

## **Minutes – Area 25 Assembly**

**January 24-26, 2025**

**Quality Inn**

**Salina, KS**

**Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>:** Melissa B. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

7pm: Speakers Jessica M. and Jeramie S.

**9:00am Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>:** Melissa B. opened the Assembly.

The Assembly divided up for the GSR and DCM Sharing Sessions.

**10:45am-12pm:**

The Assembly divided up for Committee Meetings.

**3:00pm Committee Reports:**

**Accessibilities: Chelle F.** 12 in attendance with 7 Districts represented.

We opened with the Serenity Prayer. Seven Districts represented: 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 17, and 19. We defined Accessibilities to include anyone who has a barrier to accessing all 3 major components: Recovery, Unity, and Service. Some examples are veterans or those currently serving in the military, neurodivergent members, members with a learning disability like dyslexia, newcomers with young children, deaf, old timers with changing vision needs like night blindness, vision impaired, LGBTQIA, members with service animals... the list continues. We discussed remote communities and the challenges of limited meeting choices. We discussed going beyond transportation to meetings and providing a Big Book in various formats to help sponsees access 12<sup>th</sup> Step work. Suggestions from the committee include talking to the Activities Director at nursing homes, exploring resources via the internet, creating a group position of transportation coordinator to help with transportation needs including a list of names/numbers for that purpose. If you know someone fluent in Haitian-Kreyol, let Melissa know. GSO is looking to translate the Big Book. If you are in need of a braille Big Book, please come see me during a break. If you have extra Braille Big Books, or other resources, please check with your group or district CPC, Corrections or Literature Chair. Nursing homes and libraries, both public and educational, might be places to check. Collaboration is a useful service tool. Goals for this year are:

1. Encourage each District to have someone serving as District Accessibilities Chair and for GSRs to know the primary accessibility of their group.

2. Accessibilities workshop possibly at the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Area State Conference, stay tuned for this work in progress.

We closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of Service,

Chelle F.

**Al-Anon Liaison: Brenda G.**

I am part of a committee that is planning the 2025 Kansas Annual Al-Anon and Alateen Conference. The conference will be held June 13-15 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Wichita, KS. Our theme will be "All In the Family." Throughout the planning process we have kept in mind what "All in the Family" means to each of us because families can be very diverse. Our Al-Anon speakers will be Belinda S., Oklahoma City, OK., Sheri B., Lee Summit, MO, and Rosie P., Fayetteville, AR. Our AA speaker will be Sam M., Kiowa, KS. We will be having a banquet again this year. With the conference being held at DoubleTree, the catering process will be simplified. Please support your local Al-Anon groups. Being a member of AA and Al-Anon groups has greatly helped my recovery. I am a grateful Double Winner today.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Brenda G.

**Chronicler: Eric D.** 13 in attendance with 6 Districts represented.

The Chronicler committee met this morning and packed envelopes to be sent to groups in Districts 9 and 10. We are sending them their most recent group histories and requests for their updated group histories. We also requested group histories from those groups with no histories in the archives.

I would ask your groups to send me updated group histories. There is a form you can use on the Area website.

Finally, I would like to thank the Saturday Morning Woman's Group in District \* and the Loving Life Group in District 5 for sending in updated histories. These are now in the archives.

Eric D., Chronicler

**Corrections: Jeramie S.** 22 in attendance with 11 Districts represented.

Please order 2 cases of literature to get free shipping. We spent \$276.00 on shipping on 8 orders for new Prison/Jail meetings. Ellsworth, Lansing, Oswego, and Wildcat Juvenile Facility.

We ordered 435 copies of the Plain Language Big Book and most ordered books were: Plain Language Big Book – 435, Big Book – 1,676, 12x12 – 535, Daily Reflections – 446, M-2's – 510. New Balance = \$5,497.81 took in \$22,000 in 2024.

I am willing to travel to groups to help with uniting corrections.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> corrections/CPC care center, 2303 SW College Ave., Topeka, KS 9-4pm  
Corrections Conference. Thank you District 8.

Need to make sure the Area Chair has a Yellow Can Financial Report before the KAAAAI Board meeting so they can take the report to the meeting.

Sharon tried to recover the \$700.00 from the bank's fraud department.

Yellow Can: try to recycle, new labels to be displayed.

District 9 Thank you!! Of the \$22,000 that was sent to the Yellow Can in 2024 District 19 sent \$10,528.

Thank Area 25 for having an awesome Corrections program.

Jerami and Lisa are going to work on ways that people who are doing short stints in jail can utilize the prerelease contact forms.

**CPC: Sallie T.** 8 in attendance with 5 Districts represented.

My name is Pam, and I am an alcoholic. I am filling in for Sallie, District 19 will be going to the KS school of nursing Conference the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July.

We will be notified regarding registration.

The Wichita State Resource Fair will be in April. District 19 usually has a table there with information on it. District 13 and 19 has taken quite a few packets to various businesses human resources at local schools to see if I can be of service. So far this year it's been really slow in all the districts with not much going on. We discussed the cards with the QR codes on them. District 10 has a wellness fair in April that I volunteered to set up and share information.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Pam M.

**Grapefree Press: Kim H.** 7 people in attendance with 6 Districts represented.

Opened with the Serenity Prayer and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Differences from state to state. Comparisons (what they miss)

District and/or GSR do info @ groups.

Chimp Mail, send email @ remembering digitalized only – DCM forward to GSR.

Spell out GFP, so people will know what is, Grape Free Press.

Make an icon of the Area page so it is more visible.

Quick notes from Area.

Pictures of Group building. Chronicler, Area History stories. Why should you come to our Area and visit our group? Maintenance of my spiritual program.

Sign-up chimp mail- DCM- 15,000 people.

Lost its purpose- use our services in other areas.

**Grapevine: David M.**

Grapevine/LaVina Zoom meeting with office manager monthly. Link is sent in emails.

Sign up for emails from Grapevine/LaVina to get info/ideas.

Dostroct14: Mike C. Chair for the Grapevine, Quarterly Raffle. 10 subscriptions to jails, lots of group subscriptions lending library at Emporia Group.

District 13: Groups do Grapevine giveaways.

District 31: LaVina very few subscriptions or people to serve as Grapevine Chair (for groups or district) want to let groups know about LaVina, but people don't want to read anything.

David will bring the Grapevine display to Dodge City to District 31 event.

District 10: Sarah Grapevine Chair. Robust Grapevine Committee. Subscriptions are down overall. Send Grapevine subscriptions to sober houses in the area. (30 houses) Raffle off subscriptions at events or give away for birthdays/anniversaries.

District 10: Grapevine workshop (fall event) History, topics, resources, stories.

District 5: Lori Grapevine Chair Grapevine meeting at meetings. Subscriptions for groups, raffles and giveaways at groups for Grapevine

Grapevine App and Catalogs online.

Information for International AA Convention in Grapevine.

Order back issues for yourself or jails, etc.

You can order online on the app or by mail.

Grapevine has workshops online and app.

Grapevine looking for stories. Contribute ours today! Guidelines passed out for contribution stories.

Send photos of homegroup/meeting hall to Instagram page.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**Literature: Ann S.** 11 people were in attendance with 8 Districts represented.

Went around and discussed what literature Groups/Districts display and distribute.

Discussion of groups/individuals purchasing Big Books for individuals.

Reminders of being able to get pamphlets and literature through different apps at local central office and aa.org.

Literature workbook available on line for free or for purchase of \$6.

2025 Literature catalog available.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> printing of the Plain Language Big Book is available.

Discount on Literature in bulk if purchased through AA.org.

New safety in AA pamphlet is available.

2024-2026 AA Service Manual is available online and for print. I will order a couple of copies for \$4.

Ann S.

**Public Information: Bob H.** 15 people in attendance with 6 Districts represented.

Discussed what everyone is doing in their different Districts. Items discussed for goals this year.

1. Information cards for Districts.
2. Look into PSA for radio stations, both English and Spanish.

We also had some discussion about billboards and business cards.

Bob H.

**Treatment: Rich S.** 14 in attendance with 12 Districts in attendance.

All the Districts that participated in our meeting are active in carrying the message into the treatment facilities and hospitals and detox. We talked about the types of meetings like information on A.A. We also talked about Bridging the Gap in treatment hospitals institutions and detox. We also discussed getting temporary contacts for volunteers and getting TCP information out to treatment, detox, hospitals.

BTG also works with Corrections.

Rick S.

**Web: Alek J.** We opened by introducing ourselves and asking if anyone had something to discuss. We had a roundtable of multiple topics. All regarding how we manage and share information. The following primary topics came up:

Meeting Guide: Reminder that group listings depend on your location, so let us know if you need a change and we can get it updated.

Finances and Apps: The pros and cons of Venmo, Zelle, Cashapp, etc.

Websites, Private lists and Facebook: Determine at the group and District levels what makes sense depending on the size.

Handover and Management: The biggest theme was properly organizing everyone to make sure the right checks and balances are in place. Groups mentioned recording all the passwords/logins/etc., and setting Alt. Chairs who directly take over. This way sites aren't lost, material remains accurate, and money is tracked.

Alek J.

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

**District 31:** Dear Alcoholics, Anonymous colleagues. Cordial greetings from District 31. I am very happy to have the responsibility of DCM for the next 2 years with all of you in our state of Kansas. To exchange ideas of how to provide our community and public information to pass the message and better inform our groups and District 31. We continue our unity groups once a month with themes and speakers. The DCM will visit with the District committee at every group and also attend invitations from groups of other districts and more. Thank you very much. Happy 24 hours of sobriety.

Server's table District 31, Area 25.

DCM Sergio M. (620) 430-3912 / Alt DCM Bony (316) 518-0125

Secretary Juan M. / Alt. Secretary Carlos / Literature Luis / Alt. Literature Victor

DCM Email: montessergio009@gmail.com

**District 30:** No Report

**District 29:** No Report

**District 28:** No Report

**District 27:** No Report

**District 26:** District 25 is in North Central Kansas. We have 6 groups and 3 other meetings. Our District meets quarterly on a rotating basis. We will be having a Round Robin on February 16<sup>th</sup> in Concordia. Doyle R.

**District 25:** No Report

**District 24:** District 24 has 4 groups: Maple Hill, Paxico, St. Mary's, and Silver Lake. Attendance at all groups is good with Silver Lake being the largest, averaging 25-30 people. St. Mary's celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in November. Silver Lake celebrated their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary in December. Both events were well attended. The Silver Lake group has had multiple new young members recently who have been getting sponsors and staying sober. Our normal (not normal) DCM, Fredward, is in Mexico celebrating his 11<sup>th</sup> sobriety birthday so I am filling in. Hunter W.

**District 23:** The District has been addressing the accessibility for the deaf, hard of hearing and late-deafened alcoholics who have a desire to stop drinking.

Overall contributions have been low; we have asked GSR's to go back to their groups and request more help.

This evening Nuts and Bolts 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in Lawrence at the First United Methodist Church at 6pm. Russ O.

**District 22:** No Report

**District 21:** Weekly jail meetings held at Cowley County jail by Winfield and Ark City members every Monday at 7pm.

Winfield 12x12 Group is taking meetings to the PFH treatment center every Saturday at 10am.

Saturdays at 2pm members hold meetings at the Winfield Veterans' home.

The District Round Robin will be held at the Physicians Pavillion February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am.

Our District is comprised of Winfield, Wellington, Arkansas City, and Sedan. Randy R.

**District 20:** Hello everyone, my name is Samuel H. I am an alcoholic and the DCM of District 20. I would like to inform you that we continue to have 6 active groups.

Emperadores Group had their posada naviclena with a Public Information meeting.

LaUltima Milla Group celebrated their 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of having the doors open with a Public Information meeting.

Ark City Group will be celebrating its 1<sup>st</sup> year with a Public Information meeting in March. Once a month we have rotating unity meetings in the groups. Our Public Information committee continues to pass the message on the radio and institutions including higher ground. Our District meetings are every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month. This is all for now.

Happy 24 hours in Sobriety. Samuel H.

**District 19:** Our District meeting is the first Wed. of the month at 6:30pm at 1101 S. Glenn St. Wichita, KS. 19 of our 27 active groups come to the District meetings regularly.

We are currently preparing the venues for our annual Founders Day and Round Robin events. Our open positions at the District are CPC, Literature, and Grapevine. Rex M.

**District 18:** Our upcoming events; Round Robin/Pig Roast Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Pratt Community Center from 11am-3pm.

There are roughly 5 at every meeting and currently we are going into Tingman County Jail for meetings. Cole S.

**District 17:** District 17 currently has 5 groups having meetings. We are struggling at the District level with group participation, although we did have elections in October and filled several previously vacant positions. We are currently taking meetings into New Chance treatment center in Dodge City and have just started taking meetings into the Ford County Jail. Jonas U.

**District 16:** District 16 is the nine Southwest Kansas counties. Liberal Group at Club One, 12 Step Group in Garden City, New Beginnings Group in Hugoton Sublette Group, Ulysses Group, Santanta Group. All groups participate in District meetings.

Since the last report, 12 Step Group hosted a sponsorship workshop, 68<sup>th</sup> Round Robin, Christmas Party Potluck, and New Years Celebration.

Ulysses Group had a speaker from Colorado in November.

The Southwest Kansas Conference was held in Garden City January 10-12. The conference was well attended.

Upcoming events: 12 Step Group will be having a speaker event on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hall. The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Hugoton Taco feed is March 15<sup>th</sup>, The District 16 Fun Day will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Ulysses at the 4H Building. District members are organizing a panel workshop. Go to [SWKS-aa.org](http://SWKS-aa.org) for more information. Flyers are on the table. Jeff D.

**District 15:** No Report

**District 14:** In general things in District 14 are going well. All groups report healthy attendance, with occasional fluctuations, with a few reporting steady growth. The District is discussing going to the annual contributions (in January) to Area and GSO, to minimize confusion or forgetting to distribute funds from the treasury. This is only possible because groups from the district have been contributing regularly, and our treasury is now healthy enough to set a prudent reserve. (\$700), which I am told is new for our District. 8/9 groups have a GSR.

Emporia Group is celebrating 71 years on February 16 at 12pm (1702 W. 15<sup>th</sup>, Emporia, KS)

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Service Extravaganza is tentatively planned for March 30<sup>th</sup> in Emporia.

There will be a fun scavenger hunt/treasure map of all the service committees as well as speakers. Rachel B.

**District 13:** November 2 will be the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Fellowship Fiesta with Bridget B. Area 25 Delegate, Melissa B. the Area 25 Chair, Sallie T. the Area 25 CPC Chair, and Scott O, Area 25 Treasurer,

Newton Group Speaker meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

McPherson Group Speaker meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday

St. E's Hutchinson Speaker 3<sup>rd</sup>

Friday Frank

**District 12:** No Report

**District 11:** No Report

**District 10:** District 10 has approximately 28 groups, 22 of which are active in the District. Our committees continue to be active within the district and all of our D10 service positions are filled with the exception of Alt Secretary, where the incumbent recently resigned. We are working on getting a replacement.

While all of our committees have been busy, items of note are:

CPC: attended a nursing conference, has been in contact with a Johnson County HR group and is looking to connect with a healthcare location, public radio, and billboards.

Corrections: The newly elected Johnson County Sheriff has indicated his desire to get AA back in the county jail facilities and our Corrections chair has been in contact with him. We continue to publicize the need for volunteers to go to the corrections facilities.

Grapevine: They have connected with several sober living houses and are purchasing 1-year GV subscriptions for them.

Public Information: They are making connections with churches. There are new QR code post cards that have been reworked, ordered and delivered. These cards are used by the CPC and other committees as the situation dictates.

Web: D10 is adding a group history section to its website. D10 is also in the process of reviewing their District Guidelines to ascertain the need for changes, updates, etc.

Groups are doing well, attendance at groups and District have been very good. We are rolling along.

Tom L.

**District 9:** No Report

**District 8:** There are 29 groups. All District Chairs, except CPC, are filled.

Recently we held a marathon meeting on New Years Eve from 9pm-5am. It was well attended with multiple groups. This will be an annual event.

We will be hosting the Corrections Conference March 22, 2025, from 9-4Pm.

**District 7:** Atchison Alano Club

Seneca Wildbunch

Burgers in Bern.

Sabetha Right Step

Valley Falls

Active, taking speaker meetings and AA meetings, scheduled through May to Atchison Valley Hope, first Tuesday of every month. Kent P.

**District 6:** District 6 is alive and well. This includes Riley, Pott, Geary, Clay, Marshall and Washington Counties.

We continue to have monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. We rotate where the meetings are held to try and encourage other groups to participate. Our attendance has not been the best in the last few months. We are hoping it will pick up in the near future.

We are planning a District event for early summer. Our fall event was a great time but unfortunately was not very well attended. The committee is looking for ideas on what type of event to have to encourage more participation.

We have all our committees filled and they are working on how to best carry the message so it is reached to the alcoholic who still suffers.

We have jail meetings in 4 of the countries. We continue with a hotline and are reaching out to those that call.

TWTW had their New Years Eve Celebration. It was an awesome time and really nice turnout. Thank you to Mike H. Delegate for coming and sharing his story.

**District 5:** District meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. We had a taco bar and service panel questions and answers at the beginning of November before elections. The turnout for elections was great. We were able to fill in all of our committee chairs. GSR's are excited too. Many new to service, lots of new ideas and excitement.

Discussing more District events, starting our quarterly District Speaker meeting again. Monthly speaker meeting at the treatment facility. Meeting at Ellsworth Prison, Women's Salina Jail. District website keeps everyone updated. Mindy L.

**District 4:** District 4 includes the counties of Ellis, Ellsworth, Lincoln, and Russell. We have quarterly meetings which rotate across the counties.

We are having our annual round robin February 8<sup>th</sup> in Russell, KS. Kent P. from Seneca is our AA speaker and Mona R. from Montezuma is our Al-Anon speaker. Flyers are available outside of the room and on the Area 25 website. Join us! Sam S.

**District 3:** No Report

**District 2:** No Report

**District 1:** No Report

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**

**Area Chair:** Melissa B. opened the Assembly Business meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the Area 25 Preamble.

Melissa gave the P.O. Address for contributions: P.O. Box 13521 Overland Park, KS 66282

**Secretary Report:** Dee Y.

Motion to accept Jessica L. District 6 GSR/Mark Q District 8 GSR - Passed

**Treasurers Report:** Kaylon J.

Kaylon reported that everything balanced with the bank and bills were paid. In April when the CD's mature will be moving the SWRAASA seed money to the CD's that are active.

Kaylon stated that the Assembly was over budget in 2024 with a total of -\$9,750.79 between the Assembly and the Area Conference.

Motion to accept: Mark Q. D-8 GSR/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave S. D-14 GSR – Passed

**KAAAAI Board Report:** No Report – Due to absent committee members.

**Delegate Report:** Bridget B.: A lot has happened since the last Area Assembly. I got the opportunity to do Delegate reports in many areas of the state and enjoyed talking with our members. Like every other rotation I am learning as I go. Unfortunately, when I was supposed to do my report for District 19, I woke up with a fever and wound up at the doctor's and had to cancel at the last minute. But don't worry, Ken and I learned from the experience and have a plan, if at all possible, for him to step in if anything like that happens this year.

I would like to try to get my Delegate reports for 2025 on the calendar as soon as possible. I will return from the General Service Conference on May 4 and would like to start doing the report around the first of June. Right now, there are 94 agenda items to be discussed by the various committees. This number may increase after the Board Weekend next weekend which I will be attending as the Corrections Committee Chair. The final agenda item list and background are proposed to be available the week of February 17-21. Once I receive this information it will all be posted in the Delegate's Corner. The password to the file will be Area25. In order to get as much feedback on these agenda items we will be having a few Town Hall meetings via Zoom as well as a Moch Conference at the April Committee meeting. The Town Hall meetings will occur February 25 at 6:30pm and March 15 at 10am. Information for these is on the events calendar on the Area website.

Grapevine – Subscriptions have been consistently increasing for both the app and Grapevine on its social media channel. – Insta and YouTube. The podcast – which can be accessed through the website and the app, celebrated its 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary in October. You should check it out so you too can say “You Heard it on the Grapevine”. One neat thing that is going on – Apple is offering to take one of the Grapevine books and create an audio book for free. It would be generated by AI. After 6 months it would be ours to sell. The board is gathering information to look at questions of affiliation and exclusivity of one distributor and one outlet.

CPC – A pamphlet for mental health professions is still in progress. It will contain FAQ and other relevant information on how to inform professionals about our program. They are currently in the process of drafting and introduction and summarizing the interviews.

Treatment – A draft version of the revised “Where Do I Go From Here?” The F-4 pamphlet was forwarded to the GSC, and the Treatment committee will review and make a recommendation for approval if warranted.

Accessibilities – The Military Outreach project will be forwarded to the committee at the conference. An updated flyer of Accessibilities Resources that is published on aa.org will also be forwarded to the conference committee.

Corrections – As recommended by the Conference Correction committee – experiences were collected from the membership on how local corrections committees work to encourage and engage members in corrections service. This information will be compiled and available for the Corrections Chairperson to request on demand.

Finance – I have not yet received the end of year financials, so the numbers I am providing are as of September 30. We had operating revenue of \$14.5 million, which is 3% more than the ytd budget of \$14.1 million. Total operating expenses before depreciation are \$13.4 million which is 3% less than the ytd budget of \$13.8 million. The reserve fund currently sits at 6.4 months, less than the target range of 9-12 months. Literature sales are down 4% from what was budgeted but the gross margin is setting at 54.2%, which is higher than budgeted per unit are up from the budget. However, the budget was based on a 50% margin for gross sales, and it is currently at 47.7%. The budget for contributions remains at \$10.5 million. YTD contributions are \$8.1 million which is 7% greater than budgeted.

Conference Committee – One of the main focus areas this year is the Conference Inventory. From what I can tell, we will be assigned working groups during the conference and each group will be assigned some questions. More will be revealed here. Because of confusion last year the conference committee made the decision that for the 75<sup>th</sup> GSC the PAIs not forwarded to the conference will not be provided to us until the week of February 24 (after) the final agenda comes out).

International Conference – Each Delegate was asked to submit some names of potential speakers to go into the pool of speakers at the International. These names are drawn on a lottery system and if chosen these people should be notified any time now.

Literature – Plain Language Big Book went to print November 1. The first printing of 80,000 copies sold out in a few weeks. Unfortunately, it was noted that there was an error in the printing that needed to be corrected. This book was approved with the caveat that some of the references to the word “addiction be removed and/or edited”. The book went out with and some of these references were not removed. The Board held an emergency session to address this issue. A letter from the Board Chair went out on November 22 notifying the fellowship of the status of this. These items were corrected in the second printing of the book. Since the first printing sold out so quickly the second printing was for 100,000 copies. I wanted to provide an example of how the book is reaching alcoholics in our corrections work specifically.

Received from a member who is doing corrections work in KY (largest women’s facility in the state) “Update: 😊 I wish you could see the faces of the persons in custody when passages of the Plain Language Big Book are read from their tablet at our prison meeting.

We are working the steps right now, and they are cross-referencing the PLBB. Light bulbs and miracles go off everywhere – you can see it happen. The facility made an exception to allow tablets at our meeting, specifically for the PLBB. Inmates usually can't bring tablets outside their block. Many thanks to everyone who made this access possible.

In Kansas this book has been very popular and requested in our correctional facilities. Since it came out requests and orders have been placed for about 400 copies so far across the state.

A draft manuscript of the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition Big Book may be one of the items reviewed by the conference committee this year. We will know when we get the final agenda. The pamphlet, "The Twelve Steps Illustrated" will be reviewed at the conference.

One new literature item that will be discussed at the conference is the Living Sober book. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the book and several requests to revise and update the book were received.

Public Information – ASL videos of the first ten chapters of the Big Book have been uploaded to the AAWS YouTube channel. The Comprehensive Media Plan was anticipated to be finalized late in 2024.

A survey with Area Delegates regarding how young people want to be communicated with was completed and the results will be available to this year's conference committee to review. Based on the results of the one we did for Area 25 – young people do not want to be communicated with by an emailed survey.

**Alt. Delegate Report:** Welcome to the new GSR's and DCM's and to those who are serving Area 25. We had a good GSR orientation Saturday morning. To all the new folks here, I hope you have a good time at the Assembly, and if you see something you don't understand, please don't hesitate to ask someone. We are here for you.

My home group, Carbondale, celebrated 49 years on November 3<sup>rd</sup> last year. I'd like to thank the Seneca Wild Bunch Chili feed, Dodge City's Front Street Group 39<sup>th</sup> Round Robin and the Topeks Memorial Group's 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary for attending their events. Also, grateful to be asked to speak in Hutchinson at the St. E's Sobriety Society. Over the Christmas holiday, I was privileged to share my story at the New Horizons Group in Bend, Oregon while we were up there. It's a good group grounded in AA Tradition.

If you've never been to a SW Kansas Conference, you've missed a good time. The 54<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Garden City was held two weeks ago with some good, solid AA speakers instead of entertainers. There were over one hundred in attendance from western Kansas, eastern Colorado, Oklahoma and Nebraska. It's held the second weekend of January so put that on your calendar for next year. It's as good or better than some of the big city conferences.

Kansas is one of eleven areas in the Southwest Region of Alcoholics Anonymous. The SW Regional Forum is hosted by the General Service Board and will be held in Area 46 in Albuquerque, New Mexico November 14-16 this year. The forum allows members throughout the service structure to exchange information. They bring together: Regional Trusted Servants; The General Service Board; AA World Services; AA Grapevine; The General Service Office and Grapevine Staff, it's open to all AA members and especially for newcomers to service. You can find details on the events page on our area website ks-aa.org.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve Area 25

Ken S. P74/A25

**Alt. Area Chair Report:** Will H.

Will explained to the A25 Assembly what positions are voting positions.

He shared some of the negative feedback on the current facility:

- Parking lot
- Heating
- Microphone
- Projector
- Seating
- Lack of WIFI

The issue with the microphone will be addressed by the facility to try to get wireless microphones for us to use.

Some of the positive feedback that was received was that it is nice to be in the same facility as the meeting. Also, the room block we have is cheaper than any other place we've had.

He also explained that the reason for the move to Quality Inn from The Webster Conference Center had to do with the cost effectiveness.

To use Webster for two days, the last time we were there cost \$2,305. For this assembly for the whole weekend was \$902.

Will asked that if anyone has any constructive feedback or think of anything that might be good to have/needed to please let him know.

A25 State Conference Report: Kaylon J.

The 2025 A25 Conference is Sept 19-21 in Great Bend at the Event Center. We have room blocks available at Best Western Angus Inn, Super 8, Quality Inn, and Holiday Inn Express. The phone numbers are on the flyer. If you book online with a travel site, you will not get the

room block rate and it won't allow the committee to track how many rooms are needed to block out in the future. Please register, there won't be an air show this year.

We are adding things like a guided meditation and a Big Book study. There is a Facebook page so be on the lookout for invites and we have a page on the A25 website.

Please come to me or the committee with any questions that you have.

Just remember this is a fellowship event not a business meeting. The Conference is your event, If you aren't sure, you will be able to make it, please register, you can always contribute to a scholarship. This will help us to be self-supporting.

Memorials Note: Please provide written reports

D4 – Randy K. - Russell Study Group – 14 years

Randy M. – Back To Basics – Unknown

D5 – Bud Dulohery – Solomon Group – 28 years

D6 – Wanen Blaske – Marysville Mon. Night Group – 24 or 25 years

Steve Owens – Manhattan Noon group – 14 years

D8- Randy K. - 47 years

Norm J. – 22 years

D14 – Vicky P. – Emporia Group – 36 years

D17 – Dale D – Front Street Group – 34 years

Memorials Continued:

D19 – Rodney M. – Eye Opener Group – 36 years

Pooh - Eye Opener Group – 30 years

Mike Lemon – Friendship Group – Unknown

Don B. – Parklane Group – 25 years

John Gillialand – Newlife Group – Unknown

Andy K. – 11 Step Group – Unknown

Scott W. – 11<sup>th</sup> Step Group – Unknown

Rex Murphy – Unknown – Unknown

D21- Patrick C. – 12x12 – 5 years

Everett F. 12x12 – Unknown

**Old Business:**

**1. Printing Ad Hoc: Melissa B.**

Melissa reported that she had put together an ad hoc to look at the cost of printing and options that would be more cost effective. She stated that she had Dee Y. Chair the committee and also on the committee were herself, Mike R., Tagan E., and Kim H.

Melissa reported that what the ad hoc essentially looked was what we have been printing, where can we save money, and are we getting the best deal?

She explained that our research had found that with our research we found that at Copy Co we pay \$0.10 per page, whether front and back or single sided. The other places we looked into were quoting us at \$0.60 per page. The decision was to stay with Copy Co. as it was the best deal at \$0.10 per page. We also looked at the binders that we have put together. The previous secretary had Copy Co. put the binders together which totaled \$20, a binder that we would supply to all of the GSR's and DCM's. What we decided to do was order the binders and supplies to make the binders and put them together ourselves. Friday night the ad hoc put the binders together and it came out to total about \$10 a binder.

Melissa reported that the ad hoc also discussed that previously we printed off the entirety of the minutes to make available at Assembly's and Committee meeting. That the committee decided to discontinue printing the entire minutes and instead print the business portion only. It was also decided to limit the number of copies printed for the Agenda and the minutes to 50 copies in English and 25 copies in Spanish. Melissa informed the Assembly that she would send out emails that would include the full minutes and also reported that the entire minutes would also be available on the Area 25 website at: [KS-AA.org](http://KS-AA.org). She asked that people please print copies of the minutes to bring to Area meetings and that she will email reminders to please print if you have the ability to do so. Melissa also explained that the financials are not available before meetings so we will continue to print 100 copies to make available, and that after meetings the financials would be available on the Area 25 website for viewing.

Melissa concluded that this is what the printing ad hoc is suggesting in order to cut our budget, which comes to half of what was last years proposed budget was.

**2. Facility Ad Hoc: Will went over the purpose of the Facilities Ad Hoc. He explained that they were tasked with collecting information about other possible facility options. He also explained that there was a spreadsheet that showed the data that**

was discovered and that it could be found on the Area 25 Website under documents/Area 25 Venue Locations Ad Hoc Committee.

**3. Area 25 State Conference Location:**

Cheryl H. D-6 DCM Motioned to have Conference at Great Bend for 2026, 2027, and 2028. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jess L. D-6 GSR – Passed

**New Business:**

**1. Proposed Budget:** Melissa B. read the proposed budget. Motion that the budget committee create a proposed budget based on the projected contributions from the previous year. (Not the actual contributions, as these are not available before January of the proposed budget year.)

Motion as amended Jack G. D-10 GSR/2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Q. D-8 GSR

**2. KAAAAI Board Statement:**

Change the KAAAAI Board Statement.

Motion Alex A. D-6 Alt. GSR/2<sup>nd</sup> Justin S. D-9 GSR

**3. Elect KAAAAI Board Member:**

Bob H. Area 25 PI and Scott G. D-7 GSR

Scott G. was elected with 64-29 votes.

Assembly closed with the Lord's Prayer