

Minutes – Area 25 Assembly

July 19^t-21, 2024

Webster Conference Center, 2601 N Ohio St, Salina, KS 67401

Friday, July 19th

Friday, July 19th Melissa introduced the Area Committee Chairs and Officers and encouraged approaching any of them with any questions.

Melissa then introduced the speaker, Ken S. A25 Alt. Delegate

Saturday, July 20th

At 9am Melissa opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer. She introduced the Area Committee Chairs and the Area Officers and stated any questions could be directed to them.

The Assembly then broke into Committee meetings.

Committee Reports:

Accessibilities: Chelle F. 8 in attendance with 7 Districts Represented.

Opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Liaison Reports: Jessi: Remote communities – present, report shared as part of District report. Jack: Mental Health (Anxiety, Depression, Trauma, PTSD) – MIA

Moghan: Older Alcoholic – sent written report and is seeking to collaborate with CPC and work towards taking meetings into long term care. Blind and Visually impaired – Charlie – District 19 (See new business)

A list was given of the several “Accessibilities Liaison” positions that are vacant.

Each of the “Accessibilities Liaison” gave reports for their assigned “Accessibilities” position

Old Business:

Emotional support animals- Group Conscience meetings for development of group level guidelines regarding policies to serve the group as a whole for support versus service animals. Multiple District concern from 2023.

Meeting inventories and updating meeting ap (blue chair) – ongoing reminder

To update a meeting, go to Area25ks-aa.org. Click on the meetings drop down menu/Click on change request/Meeting change request – Area25ks.org.

New Business:

Elections for vacant liaisons on Area Accessibilities committee. Charlie, District 19 elected as Blind/Visually Impaired Liaison. Review of Accessibilities Workbook pgs. 11-18.

M-481 Accessibilities Workbook (aa.org)

Review Accessibilities workshop example and open hosting opportunity to Districts.

Bridging the Gap – btgww.org

Concern about specific groups, like young people and LGBTQIA+ being included in Accessibilities.

F-227 – Remote Communities Kit (aa.org)

The DCM and the District Accessibility chair need to be made aware of groups with members who have special needs so they can help facilitate access.

Keep in mind that open/closed meetings may affect those with Accessibility needs that require a support person who may not be a member.

Continue asking for people to fill vacant positions both in the group and the District.

The Area Accessibilities Committee is looking for a District to host the Accessibilities Conference in 1025.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Al-Anon Liaison Martin B. The 51st Annual Kansas Al-Anon and Alateen conference was held in Manhattan, KS from June 7-9, 2024. There were 112 registered for this successful weekend. Among many memorable moments was the opportunity to make a bracelet with the Alateens.

KARU is happening this weekend at Camp Horizon in Arkansas City.

The Alanon World Service Committee meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn on S. 9th in Salina, Ks on Sept. 7-8, 2024.

I am stepping down from the position of Alanon Liaison as of this weekend. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to have met so many AA's and Alanons from across the Area. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Chronicler Eric D. 6 in attendance with 3 Districts represented. We attempted to make progress fulfilling the Area Guidelines of sending out the most recent group histories and requesting group histories. The committee is responsible for sending out the most recent group histories and requesting a group history for every group once every four years. Letters have been sent out with the most recent group histories to groups in districts 1-4. We will

try to finish 5 through 8 at the Area Committee meeting in October. We found there were some issues with having group addresses on the Area Roster, so we sent the histories to DCM's if we didn't have a GSR's address. I received a request to have a display from Area 25 at SWAARSA. I will attempt to get that taken care of.

Corrections Jeramie S. 15 in attendance with 10 Districts represented

Finances: The cards were compromised with a \$720.73 loss. Sharon caught it and it has been since fixed.

Sallie still has a card. Discussion about past chair having a card.

- Income: \$5,922.61
- Expense: \$5,462.64

Jails continue to open for meetings.

Spanish labels are made for the Yellow Can's. They were approved. More labels will be made.

The email for orders is: corrections@ks-aa.org / phone # 913-370-1147 – Text Order

Valley Hope Area 25 service work presentation, "What is Service Work"

Jeremy stated that he is willing to travel.

7/14 Attended the American School Counselor's Association conference with Sallie T. This was a GSO event.

Ellsworth's meeting has reported that in June they were in attendance at the prison. There were 10-14 members to 25-30 per meeting.

People needing more volunteers: District 4 Darin S. District 7 Jeramie S.

Lisa S. explained how the correspondence program works. Talked about pamphlets to the Assembly.

Need old Grapevines, preferably no staples.

Darrin and Lisa are still working on a solution for the electric meeting.

Discussion regarding the 2025 corrections conference the 3rd week of March. Need bids. The last conference cost \$500 but is usually self-supporting through the 7th Tradition and Raffles.

Discussed the Sheriffs election and why we need to pay attention. A new sheriff may be more open to allowing meetings in the jail.

CPC Sallie T. The Area 25 CPC has participated in a couple of community events. Wichita, KS invited us to place a table at their Resource Fair. Our table was visited by various members of the community. Information was given and the message of AA was carried to the professionals and others attending.

We have also been contacted by the university to possibly have a table at their student union or gathering place when school starts. I will keep all informed. I plan to attend our district meetings occasionally through the summer to keep them informed. I would like to have the district committee head this project or any volunteers that would be interested.

In April 2024 the KS Area 25 CPC received an email from the GSO office for CPC regarding an American School Counselors Association conference to be held in Kansas City, Missouri. I responded to let them know I was from KS Area 25. I accepted the opportunity and began getting volunteers and have been receiving the literature and pamphlets we will need. I contacted our Area Chair, Melissa B. to inform her what the event is and outlined there would be a need for AA members to head the AA's exhibit in the event. It was a 4 day event with the exhibit hall open for several hours at a time. We were able to get several volunteers to be of service. This was a first-time event regarding AA. We obtained some contact information, and I will reach out to them. We've already received a request from GSO to reach out to a person in Western Kansas. I've responded to the email and will reach out to the appropriate contact when I have heard back from her.

We talked about anonymity and how to approach professionals at the doctor's offices and schools. There was a lot of sharing regarding ways to carry the message.

All in all, it's been a fairly good quarter.

I want to thank the Assembly for this opportunity to be of service.

In Gratitude and Service

Sallie B.

Area CPC

Grapefree Press Kim H. 4 in attendance with 3 Districts represented. Due to the cost of printing, we will send 2 copies of the GFP to stream line the cost. We will come back in Oct. to compare the cost.

Need all the DCMs to confirm addresses as some were encrypted when trying to decipher handwriting.

Six packets of Spring GFP were returned due to incorrect address information.

Fall GFP will have several stories of AA Service from members (non-Area) chairs. If you would like to submit a 2-paragraph story please see me some time this weekend.

Summer GFP will be mailed out by the week ending July 27th.

Kim H. GFP

The Fall GFP will have several stories for AA Service from members (non-area) chairs. If you would like to submit a 2-paragraph story please see me this weekend. The summer GFP will be mailed out by the week ending July 27th.

Grapevine David M. 9 in attendance. We opened with a moment of silence.

I shared the packages that our Delegate brought from the GSC. Also, Chris sent some card to help better serve.

We talked about the subscriptions to the Grapevine.

We discussed apps, such as YouTube and Instagram.

Also discussed were the cards and podcasts.

Let your friends and sponsee's know about the Grapevine.

Some groups use the stories for topics at meetings.

There will be a workshop in District 10 August 21st from 2-4pm and 7pm- 9pm.

Literature Ann S. 12 in attendance with 7 Districts represented.

Literature Meeting Area 25 1. What do the literature committee members need help with? Or are doing with literature? a. Charles Long - District 13: Had a literature/grapevine position but has had difficulty filling/keeping. Now filled. They're bringing older versions of the grapevine to different district locations (businesses, library) and getting to know businesses and introducing the grapevine. b. Jeff - District 16: Have a book store in the meeting hall to sell literature out of. c. Greg - District 9: Their literature chairperson provides literature to the group. Not a lot of participation. They have questions for GSO about the plain language Big Book. Want to know about Big Book 5th edition. d. Sam - District 20: Literature chair isn't always available. There aren't a lot of people in the district. The literature person carries the literature and takes it to groups. e. Kim - District 13 GSR: Group wondering where 5th edition Big Book is. Trying to find a smaller version of How to tell if you're an alcoholic (10 questions from Johns Hopkins or something similar). Or looking for 20 questions. The pamphlet this is in is "Is AA for you." Has 12 questions to see if you're an alcoholic. f. Robin - District 19: Literature person is doing a great job. They are having trouble getting pamphlets. Their central office is saying they can't order them. The group puts them in doctors' offices and businesses. They're saying they can't order them. They are specifically wanting pamphlets for Hispanic men. The pamphlets exist but they can't get them. There's a printing issue. Ann will get Robin's email and send info g. Omar - District 20: No report h. Kaylon - District 16: No report. Here to learn. i. Tom L - District 24: Have a

district literature chair that is a go getter. Buys literature and fills racks at meetings. A lot of newcomers bring their spouse. There's an "information on alcoholism" handout that's free and can be picked up or ordered. When they get a newcome they give them "Is AA for you?" and the "Information on Alcoholism" and explain the pamphlets to them. District 8 had newcomer packets that were \$.50 apiece. j. District 9 and 19 do paper newcomer packets. They can be done in a lot of ways. The pamphlets are great for answering questions in addition to the Big Book. There is an online newcomer packet that district 10 did several years ago that Ann can mail out. They had a QR code on postcards that could be scanned. k. Jimmy District 10: Literature committee is on hold waiting for new pamphlets, literature committee workbooks. The district doesn't produce newcomer packets. Trying to go paperless as much as possible. They have cards with QR cards. A lot of young people use the internet for pamphlets. Haven't looked at the online packet in a few years. l. Summary of work district literature chairs are completing. Bringing older versions of the Grapevine to area businesses such as Doctor's Offices and Libraries for people to access there. ii. Having a book store in the meeting hall to sell literature out of. iii. Taking literature to any meetings that request it. iv. Filling pamphlet racks at different meetings in the district. v. Bringing newcomers to the literature table and going through pamphlets with them about being alcoholics. vi. Providing newcomer packets online via QR code. m. Updates from the Literature Chair: i. The title of the plain language Big Book is still up for decision. It will not say Big Book or alcoholics anonymous 1. Production will start at the end of year 2. Meant to be used as a tool for people with accessibility issues, people who don't have access to sponsorship. The purpose is to help as many alcoholics as we can ii. There is a push among younger AAs for electronic literature and pamphlets. Moving away from paper copies, but they are available for printing off the website. iii. 5th edition Big Book stories will hopefully be available by the time of the World Conference iv. 4th edition Spanish Big Book stories have been reviewed. Are deciding which ones to put in the draft v. Pamphlets "Do you think you're different?"-they're still gathering stories. vi. There is high sales for AA and the Older alcoholic large print edition vii. Conference approved the Black in AA Pamphlet viii. Price increase on pamphlets and display racks on May 1st. There's a sale on the Big Book 10% off until July 31st. Flash sale for 50% off all discontinued pamphlets. ix. Questions? Needs? 1. Update on 3 Legacies and How they Work together pamphlets. At GSC they voted not to produce pamphlets but to produce GSR/DCM packet

Public Information Bob H. 12 in attendance with 6 Districts represented. We had a great meeting with 12 people from 6 different districts. We went around with everyone sharing their work and achievements of carrying the message. This sharing truly let me know how different and yet also the same it is in the areas of the state. How spoiled I am to live in Kansas City with the resources available. There are two things that we want to accomplish this year.

1. Meeting cards for different areas of the state, customized per areas.
2. Expanding PSA announcements on the radio throughout the state.

3. Registrar Jessica B.

Treatment Rich S. 30 in attendance with 10 Districts represented. Overall meetings going into treatment centers, detox and state hospitals are going well. We are working on getting a Bridge the Gap canister together. Josh S. District 10 is willing to be Co-Chair and help get Bridge the Gap canisters going. I would like to see 4 volunteers, 2 male and 2 female from each district to be contacts for people getting out of treatment, detox or prison/county jail. I would like to propose that we get an email address for Bridge the Gap.

Web Brett G. 12 in attendance with 6 Districts represented

1. Attendance (Districts 4,9,26) Passed around a sign-up sheet
2. Reviewed the April Assembly Minutes.
3. New Alternate Web Chair – Alek J.
4. Reviewed the website stats
 - a. Most frequent – Wichita (582 hits) Meetings (283) Overland Park (201)
 - b. Request for the year – 217
5. Issues:
 - a. ACH is not currently working after a plug in updated.
 - b. Meeting guide app – issue after update has been resolved and functioning.
 - c. Multiple people contacting web chair for meetings with nobody there – please review your meetings and use contact form if needed.
6. Any other new business?
 - a. District links
7. Announcements DCM's and GSR's 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.

Opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Discussion of the website and anonymity for obituaries. The group decided that keeping it to name and last initial and just linking to the funeral home (not directly to obituary) would be the next path forward.

Discussion of links to districts and/or links for districts to point to the area meeting listing for the district websites. Discussion on if this would help with diversity, and how these links might impact Spanish speaking members. Discussed idea of having an updated Area map that would be clickable and link to the districts. This could help when people are traveling to the area and trying to find meetings close by.

Recommendation to add a floating action button to link to meetings in Spanish in Area 25. Discussion of the website and if it easily translated to Spanish via modern web standards. Will need to follow up with DCMs for Spanish speaking districts. One suggestion is asking people how they are finding meetings, to see how people are finding the information.

Discussion of the website and technology expenses and review the costs associated with Area25. Break down was provided in April minutes, but essentially \$108/month for hosting fees, \$540 for mail chimp and \$189 for Zoom. Discussion on Mailchimp to see if the paid version is meeting the Area needs or if there are other options. Options may include the free Mailchimp version with limitations. On the number of emails that can be sent in a month period and the number of people that can be sent to. Mailgun and Sendgrid are other services that might be used instead. Discussion on if the labor costs in switching services would be worth it. One key thing mentioned with expenses is the need to keep the website up and running and not relying on individual expertise to keep it functioning.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

DCM Reports: (Please provide written copies of the report)

District 1: No Report

District 2: No Report

District 3: No Report

District 4: 7 Groups – District 4 includes the counties of Ellis, Ellsworth, Lincoln, and Russell. The district recently had its quarterly meetings, which rotate across the counties. This year the district is experimenting with holding its meeting as a way to increase awareness and participation at the district level.

The Back-to Basics Group in Hays hosted a Big Book Study last weekend. (led by Katy W. and Donna A. from Oklahoma.)

Lastly, the district will have its annual campout at Lake Wilson, Sept. 6-8. We'd love for you to come and join us.

Thank you, it is an honor to be here with you! Sam S.

District 5: 12 Groups - District 5 still struggles to fill chair positions and people fail to show up at Assembly.

Our website is doing well with more than a fair amount of traffic.

I encouraged everyone to reach out to their medical doctor or therapist, etc. and hand out the AA cards with Q.R. codes.

We finally have an Ad Hoc chair, and the quarterly speaker meeting is I the works.

Bryan P.

District 6: We continue to have monthly meetings on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. We rotate where the meetings are held to try and encourage other groups to participate.

We recently developed a pamphlet and approved it at the July business meeting. This pamphlet helps explain what the district does. We plan to get these to all of the groups in the district in hopes of encouraging more participation from members.

The CPC chairman for the district had to step down and this position is currently open. In discussing the CPC position and the PI and CFC position we realized many people do not know what these committees entail. The workbooks for each of these committees have been purchased and given to the chairman in hopes this will help clarify and give them some direction on what they might do to help carry the message.

The CFC chair has experience and has been working with the jails and other groups to carry the message into the jails. The district currently has meetings in Riley and Washington counties for women. There is a men's meeting also in Marshall and Geary county. We are hoping after the elections there is a new sheriff in Pottawatomie county to start a men's meeting there also.

The district has decided currently not to add an accessibility chair. It will be left to each group to work with how they might be accessible to others. It was decided we should mark on our meeting schedules if the meetings are handicap accessible.

We continue to work on having a district 6 website. But like everything in AA, nothing moves very fast.

The Week That Was Group in Manhattan celebrated their 47th anniversary in April. As always it was a great event. Rachel M. gave the history on Friday night. This was my home group when I got sober, and it is always fun to listen to the history and remember where I came from. The Crossroads Group in Riley celebrated their 10-year anniversary in June. It had a great turnout, and I do believe everyone had a great time.

The Serenity Group in Junction City had their annual picnic on June 23 at Milford Lake. I was not able to attend but from the report I received it was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The District had their Summer Spectacular event in Manhattan on June 22. There were 3 speakers sharing their experience. One on steps 4 and 5, one on 6 and 7 and last on 8 and 9. Each of them did this in a slightly different way but carried a good message of each step. The District has started planning their fall event. It will be October 5 so please save the date. More info to come and please check the website.

The Crossroads Group in Riley will have their quarterly potluck and speaker meeting on Sept 30. The theme for this potluck is Italian. So, bring your favorite Italian dish and join in the fun.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In love and Service,

Cheryl H. DCM District 67

District 7: 5 Groups – The district groups that are active are going strong. Wildbunch (Seneca) has started having monthly, 2nd Wed. speaker meetings making contributions to GSO, Area and District. Right Step (Sabetha) meetings are going strong. Sept. having a campfire meeting. Burgers in Bern has a strong attendance, with 20-25 having weekly, and monthly potluck/speaker meetings. Quarterly contributions to Area, GSO, and District. Valley Falls is celebrating 1 year in Sept., half a year later – nothing in AA moves fast. Quarterly contributions to GSO, Area, and District. Atchison – is strong as always, still has monthly potlucks.

District 8: 30 Groups – District 8 has 30 groups, and all committees have chairs. Our Alt. GSR stepped down. We are filling the position by special election in Sept.

District sponsoring 12 Traditions plays August 24th at Stout Elementary 1-4pm. Meetings are being taken into 4 treatment centers and the mission jails are covered. Working to regain access to the Women's Correctional center. Group #1 Fun in the Sun is today.

Live and Let Live quarterly speaker is July 28th. Ebony 37th anniversary is Aug 28.

District 9: 9-11 possible groups – Currently only six groups are participating at GSR meeting. Meetings continue to rotate locations every 3 months. Currently we are meeting at Basehor Group. In October we will meet at Primary Purpose in KC. Bonnor Springs Group is doing well in its new location. Bethel group found a new home with only one week left on its lease at prior location. The new location is much smaller than before, and attendance appears to be down a little.

District 9 continues to lack support at the committee level. There is only one committee chair person for literature.

After having been shut down for a few years by Covid, District 9 will again be holding a Round Robin on Oct. 12th in Leavenworth. There will be an Alanon and AA speaker. Planning is currently ongoing, and a flyer will be posted soon with KC central office.

District 10: 22 groups with 28 total participating at some level in the District. We are well funded and attendance at district meetings has been good.

- The host church is being remodeled, so each month has been an adventure as we never know what room or rooms we will use.
- We voted for a new CPC Chair, (Bree B.) in April after our previous CPC Chair had to step down in March.
- In March the District voted 21-2 in favor of withholding D10 funds until tangible evidence is received restoring our prudent reserve and reducing operational expenses.

- Our Area 25 Delegate, Bridgette presented her report on the outcome of the 2024 GSC to our District. We had very good attendance and people asked quite a few questions. Thank you, Bridget.
- D10 voted to endorse 3 proposed agenda items addressing AA's prudent reserve issues brought to District by the SLG group. The District voted 19-3 in favor of endorsing the amendments and asked that they be brought to this weekend's Assembly for consideration.
- Groups report that they are faring well for the most part and the attendance at meetings has been good.
- We have 3 new groups in the District: Young and Sober Garner Group and Spring Hill. Bothe Y&S and Gardner are already sending a GSR to the District meetings.
- Several groups have celebrated their anniversary in the past few months with 2 more ready to do so in the next month.
 - Lenexa Group: 50 years
 - Nuts & Bolts: 26 years (August)
 - Olathe: 71 years (Late July)
 - OP Fellowship: 56 years
 - South Leawood: 26 years
- Committees have been busy.
- Accessibilities were excited to see the Deaf Alcoholic Vodcast announcement as we have made inroads into the deaf community. D10 cost shares the expense with the Olathe Group of providing ASL interpreters at their meetings. (KS State School for the Deaf is in Olathe.)
- Corrections provides meetings at the Gardner Adult Residential Center but has faced challenges with volunteer turnover to run the meetings.
- GV will hold their annual "GV Extravaganza" workshop I August.
- PI is looking into reaching out to women's shelters, radio stations and college campuses.
- Treatment has been reaching out to treatment center to publicize Bridging the Gap. We were asked if we could take a meeting to Osawatomie State Hospital. While it is located outside our District, District 15 asked if we could take this on as they did not have the bandwidth to do so. We have been in contact with the facility, and we have decided as a District we are game to do so but waiting on a group to volunteer to do so.

Submitted by Tom L.

DCM – District 10

District 11: No Report

District 12: No Report

District 13: There are 9 active groups in the District. Six of them have GSR's. GSR attendance at District meetings has been good. At the majority of the groups meetings, attendance has been steady. Some are reporting a smaller attendance during the summer.

The District held its 29th annual Family Round Robin o May 11, 2024. Attendance was 36 with Districts 12 and 19 represented. there were 330 years, 7 months and 23 days of continued sobriety.

Committees are functioning well despite Accessibilities and Treatment having no Chair.

Archives if up to date.

CPC-PI is distributing information card to businesses and getting the AA Big Book into the library for check out.

Grape Free Press continues to send sobriety anniversaries, memorial and events to Area 25 Grape Free Press.

Web Chair continues to send out daily recovery quotes.

Corrections is taking meetings into the Harvey and Remo County jails and the Hutchinson Correctional Facility.

Grapevine/Literature: A Grapevine meeting is asking pace weekly at St. E's. Back issues of The Grapevine are placed at businesses.

Treatment: Meetings are still taken into Mirror in Newton Valley Hope in Moundridge and now SAC in Hutchinson.

District 13 is hosting its 28th Annual Fall Fellowship Fiesta on November 2, 2024.

In love and service

Charles L, DCM

District 14: 9 Groups – The Annual District 14 Picnic will be on September 29 at noon in Hammond Park in Emporia. Bridget B., Area 15 Delegate will be speaking.

There are 9 active groups, all have GSR's now! The District treasury is healthy and there is some renewed interest in committees and service, which is very exciting!

Flint Hills Group and Twin Lakes Group could use some support, but all other groups report a strong, consistent attendance with newcomers attending and returning.

District 15: No Report

District 16: District 16 is one of the 9 Southwest Kansas counties. We have 6 groups in our District who all participate in our monthly business meetings. 12 Step Group – Garden City, has 14 meetings a week and has a speaker/game night the 2nd Saturday and birthday night

on the last Saturday of every month. Ulysses Group has 3 meetings a week. Book Study on Monday and Friday, open discussion on Wednesday. This year the group started having a speaker meeting on the 3rd Saturday every quarter. Sublette Group has 1 meeting a week. Satanta Group has 1 meeting a week. New Beginnings Group – Hugoton, has one meeting a week. Club One Group – Liberal has 4 meetings a week.

Upcoming events – District 16 Summer Round-Up/Delegate Report, August 17th and 18th in Garden City – End of Summer Picnic/September Birthday Night September 28th Garden City. For more information check District 16's website SWKS-AA.org for meeting schedule times and upcoming events.

District 17: 6 Groups – We have 6 groups in our District with only two active on a District level. Numbers in Dodge City are up and staying steady. Our District 17 Fun Day was a huge success. Over 60 people. We are still holding weekly meetings to our local treatment facility and going out there to speak and share our experience strength and hope.

John B. DCM

District 18: 11 Groups – 9 group are represented at District meetings. Attendance is steady with a few groups having lots of newcomers.

August 3rd our Delegate, Bridget B. is coming to speak at our annual picnic at 6th St. Park, Pratt, KS.

We have 2 voting members present. Cole S., DCM

District 19: 29 Groups – Founders Day, June – Good Attendance with Mike H., Past Delegate.

The oldest group, Metropolitan Group had it's 70th Anniversary – Well attended.

Founder Day, Parklane 41st Anniversary August 10th

Fall Round-Up November 9th with Delegate Bridget B.

Completed review of D19's Guidelines. Present in August at D19 Meeting.

We have an Accessibilities Chair, Charles and Shawn.

Elections for 1015-1026 term will be done in Aug.

Robyn G., DCM

District 20: 6 Groups – The District has 6 groups. We have District meetings each month that are rotating. The groups have meeting 7 days a week from 8pm – 9:30pm.

Ark City, Ks group are open Thursdays at 8pm and Sundays at 2pm.

One Day at a Time Group will celebrate their 10th Anniversary with a Public Information meeting on September 21st.

Our District meetings are on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 8am. The PI Committee continues to pass the message of the month at 8pm.

We continue to share information to the Treatment Centers. Samuel H., DCM

District 21: 5 Groups – Jail and treatment meetings are once per week. Sumter County jail – Women’s and Cowley County Jail – Men’s.

Preferred Family Health – Treatment Center

Conway Springs is no longer meeting.

Randall R. DCM

District 22: No Report

District 23: 19 Groups – District 23 is doing well financially, and all service positions are filled.

Correctional Facilities have been and are accepting applications to bring in support groups and religious programs. Applications were accepted June 15th and groups are anticipated to start Aug. 1st.

July 27th will be a Concepts and Traditions Workshop. Brady Hall First United Methodist Church 8-5. Flyers are available in the back of the room.

Karma L.

District 24: 4 Groups – District 24 has 4 groups: Paxico, St. Mary’s, Siver Lake and Maple Hill. First, I would like to thank Tom I. for filling in for me last January and reporting that I was in Mexico and wish him a happy 77th Birthday. Attendance at all 4 meetings has increased, especially at Siver Lake, where we have run out of chairs for the last month and have several members sitting the floor. District 24 will be hosting a District Picnic on September 14th. We will have pulled port and cowboy beans will be served along side assorted side dishes and desserts. George F. of Topeka will be sharing his experience, strength and hope.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Fred H.

District 25: Np Report

District 26: 6 Groups – District 26 is comprised of 2 counties, 6 groups and 12 meetings. The District meets quarterly.

Doyle R., DCM

District 27: We continue to have study meetings every Wednesday at the District location.

We are working with 13 active groups on June 1,8 and 9.

We had our Spanish meeting event 2024 – Encuentro Hispono, on June 20. A beginners meeting was held at the audio and video in the District location. He oversaw supporting workshops at the groups request, with specific topics for their chapter. Tradition was the topic for the workshop.

The Committee of Vina will have a workshop at the location of the District on Saturday August 10th. Asking for a written history from the groups.

Happy 24 hours,

Idelfonso S., DCM

District 28: No Report

District 29: No Report

District 30: No Report

District 31: 7 Groups - We hold our District 31 meeting the 3rd Sunday every month.

The District has 7 groups. The District holds it's unit meetings every 2 weeks and hold a Service Manual study. Workshops and PI service continues to be carried out by taking brochures to different places.

District 31 supports the Hispanic meeting (Encuentro Ispano) that was held in June in Kansas City, MO.

Sincerely, Jesus R.

11:30am-1:00pm Lunch Break (Area State Conference will meet during this time)

1:00pm- 1:30pm Traditions 4,5,6

1:30pm-2:15pm Q&A for Financial Ad Hoc and Q&A for Facility Ad Hoc

2:15pm-2:30pm Break

2:30pm-4:30pm Grapevine Workshop

4:30pm-7:00pm Dinner Break

7:00pm-9:00pm Delegates Report

Sunday July 21st

- Closed Business Meeting

8:30am- opening of business meeting

Secretary Report- Dee Y. Motion to accept as amended Dixie C. District 16 GSR/Tom L. District 10 DCM

Treasurers Report- Scott O. reported the profit and loss for quarter 2. He stated that it shows where we were in 2023 and where we are now in 2024.

Scott also reported that the insurance has been renewed this month however, the name on the account is in question.

Motion to approve Don S. District 21/2nd Jimmy B. District 8

KAAAAI Board Report- David P.: Meeting was opened by Melissa B. with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes from April meeting was read by Dee Y.

David P. asked the minutes be amended as follows, related to the GSR; s term on the board:

- Randal We. Term is to end Dec. 2024
- David P term ends Dec. 2025

Minutes approved as amended

Treasurer report was given by Scott O.

- The decline in revenue from 2023 was noted
- Increase in printing cost was noted.
- Discussion around lack of payment to GSO was discussed
- Discussion around where Translator expense was placed in the report
- Suggested creation of specific expense line for tracking and ease of visibility.
- The Board asked for clarification of “unrestricted Net Asset” line item.

The board received information regarding the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee for Finance.

Old Business:

- Discussion around the purpose and need for the KAAAAI Board.
- David P. presented the following suggestion for the vision statement:
- The Area is legally incorporated and is served by the Kansas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous Inc (LAAAAI) board to serve the area as being the legally incorporated entity as required by not-for-profit regulations, providing general financial oversight over and supporting the Assembly when called upon.

- Melissa suggested to the board that this need to be adopted by unanimous consent.
- The discussion was brief and due to time action was tabled until the October Committee meeting.

New Business: The Board will be requesting the Area put forth a DCM or GSR not serve on the Board beginning Jan 2025.

Motion to close the meeting: David P./2nd Scott O. Passed

Minutes were taken by Dee Y., report given by David P.

Delegate Report- Bridget B.:

The final conference report for the 74th general service conference electronic version is on aa.org. Around August 12th the printed books will be mailed to be distributed and should have them by the end of September. DCM's will receive these at the October Committee meeting.

There are six more delegates reports to do at this time.

Remember to go to the delegates corner where there is a lot posted to help disseminate the information from the general service office.

The slides that have pictures in them will be taken out and then will be posted to the website as that was the issue with not wanting to post.

Upcoming Town Hall meetings:

Nov. 7 at 6:30pm, with general questions about the GSC feedback.

Feb. 25, 2025, at 6:30pm over the final agenda item.

March 15, 2025, at 10am will be the Final Agenda item feedback.

Nov. 6, 6:30pm general questions about the GSC.

Alt. Delegate Report Ken S.: At the Jan. Assembly there were seven districts not represented. I've tried to contact District representatives who weren't there to encourage them and their GSR's to attend Assemblies and be a part of the process. A lot of what I heard was that after 2020, people in rural areas just weren't traveling to meetings as they did before. I know several meetings have closed since then, which is unfortunate because the groups are the most important part of the SS service structure, and we need their participation.

I would like to thank the following groups for the privilege of taking part in their events these past couple of months.

District 14 at the Service Extravaganza in Emporia on April 21.

District 15's Round Robin in Garnett May 19.

The Gateway Group Annual Picnic is out in Concordia June 9.

District 6 Summer Spectacular Service Workshop in Manhattan June 22.

And next week on the 26th at Nuts-and-Bolts KC – Lenexa

I'll miss the Southwest Kansas Summer Roundup in the month of August as we'll be in Oregon where I get to attend a COIGAA event on the 24th in Prineville. If you haven't been to a SW Kansas function in Garden City, I'd encourage you to check out their Roundup, it's a great venue and great hospitality from the folks down there.

Sometimes I hear "the Northeast corner of the state doesn't care about the rest of the area." Let's work together on that. If people don't know of an event you're having, they can't attend. If there's no representation at the assembly from your district, the assembly doesn't have your input. If your group or district is having an event, please make sure you get that information from the events page on the ks-aa.org website. The AA unity declaration says: This we owe to AA's future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on AA unity depend on our lives, and the lives of those to come.

The Southwest region consists of 7 states and 11 areas. SWRAASA is the Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly – Anyone can attend this, whether you are a GSR, DCM, Committee Chair or just have an interest in AA service work. It will be held this year Oct. 11-13, at the Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel for the purpose of bringing together trusted servants in the Southwest Region of Alcoholics Anonymous to learn and share about the General Service Structure on the Group, District, Area and Conference levels. Pick up 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; Concept 12; Cooperation with CPC and I will have one on Tradition 11. We'll also be hosting an Archives display.

Thank you and it's been a privilege to serve.

Alt. Area Chair Report -Will H.

2024 State Conference Report- Lisa S. We are getting all the details finalized for the Area 25 State Conference Sept. 20-22!

As of right now we have 130 registered. Remember we give a room away for every 75 registrations. Speakers are Michael D. South Dakota, Cliff G. Oklahoma, Debbie D. California, Teresa Trustee, Michael R. GSO, Chris C Texas, Kaitlyn M. Kansas, Efren N. Kansas. We will have food trucks available, and we are also accepting food donations. M

BINGO will be the entertainment, also we are looking for raffle giveaway contributions for prizes for the BINGO.

Get your rooms booked! The Air Show is in town. We are still in need of a host for one of our speakers. Get with Jessi, our Host Chair if interested. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

Memorials Note: Please provide written reports

District 4: Norma W. – Hays Downtown Group

District 5: Kenny G. - Solomon Group - 30+ Years Stewart G. – Solomon Group – 30+ Years

Merle W. – Lindsborg/Group #3 – 47 Years

District 6: Pat R. – Junction City Downtown Group – 14 Years

District 7: Lydia A. Valley Falls AA Group – 10 Months 1 Day Brent M. Sabetha Right Step Group – 12 Years Lisa P.- Atchinson – 29 Years

District 8: Ron R. - 27 Years

Jerry T. - 36 Years Bob M. – 18 Years Bob K. – 40 Years Eddie H. – 37 Years Mark M. – 6 Years

Bob M. - 57 Years

District 10: Danny T. – Knights of Sobriety - 33 Years Don C. – Acorn Group – 49 Years

District 9: Bill B. – Primary Purpose Group – 12 Years Bob J. – 40 Years

District 13: Mike M. – Newton Group – 37 Years

District 19: Rudy B. – Newcomers – 42 Years Sid M. – Newcomers – 35 Years

Josh B. – Beginners – 6 months

District 22: Cindy G. - Pittsburg Group – 16 Years

Old Business

1.Ad Hoc for finances with Sheri P.:

A. Budget Proposal:

Cheryl H. moved and Mark Q. 2nd to accept the Ad Hoc's recommendations, with amendments: 1, 2, remove #3, amend #4 to state that moving forward, the budget be set based on the previous year's contributions, and to include 5 and 6.

B. Report Proposal:

Jake GSR District 10/Jessica L GSR District 6 – Passed

C. Treasurer/Alt Treasurer Guidelines (pg.12-14) 1,2,3 and 4

Scott O. A25 Treasurer/Julie District 9 - Passed

2.Ad Hoc for facility Rental with Will H.: Presented Google Shared Spreadsheet with various locations throughout the area as possible meeting locations. The 2 day/3 day estimated costs, and ADA compliance of each of the facilities.

Gave historical on text as to why the Ad Hoc was assembled and what their goal/mission was and/or is.

Added a link to the Area 25 website at ks-aa.org under the documents section for public access to the Ad Hoc's finding.

The Ad Hoc committees' current recommendation is that all GSR's and DCM's take this information back to their respective group and/or district and get feedback regarding this matter.

New Business:

- 1. Proposed Agenda Item #1:** Amend the following statement in ' The Reserve Fund of General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Statement of Investment Policy' codified in Oct 31, 2022 From: V. Approved Uses: The GSB may authorize any lawful expenditures, Broadly, this could include, whether planned or unplanned Operating Deficits of AAWS or Grapevine Periodic expenditures such as office renovation or major Technical upgrades - Extraordinary expenses To: V. Approved Uses: As established by the board of trustees in 1954, In AN EVENT OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER, the GSB may authorize lawful expenditures to continue the essential services of A.A.W.S., Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. these include: Major leasehold improvements Technical upgrades Ref: The A.A. Service Manual 2021-2023 page 64.

Tom L. Dist.10 DCM / 2nd Julian L. Dist. 9 GSR – Motion Passed

Proposed Agenda Item #2: Amend the following incomplete statement in the 'Reserve Fund of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous Background and Historical Context' 1. Single Reserve/Role of the GSB point 4. Last two lines From: Finally, in 1967, the General Service Conference issued the Advisory Action that 'The GSB make use of () the Reserve Fund for whatever purpose the Board may authorize.' To: Finally, in 1967, the General Service Conference recommended the Advisory Action that the GSB make use of INVESTMENTS INCOME from the Reserve Fund for whatever purpose the Board may authorize. Ref: M-39 Advisory Actions for the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous 1951-2024 page 4.

Tom L. Dist. 10 DCM / 2nd Marissa V. Dist. 10 GSR - Passed

Proposed Agenda Item #3: Establish a fellowship-wide agreed upon, clear definition of 'the Availability, Feasibility, and Adequacy of the Reserve Fund' as required in 1977 Advisory Action for an annual auditing firm to review and comment upon. Which would require a bottom for the Reserve Fund. Ref: M-39 Advisory

Actions for the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous 1951-2024
page 43 and 45.

Tom L. Dist. 10 DCM / 2nd Amanda Dist. 10 GSR – Tabled

- 2. Send the Grape Free Press Digitally only, discontinue mailing copies effective immediately.**

Kim H., Grape Free Press moved/David S. District 8 GSR 2nd - Passed

KAAAI board elect Odd District DCM/GSR 2025-2026: Held over until January Assembly

Assembly closed with the Lord's Prayer

Upcoming Events

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

October 10-13, 2024, SWAARSA, Dallas TX

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 3-6, 2025, International, Vancouver Canada

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