



Area 40 - District 11 - Meeting Minutes December 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order by DCM Pat P., followed by the Serenity prayer. The Twelve Traditions were read by Alt-DCM Mark W. Cody L. read the Twelfth Concept, *“The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.”*

A quorum was established with 10 GSRs and 5 committee chairs.

Home Group Announcements

Recovery Group -Mathius M.

1st Saturday was a hit, we had a lot of people and we had a new venue this year. It was awesome it went off without any major issues. We are having a New Year's Eve party, all are welcome. The theme will be your favorite rock band, there will be a costume contest, your favorite rockstar. There will be dinner, our meeting, dancing, then poker at 10pm. Dinner is at 6pm, it's \$25, there is chicken and beef. It will be at the Recovery Group clubhouse. Everything else is good there, meetings are going strong with Monday formal meetings and Wednesday speaker meetings from 7:30 to 9pm. The poker is \$5 buy back and that starts at 10pm.

Serenity Seekers - Rich S. alt GSR

We don't have any real announcements, would just like to remind everyone about on first Friday of the month is a speaker meeting

Downtowners- Cody L.

Downtowners is starting a new book study meeting, the 12x12, on our Tuesdays 6pm meeting. We do have a meeting on Tuesday and Thursdays at 6pm. We were selected to help with the set up of the Holiday Party and decorations are being made as we speak. We are continuing bingo and game nights, bingo was last night. A week from Friday will be game night. We are also having a New Year's karaoke party that we did on Halloween. All groups are welcome. All meetings are going strong and our Sunday morning meeting is still a smash hit.

Brown Baggers - Charles H.

Nothing to report. All meetings are going well.

Serenes - Jon A. proxy for Tammy P.

It's going really good, it has doubled in size. And really enjoyed the bookstore and that opportunity to serve.

ODAAT - Erika B.

ODAAT is still looking for an Intergroup rep, an Alt Intergroup rep, and archives person, so if anyone has sponsees ready to get involved in service work, its a nice small group and easy to work their way in. Meetings are going good, Tuesdays are open and Fridays are closed.

Sunlight of the Spirit - Wayne S.

Things are going good and we have had the Psych Center this month and meetings are going good.

3 Legacies - Daniel M.

Three Legacies continues to meet Monday and Thursday night at 7pm at Unity Church basement at 14th Street West and Lynne Avenue. All meetings are closed discussions from the Big Book or 12x12. Our travel meeting is scheduled for the Holiday party at the Paper Mill this month. We are returning to a limited community commitment with the Hotline, shared with another group who can provide a female call contact. Or you could join our group as a female and you could be part of our group.

We Are Not Saints - Angela F.

Don't really have anything new. Meetings are still going good, lots of Rimrock showing up and that's good. I'll be leaving in January. Victoria will be here in my place January and February, then I'll be back in March when the snow melts.

West End - Jon A.

West End is going good with a lot of people coming. We will be open all day on Christmas with a potluck, weil will be open Christmas day late, then all day New Year's Day. We cooked off 3 briskets for the Holiday Party. They smell delicious, and want I to invite everyone to the Holiday Party, which starts at noon.

644 Group -Aimee S.

We had Thanksgiving marathon meetings, those seemed to go well, potluck, that seemed to go well. There is a karaoke contest that's going on with the Recovery Group coming up. We have group consciousness coming up tomorrow, historically, we will have meetings starting at 10am, and we will have a Christmas dinner starting at 4pm. We will have our end of month potluck like we usually do, then New Year's Eve, typically we have a 11:30pm meeting, so you can end the year in a meeting and start the year in a meeting and it will be by candle light. The group is really busy. Also, we are doing elections and there are still some open. We continue to see newcomers, with it being someone's first AA meeting ever. We are also voting at our group conscience whether to have a Plain Language Big Book Study on Sundays at 2pm. Discussion as to whether the 4pm book study will be held with the Holiday Party happening at about the same time. 644 has a virtual platform meeting every night on zoom at 8pm, Monday night is newcomer meeting and Wednesday night is 12x12 study on our zoom.

Absent groups - Ballantine, Great Reality, Lockwood, and 848.

Review of October 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion #50: (Angela F./Daniel M.) Motion to accept meeting minutes.

15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Passed the 7th Tradition basket. We have had nothing exciting go on, we have had a couple checks come in the past 2 weeks and the rent and the 12-Step call have been our only expenses of recent.

Motion #51: (Mathius M./Jon A.) Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

15 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstained. Motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives

Not present, report attached.

Bridging the Gap - Vince V. proxy for Cam M.

See enclosed report.

Corrections - Virginia I.

See enclosed report.

Hotline - Rich B. proxy for Kate J.

See enclosed report.

Grapevine - Mark W. proxy for Michelle M.

See enclosed report.

Treatment - Vince V.

See enclosed report. I was in contact with District 72, Bozeman, because they are getting a Rimrock facility for outpatient treatment. Hopefully it will progress into a service opportunity like it has for us because there are still a lot of still suffering alcoholics out there. Why is this important? Because this is what we do. District 72 reached out to Patrick P. and he reached out to Vince V. to connect them with the connections we have. It's important to maintain the connections with Rimrock.

Public Information - Don M.

Erika B. passed out newly created informational card that is more technologically connected than just a meeting list. The card contains a QR code that takes you directly to the Meeting Guide App, the Hotline number, and the website. Includes all the contact pieces. Lynne W. was the artist on this creation. I need to credit Erika B. because she started the discussions on this. It's great to have new community members come in, new members have new ideas.

Communications with the Professional Community - Mitch A.

See enclosed report.

Literature - Daniel M.

See enclosed report.

Intergroup - Barb O.

This is Barb's last District meeting as Intergroup Liaison, she will be the new vice-chair for Intergroup. Part of her responsibility is to distribute meeting lists, which she has some available with her. Chris C. will be her replacement. Intergroup needs lots of help setting up chairs tomorrow before the Holiday Party. Beginning balance \$2117 plus \$513 in contributions, minus \$745 in expenses for ending balance of \$1887.

Al-Anon - Barb O.

Did not attend, no report.

District 11 Commitments

<u>Psych Center</u>	6-7pm, show up at 5:45pm	
Mondays	December-Sunlight of the Spirit	January- West End
Thursdays	December-ODAAT	January- Recovery Group
<u>Rimrock</u>	6-7pm, 2nd Sunday, speaker meeting and 7-8pm Mondays, discussion	
	December-Brown Baggers	January- 644 Group
<u>Crisis Center</u>	10-11am	
Saturdays	December- Downtowners	January-ODAAT
<u>Hotline</u>	1 female & 1 male	
	December-Recovery	January- 3 Legacies/Downtowners

Old Business

Review update from the 2027 Fall Roundup Committee.

See enclosed report.

Review update from the 2028 West Central Regional AA Service Conference bid presentation Ad-Hoc Committee.

See enclosed report. Requesting committee members with lengthy service experience.

New Business

Question put forth to District asking about group's experience insurance.

Numerous groups reported having insurance, such as West End, 644, Recovery Group, and Downtowners, with a cost of roughly \$400 yearly. Sandy S. would be the person to talk to regarding insurance for Downtowners, as they just renegotiated prices.

Area 40 is experiencing a financial shortfall

Area 40 is experiencing a deficit financially, so groups are being asked to keep it in mind when making contributions.

Intergroup Questionnaire

There were only 3 returned questionnaires, so it has been condensed to 3 questions with a QR code to increase accessibility and promote people completing it.

Information and Events

Information – Contact lists:

District 11 Contact List – Here is the [link](#) that will allow viewing and editing the list.

Area 40 Panel 75 Contact List – Use this [link](#) to view the list.

Calendar of Events – Use this [link](#) to view the Area 40 Calendar

Area Committee Information – Use this [link](#) to access Area 40 Committee information and District Mini-sites

SCMI Holiday Party

o Date: December 14, 2025, Location: Paper Mill, 2019 Montana Avenue

Call for Motion to Adjourn

Motion #52: (Mathius M./ Vince V.) Motion to adjourn.

15 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 and against. Motion passed.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Next District Meeting January 10, 2025

In grateful service, submitted by:

April T.

District 11 Secretary

Literature report:

GSO reports the formation of a subcommittee to "begin a study to explore the needs of Spanish speaking members for tools to access the Big Book. This study will include identifying specific needs within the Spanish speaking community to determine whether a plain Language translation of the Big Book is an appropriate tool or if other accessible materials would be more effective to support Spanish speaking members who face barriers related to literacy or comprehension.

Two new Literature committee appointed committee members were approved to begin project work in August to develop pamphlets on the Transgender Alcoholic and the Asian American alcoholic.

Four subcommittees were constituted to work on harmony and effectiveness, preparing for future board vacancies, nominating procedures, and trustee emeritus guidelines.

AAWS Publishing committee recommends the AAWS service board move forward with production of an audio book format of the Plain Language Big Book at an estimated expense of \$20,000.

Also, a recommendation is made to make permanent the \$2.00 price of the 1st edition reprint of the Big Book.

On a local level, Vicki has received a partial order of display items to be presented at the upcoming holiday party. Unfortunately, the newly revised pamphlets and dvd that have been advertised aren't available at this time. We hope to have them on our next display. Hope to see you all at the Holiday party.

That is all,
Daniel

Fall 2027 Roundup Committee

**The Fall 2027 Roundup committee is filling up. Ian D is the Venue Chair, Erika B is Program Chair, Teri J is Speaker Seeker, and Jamie S is our Secretary. We will still need to elect Hospitality, Activity, Graphics, Marathon Meetings, and the Raffle & 50/50 Chair. The next meeting is Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 pm. Dave K has been kind enough to offer his office as a meeting space, on the 2nd floor of the downtown Western Security Bank. We have chosen one speaker, our fabulous webmaster Alex M! We have two more speakers to choose. Remember, the Roundup will be October 1, 2, & 3 2025. Thank you for letting me be of service,
Lynne W**

Hotline report

For November, we received 4 calls.. 2 of which were missed and returned. Rich from Serenity Seekers alternate GSR will be standing in for the hotline chair this morning. Thank you for this opportunity.

Kate

December CPC

Greetings!

The CPC committee continues to meet at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at B.W. Blacksmith, 1438 Grand Ave. We continue to work on next Spring's workshop for the professional community. We hope to make a final decision on the venue the second week of January after our next meeting. Thank you to the members who signed up to participate on the committee. GSRs, would you please get the list from last month of members wanting to help with 12 step, PI, and/or CPC to the respective chair.

We received two female 12 step requests. The one from the other day had no responses, again emphasizing the need for more female volunteers.

I received an individual request for a 12 step call from Off the Streets. I was asked about their meeting request and reminded them that this might take a couple of months to come to fruition. GSRs, please forward to me the volunteers from your groups for this proposed meeting which would take place at 5:30 on Fridays. I have the list from the 644 Group.

I continue to participate and cooperate with the PI committee.

Yours in service,
Mitch Asbeck
District 11 CPC Chair

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(406) 930-1318

DISTRICT 11 CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

DECEMBER 13, 2025

We've had a successful month with 3 new volunteers orienting at the prison. We're waiting for approval.

The YCDF is having an orientation on Thursday, December 18th at 6 pm at the jail. (The date has been changed 3 times). I have heard from 4 women and 2 men who will be attending.

The Corrections Committee met on Thursday, December 4 and primarily discussed the jail and Alpha House issues. I will follow up on volunteers who have been approved at Alpha House to see if they're still available to bring meetings to the guys.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 1st at 7:30 pm.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Virginia I

Grapevine Report

So sorry I am sending this so late. Can you please report for me for grapevine . I am out of town.

Next meeting for Grapevine is Dec. 23 at 630 upstairs at Billings Public library:

Nothing new. Just ask people to get involved by promoting grapevine at their respective meetings.

Also, hoping to have a writing workshop in the very near future .

Thank you!!'

Michelle

PI report

Hello!

The committee has been working on the attached project. We will be printing these on card stock and distribution will start with our local hotels and a few other locations. Our next committee meeting will be 1/3/26 at 510 Cook Ave at 2pm. Happy Holidays!

Don Metters

PI Chair

Treatment District Report for December 13, 2025

Meetings are going good at Rimrock, Crisis Center, and Psych Center, so nothing really to report. Thank you for taking care of your commitments and remember that we do Rimrock the second Saturday of every month for our speaker meeting. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Vince V.

Bridging the Gap

Everything is well. All the connections have been made for the last month that I know of. White Birch, I have the address, and the address is 929 N 19th Street. There are meetings on Mondays at 7pm. We need women to take meetings there ASAP, and if I can get someone to talk about BTG in there that would be awesome. Anyone that has questions is to call Cam at (406)526-6139 Thank you and I will be there next month, that's a promise.

Cam M.

District 11 Archives Report for December 2025

The Archives committee reports that it has recorded another old timer's story. Barb O with 40 plus years of sobriety. It was great fun to be with Barb. She has a great story.

District 11 Archives Chair was invited by the area 40 Archives Chair, Jodie T., to participate in cleaning the Area Archives this Spring. I got in touch with Jodie and let her know I and possibly committee members would love to help. The exact date for that has not been set yet.

That's all I have to report at this time,

In Service,

Nadine Fredrickson

District Chair

DISTRICT 11 COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT DECEMBER, 2025

	CHECKING ACCOUNT	PRUDENT RESERVE	PETTY CASH
OPENING BALANCE	\$ 6,317.84	\$ 3,190.16	\$ 100.00
INCOME	\$ 1,233.15 \$ 0.43		\$ -
EXPENSES	\$ 181.08	\$ -	\$ -
CURRENT BALANCE	\$ 7,369.91	\$ 3,190.59	\$ 100.00

INCOME	INCOME PLAN 2025	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD	CURRENT INCOME	TOTAL YTD INCOME	REMAINING INCOME
DISTRICT 11 7TH TRADITION	\$ 360.00	\$ 262.55	\$ 49.00	\$ 311.55	\$ 48.45
AA WORKSHOP 7TH TRADITION	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ -	\$ 260.00	\$ -
FIREMAN'S PT 7TH TRADITION	\$ -	\$ 269.00	\$ -	\$ 269.00	\$ -

JOINT DIST 11,12,31 PRE-ASSEMBLY		\$ 165.45		\$ 165.45	
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,922.75	\$ 1,184.15	\$ 10,106.90	\$ (4,106.90)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 6,360.00	\$ 9,879.75	\$ 1,233.15	\$ 11,112.90	\$ -

EXPENSES	SPENDING PLAN 2025	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD EXPENSES	CURRENT EXPENSES	TOTAL YTD EXPENSES	REMAINING SPENDING
RENT	\$ 1,872.00	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 1,716.00	\$ 156.00
RENT - US POST OFFICE	\$ 232.00	\$ 244.00	\$ -	\$ 244.00	\$ (12.00)
DCM - AREA ASSEMBLIES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,264.95	\$ -	\$ 1,264.95	\$ (264.95)
DCM - DISTRICT TRAVEL	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
DCM - PRE-ASSEMBLIES	\$ 100.00	\$ 554.88	\$ -	\$ 554.88	\$ (454.88)
WCRAASC - 2025	\$ 500.00	\$ 206.35	\$ -	\$ 206.35	\$ 293.65
WCRAASC Forum - 2025	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,401.24	\$ -	\$ 1,401.24	\$ (651.24)
COMMITTEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ARCHIVES	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
BRIDGING THE GAP	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
CORRECTIONS	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
GRAPEVINE	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
LITERATURE	\$ 100.00	\$ 6.00	\$ -	\$ 6.00	\$ 94.00
PI	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
CPC	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
TREATMENT	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
AREA 40 HOTLINE	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
12TH STEP CALL	\$ 300.00	\$ 590.94	\$ 25.08	\$ 616.02	\$ (316.02)
FIREMAN'S POINT/DELEGATE REPORT	\$ 250.00	\$ 234.31	\$ -	\$ 234.31	\$ 15.69
PRINT/POSTAGE	\$ 300.00	\$ 454.08	\$ -	\$ 454.08	\$ (154.08)

BOOK PURCHASES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 804.00	\$ -	\$ 804.00	\$ 196.00
EVENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UP EVENTS	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
PI/CPC SERVICE WORKSHOP	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,120.65	\$ -	\$ 1,120.65	\$ 379.35
DISTRICT SERVICE WORKSHOP	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
GSR ORIENTATION	\$ 150.00	\$ 212.44	\$ -	\$ 212.44	\$ (62.44)
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 150.00	\$ 140.61	\$ -	\$ 140.61	\$ 9.39
TRANSFER TO PRUDENT RESERVE	\$ -	\$ 626.80	\$ -	\$ 626.80	
OPERATING TOTALS	\$ 9,654.00	\$ 9,421.25	\$ 181.08	\$ 9,602.33	\$ 678.47

2028 WCRAASC Bid Presentation Ad-Hoc Committee Update

We had our first meeting on November 11 th for the WCRAASC bid presentation Ad-Hoc Committee. Thank you to all who attended!

Committee Duties were decided as follows:

Chairperson - Patrick P.

Treasurer - Lynne W.

Secretary - Claire S.

Venue Chair - Terri T.

Presentation Chair - Stephen S.

Billings Amenities Chair - cannot remember who we decided for this (Terri and Rich?)

Unofficial ChatGPT Guru - Richard T.

Goal is to have most of this done by the beginning of the year, especially the intent to submit bid turned in. The bid will be presented by Pat P. at the Spring Area Assembly 2026, April 17-19th, 2026. The date for the actual WCRAASC is March 3-5, 2028.

It was suggested to have old-timers who have done this before to be involved, Donna H. or Don M. were suggested.

Also suggested to see if Bozeman, Miles City, and Great Falls may want to back us (Billings) with the bid and join forces.

Terri will put in a blind bid for 3 different venues, The Double Tree and Billings Hotel & Convention Center, and Northern Hotel, as both venues have capabilities for a hybrid event.

It sounds like Terri is expecting to receive our hotel bids from the Double Tree, Billings Hotel and The Northern to review. Terri will send out the Bid Proposals received from the Hotels.

A Google Drive folder has been set up for sharing the Committee documents. You all

have Editor permissions in this folder to upload and edit documents within this folder. Here is the link to access the 2028 WCRAASC Bid Proposal shared folder.

I have reached out to Don M. and Donna H. to see if they are willing to sit on the committee. Don M. is currently not able to sit on the committee. Donna H. is also not able to sit on the committee I have also reached out to Don and Linda Black, but they are not able to sit on the committee, If anyone has identified any members that have extensive service experience, please either ask them if they are willing to sit on the committee or send their contact information to me and I will reach out to them. As requested, I have reached out to the District 41 and District 72 DCMs to see if their districts would like to join us in preparing the bid presentation for Billings. I have not heard back from Grant M. the District 41 DCM and am assuming that they are not interested. Lenore M. the District 72 DCM is going to present this request to District 72 at their November/December district meeting on December 13 th . The next meeting is January 8th, 2026, at 7pm at the City Brew on Golden Valley Drive. Thanks from the Committee,
Patrick Pollington