items.

Melissa B. for Kim H

Grapevine David M:

David M. There were 5 in attendance and 3 Districts represented.

Do you know how to access the Grapevine?

Overall, no. However, can access online. Can get more information online: AA Grapevine.org.

Here you can get the magazine, guidelines, La Vina, and access the app. You can also submit

an article to the Grapevine, and submit events to the Grapevine calendar.

Can you get previous Grapevine issues in bulk? These are great to take to jails and in treatment

centers, or to give to newcomers. There are great stories, just like the Big Book.

There is a new Grapevine Rep for District 14 and 13. There is no Grapevine rep for a group from District 13 or 26. Groups do talk about the Grapevine and use the articles in meetings.

Subscriptions are also given away as raffle prizes to the jails and treatment centers locally. The

Campus Group in Emporia has 3 subscriptions to the Grapevine that they give out to

newcomers. Grapevines are also available on the tables.

Can we get a complete information packet from the AA Grapevine for the new representatives in groups or districts?

AA Grapevine and LaVina do not collect and are not supported by the 7 th Tradition. So, the best

way to support it is by subscription and to buy literature.

Reading stories is a great way to relate and encourage newcomers to stay.

The AA Grapevine Audio project will collect up to 7 minute long stories from AA members. The

will be available on YouTube or other platforms. To submit your recording:

Call: 559-726-1216 to record your story, or record mp3 file and email to:weoord@aagrapevine.org. AA Grapevine Photo Contest: Send a photo of your homegroup meeting room to the Grapevine and it will be put into the magazine.

There is a 30 minute weekly Grapevine Podcast on YouTube that is available to listen to for free.

Vote for the monthly caption for cartoons that appear in the magazine. You can vote online at aagrapevine.org.

Great service opportunity to become an AA Grapevine service representative! There is a 2 year commitment recommended.

Literature Ann S: –Ann S. There were 12 in attendance with 8 Districts represented.

Districts: 10,16,4,20,9,13,19,5

I was not in attendance in January. Went over the notes from the January meeting. Reviewed the 10th Step letter from GSO in regard to the 7 questions. District 9 is considering withholding funds from GSO if the Plain Language book moves forward. Hispanic members expressed that they are in favor of keeping the Big Book as it is. They stated that they use their sponsors and also look up meanings to words if they don't understand. We went over other agenda items for literature at the GSO conference. We went over the progress of the 5th Edition of the Big Book. It was reviewed by 10 readers. Progress was not what was originally hoped. The staff is working to streamline the process. Increasing the number of readers to 15.

Public Information

Ben S. for Bob H. There were 6 in attendance.

Hutchinson District 13 – Is working with two facilities and have flyers and cards. Also at libraries, and all over town with meeting information.

District 19 – Paying for PSA's on iHeart radio, B98 and The Bull are the stations.

Taking Big Books to the libraries (Public Schools). Has some extra books, and they are going back to districts to find some additional spaces.

District 5 – Information out to homeless shelters and jails. Working on some additional spaces.

District 8 – GSR sat in.

Area Al-Anon Liaison sat in with us and had some insight on getting meeting into the doctors offices. Grapevines and the Forum (The Al-Anon magazine) in the high schools and junior highs.

District 24 – Schedules around Silver Lake at stores. Interested in getting PSA's.

District 7 – Need help on what pamphlets need to go at what places. Can Bob reach out to

Tawny K.?

PSA's – You can get the PSA's on the GSO website. Called a radio station and they were able to grab the PSA's off of the site, coordinated the time slots. It will be \$200/month for 350 spots (plays 15 seconds each)
The committee is interested in pursuing the hand out card that District 10 uses and modifying for the Area level.

Treatment Rich S.: Rich S. There were 12 in attendance and 4 Districts represented.

We discussed bridging the gap with treatment facilities. Bridging the gap is practically nonexistent in Area 25. We talked about how bridging the Gap includes AA volunteers who act as temporary contacts for people leaving treatment, requesting a temporary contact. There are some districts who are working with treatment centers. We discussed BTG with Texas and Missouri via Zoom. Talked with them on some ideas and how to get started. I had a long talk with Christopher from SE Texas TFC. He would be willing to get on Zoom and do a workshop on bridging the gap and get some ground floor basic ideas.

Web Brett G.: Brett G. April 6 th 2024 Web Chair Committee Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Attendance (Districts 4, 9, 26)**
- I) Pass around sign-up sheet**
- ii) 4 in attendance from Districts 4 and 16**
- 2) Review January Assembly Minutes**
- 3) Review website stats and technology expenses**
- a) Area 25 website has:**

- I) 1,423 meetings**
- ii) 295 locations**
- iii) 319 groups**
- b) 2023 Expenses – \$2225.60* – high touch (included balance from 2022)**
- \$479.50 – mail chimp**

c) 2024 Expenses – ~\$1305– high touch (\$108.75/month)

\$540 – mail chimp

\$130 – Document library plugin

\$175 - Zoom

4) Updates since January

a) 119 requests completed.

b) Still looking for alternate web chair

l) Discussed alt web chair position with 3 people, no volunteers so far

c) Set up Area 25 Zoom, facilitated Area Townhall on 3/30

d) Received 503 C3 Federal Tax exempt cert

l) submitted to High touch

ii) working on Mail Chimp

e) Accessibility:

5) Any other new business?

a) Reviewed district websites for 4 and 16

l) Discussed options for tying meeting links for those sites back to Area Website

b) Question, how does our website line up with other areas?

l) Research to be done

6) Announcements DCMs and GSRs PLEASE go back to your respective district/group and

ensure that all your meetings are up-to-date on the Area 25

website's meeting listings page

here <https://ks-aa.org/meetings/>. If you need to add, update or delete a meeting please

submit a Change Request for on the Area 25 website here <https://ks-aa.org/change-request/>.

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

District 1: No Report

District 2: No report

District 3: No Report

District 4: Sam S. DCM – 7 Groups

Our district covers Ellis, Ellsworth, Lincoln and Russell Counties. We have two upcoming

events. The Back-to-Basics Group in Hays, KS will be hosting a Big Book Study July 12-14. The study will be led by Katy W. Norman, OK and Donna A. Oklahoma City, Ok. It is free, but space is limited to 40, so please make reservations. Flyers are available. The district will be having it's annual campout at Lake Wilson September 6-8. Flyers will be circulating soon. Come join us for fun and fellowship!

District 5: Bryan P. – 11 Groups

There are cards being distributed in all groups

The website has a descent amount of traffic.

Changed format 0 failed/Collection thru E-money.

There is a variety of women's groups.

We were going to change the format of the district meeting to a quarterly meeting with food, speaker and a business meeting. The groups in the district voted against.

As always there are plenty of chair positions open!

District 6: Cheryl H. DCM – District 6 is alive and well. We have 19 groups in our district with an average of 11-12 that are active and participate at district meetings. Our meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. We rotate where the meetings are held. The groups will volunteer so this can be accomplished.

We have 3 committees with chairmen for each. We have PICPC, and CFC.

We currently have jail meetings for men and women in Riley and Washington counties. A men's meeting at Marshall county and recently a men's meeting has been started at Geary County.

Charlie O. worked very hard to get this meeting started at Geary county and it finally happened.

CPC is working to get information to the professional and PI is looking at reaching out to area health fairs. The district recently started discussing a possible need for an accessibilities chair.

Our treasury is doing well. Too well and we had gone above our prudent reserve. We recently made contributions to Area 25 and GSO.

We have also started looking into making a pamphlet that could be given out to help clarify what the district is and who we are.

There is an ad hoc committee working on how we can have a central location for all meeting minutes and domain names for each position to access email. It is felt it is important to have a central location for minutes, agendas, etc. that anyone in the district could access. Chris H. is looking into how district 6 could have their own website.

Two groups recently celebrated anniversaries. Young People's Candlelight celebrated with their annual Traverser. Turning Point group celebrated their 29 th anniversary with their monthly speaker meeting with snacks and fellowship before the meeting.

The district is planning a spring event. Due to time it is more of a late spring early summer

event. This will be June 8 starting at 10 am in Junction City. There will be 3 speakers, raffle, and entertainment. And because we want many to attend there will of course be food. Pulled pork sandwiches provided and a potluck. We hope you can join us.

District 7: Jessi M. 5 Groups

We currently have 5 active groups. Atchison Alano club, Valley Falls AA, Sabetha Right Step,

Burgers in Bern, and Wild bunch. The district committee is working diligently to plan and reach

out to the dark areas of our district to carry the message of AA. We hosted "what is Service"

workshop at Valley Hope in Atchison. We have some very active members in treatment and corrections.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

District 8: No report

District 9: Greg A. DCM 9 Groups

District 9 GSR meeting is held 2 nd Thur each month. Locations change quarterly: April-June

Leavenworth Group , July-Sept. at Basehor Group, Oct.-Dec at Primary Purpose. Bonner

Springs had been on the list to host but relocation of the group to a new, smaller location made

it is not possible.

Attendance by GSR's is ok. We recently had a new GSR from a group that had gone "dark"

attend some meetings.

Bethel Group in KC: Relocated due to rent increase, however lease negotiations fell through and now Bethel's future is uncertain.

Most of the GSR meetings discussions in the last three months has been about the Big Book translations. Groups are considering withholding contributions to GSO.

District 10: Tom L. DCM District 10 has 28 groups with 22 actives in the district.

Our district meetings have been well attended both at the GSR and Committee levels and our committees have been active. Many of our committees had their display stands at the

Sunflower Round-up was held in KCK in February.

Our CPC chair had to step down and was quickly replaced by a member of the committee. They

continue to seek opportunities to engage with such entities as the Kansas Law Officer Training, the VA, and JCCC.

Corrections: Meetings are held on a regular basis at the Adult Residential Center in Gardner but still need more men and women volunteers for Saturday night. The GV committee is

contributing a GV subscription which is a good example of committees working together.

Grapevine had cookie donations to give out during the Sunflower round-up.

Literature has been keeping the district up to date on the status of the Lit Committee workbook, pamphlets and book offerings. Reviewing and tracking GSC agenda items related to literature have also been a focus.

Public Information is looking for ways to utilize the AA public service announcements in the local

media. They have also been distributing our post cards with URL links to the newcomer packet,

meeting guide, what is AA? And the AA Linked-in throughout Johnson County in local coffee shops, laundromats, interlock companies and others. Card holders have been employed at over 40 different locations. They also support our Message of the Day by recruiting a different group to manage the MOD's every month.

Treatment supports many several local treatment centers with meetings and continues to get new requests. They have also been focusing on bridging the gap and coordinating meeting

times at treatment centers. We were also given a presentation by an AA member who also works at a treatment center on some simple guidelines on interacting with patients at center. The main point being "know your audience" and refrain from relating personal experiences that could "trigger" someone still deep in their trauma.

Generally D10 groups are active and do well. We also have two new groups "Young and Sober" and a new Gardner group. We are off to a good start in 2024!

District 11: No report

District 12: Doug H. DCM 7-8 Groups

I am a new DCM as of March '24. Have not been in this position prior to this. Working to contact all groups and secure names, etc. of GSR's. Will be starting district meetings up once again.

Working to secure a Treasurer. DCM plans to travel to all meetings to restart a dialogue.

District 13: Charles L. Meeting attendance remains steady in all but one group in the district.

The district now has an Accessibilities Committee Chair.

Accessibilities is taking meetings into

West View Manor, a nursing facility for adults with behavioral health issues is located in Peabody.

Corrections is now taking meetings into the Hutchinson Correctional Facility in addition to the

jails in Harvey and Reno Counties. District 13 hosted the Area 25 Corrections Conference which

was informative and uplifting.

C/C/PI is getting information out to professionals in the district. Grape Free Press is still sending sobriety birthdays and district events to the Area Grape Free Press for publication.

Meetings are taken into Mirror and Valley Hope.

The district's web chair continues to post district events on the Area 25 webpage.

Grapevine and Literature committee chairs remain vacant.

On May 11, 2024, District 13 hosts its 29 th annual Family Round Robin.

District 14: Rachel B. DCM 9 Groups

Generally, things are going well in District 14, most groups report strong , consistent

attendance, with lots of newcomers! Flint Hills Group is struggling, so please spread the word so

We can support this group. We updated our District 14 schedules and printed them for

distribution. Most service committees are vacant, so to drum up enthusiasm and support we

are hosting our Second Annual District 14 Service Extravaganza! on April 21, 2024 at 12pm.

There will be a fried chicken lunch provided along with a fun treasure map to explore all the

service committees a panel sharing session from some Area 25 committee chairs and service

members. Join us on April 21 in Emporia, KS!

District 15: No Report

District 16: Jeff D. DCM 6 Groups

District 16 consists of the nine So9uthwest, KS counties. It has six active groups. Five of which

participate in the district.

Upcoming Events:

The Delegate will give her report at the district 16 Roundup in Garden City on August 18, 2024.

The district is working with the website to help limit conflicting scheduled events because five of

The six are only averaging 2 meetings per week.

District 16 will have a Fun Day on April 13 th , 2024 in Santana, KS.

Garden City is having a 12 Step speaker on April 20, and June 15. Garden City performed an inventory and will have group review Monday.

Birthday night is the last Saturday of the month.

Ulysses recently started taking meetings in the jail.

Group inventory scheduled April 19.

Birthday celebrations in May

Speaker meeting in June.

District 17: Jonas U. - 6 Groups

We currently have 6 groups having meetings. There are a total of 13 meetings per week. We

have 2 groups that are active at district level. District 17 will have our Annual Family Fun Day at

Mead Lakel, Saturday June 8. Fellowship and fun starts at 3pm, meal provided at 6pm with a

speaker to follow, Pablo M. District 17 is still taking meetings to New Chance treatment facility in

Dodge City. Front Street Group will be having a taco feed and speaker meeting Saturday May 5

at 6pm with

Leslie M. speaking after the meal.

District 18: No report

District 19: Robyn G. – DCM - 33 Groups

We average 15-18 voting members at the district. We had Chelle, Accessibilities Chair, speak at

District. We are having the Wichita Spring Roundup April 19-20 at 101 Club, Valley Center. We

will be having Founder's Day June 8 at 101 Club in Valley Center.

Metropolitan Group will be

celebrating 76 years in June. Forming Ad Hoc committee for 2024 D19

Bylaw Review to be

complete by October 2024.

As Sallie said and I spoke of this last July, but District 19 approved continuance of jPSA at least

through the end of term. So want to thank Newcomers for taking the lead.

District 20: Samuel H.

Hello everyone, my name is Samuel H. and D.C.M. District #20

Wichita, KS

I inform you that a new group has been formed in Arc City. Our District now has 6 active groups.

Meetings are from 8:00 to 9:30 P.M. The 7 days

Grupo Emperadores and Grupo La Ultima Milla also meet on Saturdays from 12:00 a.m. to

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Ark City Group meets

Thursday 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 2:00 p.m. Our District has its servers meeting every 3rd

Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Grupo Emperadores celebrates its 26 years of having its doors open with a public information

meeting and Grupo Amor y Amistad will also celebrate 22 Years of having its doors open with

another meeting of Alcoholics for Alcoholics. I.P. Committee

Continues passing information

every 3rd Thursday on the Radio at 8:00 a.m. It also continues to convey the message to Higher

Ground intuition. And this was my report. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 21: No Report

District 22: No Report

District 23: Karen L. – Alt. DCM – 18 Groups

In the works will be a Concept Workshop July 27 th .

Corrections Chair is the only open chair as of today.

District 24: Fred H. DCM – 4 Groups

District 24 has 4 groups: Maple Hill, Paxico, St. Mary's, and Silver Lake, which regularly has

attendance of 30-40 people. Paxico is getting ready to celebrate their 47 th anniversary in April

15. John G. of the Silver Lake meeting just celebrated 51 years of sobriety on March 27. Our

District picnic will be September 14, and George F. will be the speaker. I think we have found a

member of the St. Mary's group to serve as the GSR. Also, Tom L. is currently celebrating 18

years of sobriety this week. He will be bringing treats to the silver Lake meeting this coming

Tuesday.

District 25: No report

District 26: Doyle R. DCM – 6 Groups

District 26 is in North Central, KS Republic and Cloud counties. We have 6 active groups and 3

other meetings. Working on registering them. Gateway Group will be hosting a picnic on June 9.

Speaker will be Ken S. Area 25 Alternate Delegate.

District 27: Idelfonso S. DCM – 13 Groups

On January 25 and 26, 2024 we had a workshop on the 12 concepts and by our colleague

Sergio from Mexico. We continue to have study meetings every

Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 at

the district office. On the days 7, 8 and 9 of June we will be having our event. It is called

Encuentro Hispanic.

The committee visits the Lansing Correctional Facility every Tuesday, KS. with a minimum

attendance of 20. They are contemplating opening on Wednesday; it is worth noting that the

committee has been taking literature. May 4th Grupo Unidad is having their 38 Anniversary .

June 1st Group Olathe Hispanic is having their 22nd Anniversary.

April 27 will be the 4th

Anniversary of the Living Sober Group. We have a website for Group events and meeting

schedules Idelfonso Salinas DCM

District 28: No report

District 29: No report

District 30: No report

District 31: Felizes S. DCM – 13 Groups

Report from District # 31 for area # 25 of the state of Kansas.

The report is that the district has the same 6 groups.

And last month, one more group was added that is opening the doors in the city of Garden City.

The new group is called 3 Legacies.

The district also continues to hold its unit meetings every two weeks with group rotation.

And the workshops also continue to be held at the district premises.

They also continue to work with the other districts for our Hispanic meeting.

And work continues with brochures for public information and with the radio.

For the moment everything I have, Happy 24 Hours of Sobriety Officers Reports:

Registrar – Jessica B. Reported that there is an updated Area Confidential in the back of the room. She asked that GSR's/DCMs please be sure their information is updated.

Area Chair – Mellissa B.

Secretary's Report – Dee Y. Read the minutes from the October 2023 meeting. Motion to

Accept: Tawny District 7 GSR/2 nd Kim District 13 GSR

Treasurer's Report – Kaylon J. reported he would go through the Contributions, the Actuals, and

the Budgets. He explained that in the breakdown where it shows a negative mark in the second

column it means when you start seeing a positive mark, we've started to go over our budget, so

The negative mark is as we're recounting down to our zero budget.

He reported that the total group contributions were \$7,493.24, with \$27,000 being the goal

budget. \$-19,56.76 is the expected expense in the budget, with 27.75% of our yearly budget

being collected so far.

He explained that under Group Contributions/Assembly Committee it shows what has been

collected passing the basket at Committee and Assembly meetings.

Gross profit is 9,778.85.

He explained that the Committee Expenses in the first column are what has been spent to date

on travel, and printing, etc. and the percentage in the fourth column is how much has been used

of the committee's budget and that the money that has not been used will then be moved to the

total for the committee. He reported that where it states "other expenses" at the bottom it says

other expenses above SWRAASA, that this has to do with the delegates last expenses from

2023, but there was also Area Conference contributions included and the plan is to separate

these so that it makes sense and will be transparent.

He then reported that at the bottom of the page is the total expenses of \$10,697.73 and that the

budget shows that there is still at \$37,786.27 and that we have spent 22.06% of what was

estimated for this quarter.

Kansas Area Assembly Balance Sheet, March 31.

Assets:

Sunflower Bank: \$32,866.40

Total Assets: \$59,617.10

KAAAAI Board Report Randall W. Melissa B. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer at

8pm.

Secretary Report: Dee Y. read the minutes of the January 20, 2024, meeting.

Motion to accept: Scott O./2 nd Randall W. Passed

Treasure Report: Scott O. reported that the final 2023 account is completed. Net income 4 th

quarter is \$2,800. The 2023 accounts are in balance and have been audited. The 1 st quarter

shows there is a loss of \$918 due to contributions being down.

There were 2 checks from groups that were returned insufficient funds. There was a \$15

insufficient funds fee for each check, the bank did reimburse the charges.

Motion to accept: David P./2 nd Rick S. Passed

Old Business:

1. Update "mission Statement": Discussion will continue for what the statement, "What is

KAAAAI" in the notebook should say.

New Business:

1. Current Board Members: Rick S. stepped down as a KAAAAI Board Member per the Bi-

Laws statement that Board members must be a GSR or DCM, as he has moved and is

no longer a GSR.

The July assembly will elect an Odd District GSR or DCM for January 2025.

Randal W. will step down in December, 2024. An Odd District GSR/DCM will start January 2025.

Motion to Adjourn: Dee Y./2 nd Scott O. Passed

Delegate – Bridget B. I am very excited to hear the feedback from the Mock Conference we held today. It is an ever-evolving process and we continually are improving.

We held our first ever Virtual Town Hall meeting on March 30. The purpose of the town hall was to collect feedback from the fellowship on agenda items that will be discussed at the 74 th

General Service conference later this month. Even though we only had about 18 people on the meeting I was able to hear some pretty good discussion on agenda items. Next year I plan to host 2 town hall meetings prior to the conference for the fellowship to provide feedback on agenda items.

In January I asked the DCMs to collect the responses from your groups to the proposed questions on the Founders Writings. Since that time the Trustees Committee on Literature sent a clarification letter and apology about the confusing manner in which they were delivered. To be clear there currently are no Agenda items to change any of the Founders Writings. The purpose of the exercise was to create discussions for the Delegate to report back at conference the general feeling of their areas about the issue. Please provide any you have collected to me directly.

There has been a lot of confusion and posts on social media regarding the PLBB. In response the Trustees committee on literature has prepared a Frequently Asked Questions document that

I have provided copies for as well as made available in the Delegate's Corner on the website.

At the conference the conference Literature Committee will be allowed to see the draft of the

document and then decide if they want to send it to the conference floor for a vote. They may also decide to send it back to the trustees committee for revisions or decide not to proceed with it. Regardless, I will get a chance to see the document at the conference. If there are specific things you would like me to look for please let me know. With regards to other literature, several pamphlets have been proposed for revisions including Q&A on sponsorship and the Twelve Steps Illustrated. Each year the committee also reviews the annual matrix of literature and compares what has been requested/sold with other years. When I initially reviewed this information, I thought that we would see a decline of requests for some of the specialty pamphlets. However, what I found was that the fellowship consistently requests them. I was grateful for the information because it helped dispel my personal bias that We have too many pamphlets that no one actually orders. Additionally, progress is being made on the 5 th Editon Big Book in English and 4 th Edition BB in Spanish. These versions are both primarily just updates to the stories with no changes to the first 164 pages. In other news, GSO saw an increase in contributions after they sent out the letter last year. Even with the increased contributions, when the Finance Committee met at board weekend a draw from the prudent reserve of just over a million dollars was necessary to pay current obligations. This draw consisted of \$500k to the AAWS and \$564k to Grapevine as part of the 5-year plan for the Grapevine. It was noted Grapevine anticipates operating in a cash flow positive manner in 2025. The recommended prudent reserve fund goal is to have 9-12 months for expenses. We are currently sitting at 6.82 months. They did provide a budget that is not

operating at a deficit however it shows an increase in income from literature sales and contributions over 2023. This is reflective of a full year of literature sales with the price increases that were made last year. The increased contributions are a result of anticipated contributions from the World Service meeting in 2024. The operating expenses shown are also increased.

The budget currently does not show a loss. There is not an action plan in place to show how the prudent reserve will be replenished. The board will reforecast the 2024 budget based on the year-to-date actuals in July.

After the upheaval with the Trustees last year, a Board inventory took place during the January Board weekend. The results of this process are supposed to be summarized in the 74th General

Service Conference Report. The Trustee's Committee is in the process of evaluation the last year of the EDW pilot. Part of this evaluation will include determining if the date for submission of PAI's of September 15 is working.

The CPC Committee and the Corrections Committee have together a joint effort to evaluate which conferences they should target attending to be most effective with our membership. They are also trying to find opportunities to be presenters rather than just have an informational table.

There is a global effort being made within the committees to evaluate our means of communicating our message. We currently have several informational videos on our website.

These videos tend to be on the longer side but are actually excellent opportunities for outreach with your committee work. Even I didn't realize many of them were available until I was asked to review one. They are located on aa.org-resources-Downloadable videos. There are various

other ways they are trying to reach membership through a YouTube channel, Instagram, LinkedIn etc. Both aa.org and the grapevine have podcasts available. For Corrections there is some work being done to create a service piece to address how to conduct online meetings in correctional facilities. There is also some confusion around literature being provided on the tablets the persons in custody can access. This information is being provided at no cost to the fellowship due to our non-profit status. Persons in custody can then have access to the literature through the tablets. We are still encouraged to provide hard copies of literature if requested. Don't forget the new Grapevine App. It allows Grapevine to be available on your phone at any time. The Grapevine committee will also be evaluating the cost of continuing to print the La Vina as one of their agenda items. The Location Plus Ad Hoc- this is the committee that is evaluating the relocation of the General Service Office to locations other than New York due to the high expense there. This is evaluated every ten years. Part of the evaluation in addition to the cost analysis is if moving the office would impact GSO's ability to effectively render services. This is still being evaluated and no recommendations have been made yet. The AA International Conference is coming up July 3-6, 2025,, in Vancouver Canada. Conference preregistration will be \$160 and full registration will be \$185. More information will be provided as we get closer to the date. I look forward to serving you at the conference.

Bridget Broderick
Panel 74 Delegate
Alt. Delegate – Ken S. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Mock conference this morning. It's great to have a Delegate who is well prepared from the General Service Conference.

I attended the SW Region Delegate's Assembly in Oklahoma City March 8-10. It was interesting to hear from the speakers how to prepare for the General Service Conference, and what to expect from it. The best part of it was meeting the past and current Delegates from the region and spending a little time with them.

I also attended the 30 th annual Corrections Conference in Hutchinson March 23 rd. , hosted by District 13. Area 25 is very blessed with people who are passionate about carrying the message into the local and state institutions. Among the speakers were the Valley Falls Chief of Police and a 30 plus years veteran Corrections Officer from the Hutchinson facility. It was enlightening to hear the law enforcement perspective on the AA's service work within the walls and the DAWN program of the Valley Falls PD that works with trying to get people help rather than arrests and convictions.

If you are planning on going to the 2025 AA International Convention in Vancouver, get your felonies, misdemeanors and warrants cleared up now. There are 6 people registered from Area 25.

Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly – Anyone can attend this, whether you are GSR, DCM, Committee Chair or just have an interest in Java service work. It will be held this year October 11-13, at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel for the purpose of bringing about the General Service Structure on the Group, District, Area and Conference levels. Pickup a flier in the back, or to register online and for hotel information go to swraasa2024.org. Bridget will be doing a presentation on Self Support, and our Area will also have workshop topics on Freedom from Alcohol – our singleness of purpose; Concept 12.

Cooperation with CPC – the forgotten are for being friendly with our friends; and I have one on Tradition 11. Area 25 will also be hosting an Archives display. If you are registered or plan on registering for SWRAASA, and are interested in doing a workshop topic, please catch up with me today.

Thank you and it's a privilege to serve.

Alt. Area Chair – Will H. Asked for feedback to facilitate equipment needed: Displays needing additional chairs/tables please let him know.

July Assembly will be July 19-21, 2024. Room reservations are now available directly. The UN is

Area25 and PW code is KU59IL. Rooms are now \$109 per night. This information will also be available in Mail Chimp as well.

Will also asked that any trash, etc. please be thrown out and that we leave the facility better than we found it.

State Conference Chair – Lisa S. The committee met over lunch. Everything is moving forward.

Rooms need to be booked as soon as possible. Hotels are Holiday Inn, Quality Inn, and Super 8

in Great Bend. As of now we have 96 registrations. For every 75 registrations the committee will

give a room away. We will give one away today.

Hospitality will be sending out an email at GSR's about bringing food for the hospitality room.

Please see Nick S. Bingo is looking for door prizes to be donated, see Jason L. Volunteer chair,

Chelsie P. is looking for volunteer's for the conference. Marathon meeting chair, Eric L. is

looking for leaders to lead the marathon meetings. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Memorials:

District 6 – Lamont (Monty) 39 Years Junction City Downtown Group

District 10 – Mike Nunn 20 Years Lenexa

District 23 – Jacklyn Amazing Grace

Scott Rule 62

Johnelle Rule 62

Discussion Topics:

Ad Hoc For Finances Sheri P.

Review a three-year history of income versus expenses, specifically looking at 2019, 2022, and

2023. (Leaving out 2021 & 2022 due to Covid)

Committee members assigned:

Sheri P.

Kaylon J.

Cheryl

Galen E.

Dixie F.

The committee will look at the numbers as they do not represent what the typical average would be for income and expenses. Will look at a 3-year period and review the current budget line items and ensure the budgets are set in accordance with the motions approved by the Assembly.

The Committee would look at deleting any obsolete line items and include any additions based on motions previously made and approved by this assembly. To include adding SWRAASA and the Translator.

Consider a recommendation to move the balance due for SWRAASA, 2030 to the CD to meet the \$12,000 seed money approved by the assembly in 2023. Then begin the \$500 seed money funding beginning in 2025. The Assembly voted and approved to move the \$4000 and it was moved there until it would hit \$12,000, and then bring in \$500 every year after that until 2030.

Review of the 2018 and 2023 motions accepted by the assembly regarding funding to our Area Translator.

Review the current financial reporting and give a possible recommendation on a more detailed balance sheet statement of finance income and expenses, i.e. the profit loss reports, and we really need to take a look at separating the area conference from our current area financial statement.

[Ad Hoc for Facility Rental Will H.](#)

Review possible alternate locations for the meeting of Area 25 Assemblies and Committee

meetings.

Committee members and assigned quadrants:

Will H.

Kaylon J.: Southwest, KS

Rich S.: Northwest, KS

Marissa V.: Northeast

Traci H.: Southeast

The committee will review possible or alternate locations that would have up to date facilities

that would be handicap/wheelchair accessible, i.e., bathrooms, elevators, the parking lot, etc.,

that are ADA (Accessibilities and Disability Act) compliant.

The committee will review alternate locations to consider, cost, distance of travel, is there hotel

accommodations attached to the conference room, does the conference room and hotel have

the space available to accommodate our needs, are there options for places to eat, etc.

Research the possibility of rotating locations for Assemblies and Committee meetings.

Will reported that it is their goal to have a report at the July Assembly with information to present

to regarding possible alternate locations. He also reported that we are booked with the Webster

Conference Center through 2025 and we are booked for January and July Assembly in 2026.

That most likely any changes made to location would begin in 2027.

Upcoming Events

July 19-21, 2024, Area Assembly, Webster Conference Center, Salina

September 20-22, 2024, Area Conference, Great Bend

October 19, 2024, Area Committee Meetings, Webster Conference Center, Salina

January 24-26, 2025, Area Assembly, Webster Conference Center, Salina

April 5, 2025, Area Committee Meetings, Webster Conference Center, Salina

July 18-20, 2025, Area Assembly, Webster Conference Center, Salina

September 19-21, 2025, Area Conference, Great Bend

October 18, 2025, Area Committee Meetings, Webster Conference Center, Salina