

**Kansas Area Committee
Minutes
April 11, 2015**

Attendees	Present
DCMs: 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30, 31	X
Chairs - Chronieler, Corrections, CPC, GFP, Lit., GV, PI, SN, Tx, Web	X
Officers (Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Chair, Alt Chair, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, Sec't., Alt. Sec't., Al-Anon, Chronieler, Corrections, CPC, GFP, GV, Lit., PI, Treatment, Web)	X

Opening: Area Chair, opened the meeting with the Area 25 Preamble; Alt. Chair, read the Traditions. Chair asked for a moment of silence to remember the Past Delegate of Panel 42, who passed away recently.

Minutes: Area Secretary read the minutes for the Oct. 2014 Committee Meeting
Corrections: none.

REPORTS

KASO Report by: KASO Office Manager

- Put \$17,000 into a CD, per directions.
- the 990 tax form is ready to take to the CPA by May 15.
- GFP - paper copies are taking longer to arrive because of changes in the USPO system. They are now taking 8-15 days longer to get to people's mailboxes.
- Will print new roster in June; please get updates to KASO promptly
- There are 96 members registered at this Committee meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

See Financial Report as published and distributed for details.

Treasurer reported on the 1st quarter, 2015 figures:

Income	= \$ 11,911.21
Expenses	= \$ 13,056.84
Net deficit	= (\$ 1,145.63)

Balance sheet	
Current Assets	= \$ 28,730.89
<u>Total liabilities & equity</u>	= \$ 28,730.89

State Conference report (YTD):

Revenues	\$ 2,439.00
Total expenses	\$ 359.91
<u>Net income</u>	<u>\$ 2,079.09</u>

State Conference balance sheet

Assets - Sunflower Bank	\$5,079.09
<u>Liabilities & Equity</u>	<u>\$5,079.09</u>

Treasurer went over a sheet titled Area 25 Financial Statistics, 2014 (see Appendix A).

KAAAIAI Report by: Past Delegate Panel 38, Board Chair

- The Board of Directors looked at the contracts for 2015, 2016, & 2017.
- Hard copy on Yellow Can financials reviewed.

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- Domain names are paid for - .org, .net, .com
- Reviewed finances. will spend \$700 more than budgeted for Committee & Assembly meeting rooms, if there aren't at least 60 sleeping rooms booked by us.
- Forwarded the discussion of Mail Chimp to the July Assembly.
- New phone for KASO - will be \$4.50 per month.
- Looking at options to translate minutes for Spanish speaking members.
- Board recommends that all electronic and web info be anonymity protected.

2015 Conference Report by: Conference Chair

- Gained 13 registrations this weekend, now up to 137 total pre-registered.
- Conference Committee will have a walkthrough of the facility on May 16.

Delegate Report by: Panel 64 Delegate

- Shared highlights from pre-conference reports.
- 36,000 pre-registered for the 2015 International Conference in Atlanta.
- GSO is planning a remodel and co-location of offices later in 2015. No significant remodeling done there since 1991; things need to be brought up to code, and it's going to cost quite a bit.
- Corrections desk is preparing a new service piece. Is working jointly with GV/LaViña to address unmet need for subscriptions. Swamped with 10-15 requests *per week* from male inmates requesting correspondence.
- Technology & Communications Services Committee producing 3 titles in audio format in English, French & Spanish: Alcoholics Anonymous, Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, and the pamphlet "AA For The Alcoholic With Special Needs." This will soon be available via audio streaming from the GSO website.
- Publishing - sales are below forecasted levels. Navajo translation will be completed no sooner than the end of 2015. The ASL translation is projected to be completed about the same time.
- AAWS considered 2 requests: 1) consider holding the General Service Conference on the west coast every other year. 2) select a site outside of NY City to hold GSC. After discussion, AAWS took no action, noting this falls outside the scope of their authority, and they forwarded the requests to the appropriate Trustees committee.

Alt. Delegate: No report as Alt. Delegate was out of state today.

Alt. Chair: Alt. Chair explained that the hotel holds a block of 50 rooms for us, but only until 30 days before our event. Some people waited too long, and the rooms had been released to the general public, and some of our people wound up in different motels. We need a total of 60 to get the price break on the large meeting room.

Al-Anon Liaison Report by: Area 25 Al-Anon Liaison

- The 2015 Al-Anon/Alateen Conference is June 12-14 at the Best Western North in Wichita - 53rd & I-135.
- AA speaker will be Sue E from Wichita
- AA workshop will be on "Cooperation Without Affiliation"

Chronicler Report by: Area Chronicler

- Updating histories for Districts 1-15.
- Discussed how to approach districts not involved in archives and came up with contacts.
- Had the display at a couple of round robins this spring, and have plans to take it to some more.

Corrections Report by: Corrections Chair

- 1,618 pieces of literature went out in the 1st quarter.
- \$858.71 current balance.

Cooperation with Professional Community Report by: CPC Chair

- Ordered 200 more "Blue Cards" to subscribe to the "For Professionals" newsletter. Will be sending to those that request them. Let me know.
- KC area districts have been meeting with the ministerial alliance.

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- Dist. 19 has been successful at placing PSAs.
- 2 upcoming CPC/PI workshops in District 19 - May 2, & June 13.

Grape Free Press Report by: GFP Editor

- Emphasis on GFP carrying message of what we do at Area - DCMs & GSRs, take it to district & groups.
- Looking at changing guidelines on submission deadline because of the mailing issue that Heather discussed.
- RAP sheet is going up within 10 days of meetings.

Grapevine Report by: GV Chair

- Please send in stories to the GV.
- Dist 6 trying to recycle old GVs
- Dist 10 fund raiser at Sunflower Roundup - \$186, enough for 7 gift subscriptions.
- Dist. 27 is going to ask people to purchase subscription on a one-on-one basis. Have collected 3 subscriptions. 18-20 people say they are renewing.

Literature Report by: Lit. Chair

- Mentioned the Area guidelines - their use by the committee.
- Handed out 2015 literature catalogues
- mentioned the vast amount of literature available and the many different forms of lit. available, i.e., CD, DVD, Cassette, hearing impaired, videos, books, pamphlets,
- Discussed use of "Welcome Packets"
- Went around the group & had each person share their ideas, concerns, thoughts as to what is being done in their groups or district in regards to AA literature.
- Discussed "Central Office" as a means to purchase literature.
- Discussed what is being used as topics for Dist. Lit. Chair at Dist. meetings. One idea was to pick a particular piece of literature & discuss its content.
- Encouraged everyone to participate in Mock Service Conference this pm.
- January lit. inventory shortfall will be made by July Assembly.

Public Information Report by: Area Chair reporting for PI Chair

- PSAs - several districts and cities are having PSAs on radio & TV.

Special Needs Report by: Special Needs Chair

- Discussed closed-captioning at the State Conference; it's too expensive. But there is speech recognition software that may work; Dennis is getting more info.
- Dist. 23 - getting a Special Needs Committee going, and changing the word to Accessibility
- Loners Internationalist - can use for people not able to get out - can have a sponsor this way. Also conference calls.

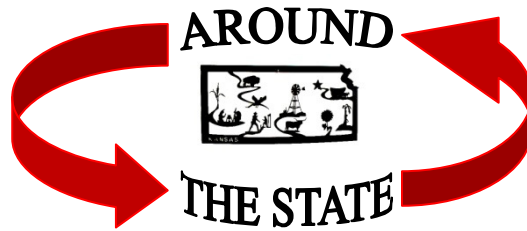
Treatment Report by: Tx. Chair

- Dist 8 has 4.5 treatment centers.
- Cloud County lets jail meetings happen 1 time a month
- Republic County jail won't let us in.
- Some meetings in treatment facilities focus on the 1st 3 steps.
- Good to be an equal when you go in, not putting yourself above the patient or inmate.

Web Report by: Web Chair

- Discussed whether the front page of the web site is attractive.
- It was suggested that there be a help page for the group change form.
- Adding a DCM change form.
- New web master - kept anonymous per guidelines.

For more information from our standing Committee Chairs, see your Grape Free Press.



DCM Reports

District 1 - Boundaries are 6 counties, have 6 groups in 4 counties. 4 counties have no AA meeting. Downtown Group of Colby was started 4/10/1952 - yesterday was its 63rd anniversary. Having a cookout on 4/19/15 at Fike Park. Wed. Noon Meeting in Colby formed a P.I. committee. Taking a meeting to the jail. Colby 6th St - largest attendance. Goodland AA had a Round Robin 3/15/15. Author using a pseudonym of Ned H is getting columns published in Colby & Goodland papers.

District 5 Dist. 5 quarterly speakers May 16th, meeting at 8:00 p.m. at New Beginnings, 321 N. Santa Fe. Jim H from Lawrence will be our speaker. Dinner at 6:00 at Martinelli's with the speaker before the meeting. Martin St. Group's 18th anniversary on April 27th. Finger foods & fellowship at 7:00. Speakers to follow at 8:00 p.m. Group #1 will have a taco bar on May 2nd at 140 S. 3rd. Doors open at 4:00 and the speakers meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. Solomon group is alive & well. Meetings on Sunday nights at 8:00 pm.

District 6 All of the groups and meetings in District 6 now have contact numbers/addresses and are receiving district, Area, and GSO information. Many thanks go to those who have helped make this possible as our District covers 6 counties. We have jail meetings in Riley & Marshall counties. We hope to have blue cards for all groups/meetings in the near future. There are CPC/PI efforts in 5 of the 6 counties. Upcoming events with flyers are on the kansas-aa.org web site, which include: District 6 Traditions Pot Luck April 18th, TWTW's 38th Celebration April 24th & 25th, Serenity Group spaghetti Feed May 15th, and Crossroads Campout June 6th.

District 8 Memorials - Arnie K 17 years (Feb. 27th) Activities - Hunter's Ridge Group 10th Anniversary Celebration Fri. May 8th at 6 p.m. Solutions 17th Anniversary Celebration is June 13th from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm, Crestview United Methodist Church at 23rd 7 Eveningside. District - We had 19 in attendance at our district meeting on 3/10/15. We currently have 31 groups registered in Dist. 8. We have filled our PI Chair position so all chairs are filled at this time. We are currently looking at having a speaker event - the topic being Traditions.

District 9 Continue to carry the message behind the walls & treatment facilities in the district. Enjoyed Sunflower Roundup with overwhelming volunteers. Able to send KASO \$1500 contribution. Continually tweeking areas & volunteers for literature at various locations. Working to get all groups involved in district and area.

District 10 We will be hosting an event on Sunday, May 3, a "Nacho" Typical workshop focusing on Bridging the Gap in a variety of ways, not only through the Bridge the Gap program for Treatment committee, but also how to "Bridge the Gap" between the groups & their district & between individuals and a home group. There will be plenty of food & fellowship, please join us from 2-5 pm at Cedar Ridge Christian Church in Lenexa, Ks. Our committees have been busy carrying the message to counseling facilities, to corrections facilities through literature from the Yellow Can Fund as well as to the public with ads placed in a local newspaper.

District 12 District 12 consists of 10 groups in 6 counties of central Kansas. We have 27 meetings per week among the 10 groups. We have monthly district meetings rotated among at least 4 groups. We are active and doing well. We had our annual Chili Feed in March & we are planning our Pig Feed for October. Had Grapevine Magazine subscription raffle at the Chili Feed

District 13 District 13s 22nd Annual Family Round Robin is May 9th at Harvey County East Lake, Newton, Ks. Al-Anon speaker is Jeff K from Wichita. AA speakers are Jill S from Wichita and Wally A from Hutchinson.

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District 15 Round Robin Apr 26th. 8 active groups, 2 closed groups.

District 16 2nd Ann. District Funday will be April 26 at Ulysses, 4H building at fairgrounds. Panel workshop is August 22 at Community building in Santanta. Participating with District 17 on Delegate report.

District 17: Currently have 6 active groups in a 5 county area. We are presently planning our 2nd Annual Family Fun day, scheduled for May 30 @ Meade State Park. We are planning to make this an annual event & this year's speaker is Bucky M of Protection. All are welcome & encouraged to attend. We are also in the preliminary planning stages with Dist. 16 for the Annual Fall Fellowship, which has been set for Aug 1. A representative from the State Conference will also be there.

District 19 District 19 is working hard and accomplishing a lot. Message of the Cards were created this month & passed out to GSRs, the phone # is 316-266-7726. Dick R- Archives is working Oral Histories in our district. Bruce B - Treatment is working with a new detox that has been formed through SAC trying to find out how we can be helpful. Sally & Steve - Corrections Conference was in March. Scott & Ruth - PI & CPC put an article in USD 259 on AA (20 Questions Pamphlet). Running PSA from GSO on Channel 3 until 2016 mostly at night & early morning, Channel 3 made DVDs for Channel 12, also they had a booth at the Wichita State Health Fair, and planning a workshop. Susan - Literature is making newcomer packets for District 19. We had good participation at the Wichita Spring Round Up. Round Robin is Aug. 16, Founders Day June 6th at Westside starting at 6 pm. Trudgers Group had a movie night, showed the story of Bill W, had great attendance, and Newcomers their 28th Anniversary. Everyone had a great time and Newcomers is planning on having a CPC & PI workshop.

District 20 Informe de el Distrito #20 nuestro distrito cuerita con cinco grupos activos. Emperadores tercera tradicion La ultima milla. Y el Grupo nuevo Que se acaba de abrir un dia alavez vida y esperanza. El nuevo grupo se abrio el 9-9-14, 1931 S Seneca, Wichita, Ks 67213. Estamos teniendo Juntas una vez por mez. Tubimos camvios de servidores: MSD - Fermin R; secretario - Polo O; tesorero - Hector P. El Grupo Emperadores ba a tener su aniversario 17 Y planea una Junta de infoermacion al publico El 23 de mello.

District 21 Both of the Arkansas City groups held a potluck fellowship April 11. Southeast Serenity Conference will be in Sedan, 10 a.m. oct 3 at the grade school cafeteria. Tom H, past delegate, will be the AA speaker. There will also be an Al-Anon speaker. Committee will meet this evening. Caldwell group has maintained 6 months of continuous meetings, Sunday @ 7 pm, Thursday noon. AA meeting weekly still being taken into Cowley County Jail. Sumner County jail also (weekly). Weekly meeting into treatment center in Winfield. Wellington group elected new GSR, Elden T, and recently voted for all non-smoking meetings. Next District meeting May 3 in Winfield.

District 22 There is going to be a district Speak, Eat & Meet on May 2nd in Chanute. Attendance is down but sobriety is alive & well in 22. We got three new members badged to help take meetings into the Oswego Correctional Facility.

District 23 Special Needs meeting getting off the ground. Quarterly speaker meeting this very evening. PI/CPC committee has been busy getting literature to hospitals & public spaces such as hotels. Talking with local schools. GSSC getting started - incl. awareness of importance of groups supporting service entities.

District 26 Republic & Cloud counties. 7 active groups. Gateway Group, Concordia, annual picnic June 14, city park. Potluck dinner, Al-Anon & AA speakers - Don G. Raffle will include registration & hotel at State Conference.

District 27 Domingo 5 de Abril del 2015 Distrito informe del 27. Reunion del 15 de marzo del 2015 El Secretario llege torde. Llego cuando estaba dando el informe el comite de IP. I.P. informe que dio su roll de visitas a lost grupos para Motivan a companevos a que pertenescan o apoyen al comite y se motivaron los sigcientos comapnsos. Carlos - solo xfray; Hector - Almoas alignes; Ruben - fuenbe de vida; Sergio - solo por hoy; Jose - olathe hispano. CPC trajo notivacion para que los grupos traigan a saquen sus orddores para Manderlos a la convencion nacional de New Orleans, Luisians, lo mas pronto posible. La radio, informo que contribuye economicamente cada 15 dias a la radio. _____ \$75 en adelante o loque se junbez y en esta reunion se hiza una septima y se junlanon \$31 y se les pidio que trargay un informe detallado para que el distrito, tenga conocimiento.

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Visitas de los companenos de Sn Lois, Mo. Nos invitan a la comunidad hispana de AA a la 64 convencion estabal de Missouri que se Nevava a calob del 31 de Jolio al 2 de agosto 2015. Taller realizado en el distrito, se inicio, a los 10:30 hrs. La persona que estaba destinado para nuvar el taller. No se presentio, por lo tanlo se Neva a cabo el taller con el a poyo de los compaoneros presentes ewn el primer ponto, se heblo de la importanea del R.S.G. lo exposo el companero Miguel V de almas alegres, En seguida prosiqueio el comparero Miguil M. Ebel grupo ona Vision Para Ti, para conbenear con las tunciones del Area; El Tema de la importencia del R.S.G. y sus funciones, Termino a las 11:20. Posteriormente se toco el tema de informacion publica; conduje el tera Narciso E. A la 1:30 p.m. se dio paso al tema de la Vina por el cordinador, David, del grupo Olathe Hispano. Tambien habra junto de Area el dio 11 y 12 de Abril, para que los R.S.G. ested Motivudo ara asistic.

District 30 We did have a bowling party which was well attended. Everyone seemed to have a good time. We are thinking about doing this again in the very near future. We are planning a picnic sometime in July. We are having a hard time getting people involved in the District. We trying care the AA message. We have five active groups. A Better Life group will have 2 year anniversary on May 10th.

District 31 Reporte del Distrito #31, para el Area #25. el distrito 331 cuento con 8 grupo y todo activaos. Tambien hestamos apoyando al XIII Encuentro Hispano. Emos andado visitando a los Estodo Vesinos poro este Encuentro Hispano los dirs son 12-13-y14 de Junio 2015 los esperamo a todos son Bien Benidos Felisez 24 horas.

District 31 report for the ARea 25. District #31 has 8 group s active. We are helping at the organization of our Encuentro Hispano June 12-14. We visited the groups for this event. Everyone is welcome.

BUSINESS PORTION

Old Business:

None

New Business:

1) Use of a commercial web-based email service called Mail Chimp to send email blasts of events in Area 25. Board Chair presented this, and said he'll have a policy statement from Mail Chimp at the July Assembly meeting. There were many questions about this service, concerning anonymity, security of addresses if not restricted to being housed on the KASO computer, cost of data entry, use of this service having been done already without knowledge of everyone, concerns that people who gave their email to KASO didn't sign up for this. There is no cost for the service itself as it's free for non-profits that don't exceed 44,000 email blasts per month. It would make it very easy for groups & districts to get the word out about their activities.

New Faith GSR, Dist 13, moved to put this on the agenda for July Assembly. 2nd by DCM 9.

2) Proposal that anything from Area 25 that goes out on the website or through email be fully anonymity protected.

DCM 22 moved to put this on the agenda for July Assembly. 2nd by DCM 8.

3) Proposed that there be an agenda item for the Area Treasurer to present options to replace the \$5,000 taken from the prudent reserve to cover the 2014 State Conference losses.

Area Treasurer moved to put this on the agenda for July Assembly. 2nd by Board Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Area 25 Secretary