



Area 40 - District 11 - Meeting Minutes January 10, 2026

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. Nita R. read the First Concept, *"Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship."*

Present are 11 GSRs and 9 committee chairs, quorum is 13.

Home Group Announcements

West End - Jon A.

West End is doing pretty good, attendance is pretty good. We had a good turn out for Christmas, not so much for New Year's.

Recovery Group -Mathius M.

Recovery Group meetings are great, attendance is great. New Year's Eve was a blast, if you missed it you missed a blast! If you see any pictures floating around... Our meetings are Monday through Friday, and Wednesday is our open speaker meeting from 7 to 9pm.

644 Group -Aimee S

We had a few election spots that were filled- is our new speaker Emily is new literature chair, Jess is the new activities chair. Still looking for an alternate meeting opener. We have begun our non-profit status. The Plain Language Big Book study is still on Sundays at 2pm. We did both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve marathon meetings and both of those went well. And tomorrow at 6pm is our next group conscious.

ODAAAT - Erika B.

There are no changes, Tuesday night is an open meeting and Friday is a closed meeting. 7pm for both. We are still looking for Archives, Alt-IGR, and IGR.

3 Legacies - Mark W. proxy for Daniel M.

Three Legacies Group 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. The Hotline commitment has not been active so far, but we are grateful for the opportunity to serve. The Holiday party was our travel meeting for December, and it was good to see so many people enjoying the event.

Serenes - Tammy P.

Good morning everyone! I have been out of commission and our meetings are once a week on Thursday and that is when the holidays were, and we don't meet on holidays. Next Thursday is our group conscience meeting and that's when we will be making some changes.

We Are Not Saints -Victoria T.

Nothing new to report, thank you.

Great Reality - Andy M.

We are still going along Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7pm down at First Church. Book study is Wednesday, we are reading "A.A. Comes of Age" which is fascinating. I have been out of town more than in town since Halloween.

Sunlight of the Spirit - Nita R.

I am amazed at the growth of Sunlight of the Spirit. We have gone from a solid 7 to over 20 people at each meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. So I welcome you to come Tuesday and Thursdays at 5:30pm at the Salvation Army.

Brown Baggers - Charles H.

We have the book store for a service commitment for January. Meetings are well attended and our group's conscience is later this afternoon.

Downtowners- Rose L.

Justin our original GSR stepped down and they voted me in, this is my first District meeting. Pat did give me the green concepts and paperwork, so I am in the process of reading all of that.

Downtowners has a huge venue for sponsees, we need some people with recovery down there please. There are only a few and there are many seeking sponsors. Grateful to be here!

Serenity Seekers -Kate J.

I don't have anything new to report.

Absent groups - Lockwood, 848, and Ballantine.

Review of October 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion #1: (Mathius M./Jon A.) Motion to accept meeting minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report

7th Tradition basket sent around. Added 7th tradition to the account, paid rent and 12-Step phone. Transferred some money to prudent reserves according to our 2026 spending plan.

Motion #2: (Victoria T./ Jon A.) Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

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

Standing Committee Reports

Archives- Nadine F

See report. Offer to assist and clean up Area Archives is extended to anyone who wants to be involved. GSRs please take information back to groups. The event will happen sometime in the summer.

Bridging the Gap - Cam M.

As far as he knows all connections have been made. Will make a connection today himself.

Corrections - Virginia I.

See report.

Hotline - Kate J.

See report. Discussion if a due date for having the phone numbers passed to Kate would help. Not so, it's more of an issue of GSRs or acting GSRs returning phone calls.

Grapevine - Michelle M.

Due to sickness and holidays the past few meetings have been cancelled. The next meeting will be January 27, 2026 at 6:30pm at the second floor of the library in the meeting room. Ideas for next year, kudos to Mitch on the CPC committee calling, texting, and emailing me about a meeting that I was interested in. I really appreciated that, it's a great idea. Continue to visit local meetings, to promote subscriptions. At my home group, We Are Not Saints, we buy 5 subscriptions then sell the issues at \$3 each, they are sold out before half way through the month. I was wondering if others would take that back to their groups to see if there is an interest. I have also purchased some and taken them to doctor offices. Set up a date for a writers workshop, asking committee members to keep accountable, please ask if she has had contact with Hugh to hold self accountable. Because I really want to have a workshop and get other locals involved in writing. Will look to fellowship gatherings to set up.

Questions about ordering more subscriptions through Michelle M.

Treatment - Vince V.

See enclosed report. Reported that as of Monday Psych Center had 6 books, no more determined to be needed currently. Question and discussion about Rimrock Monday meeting being a men's meeting. The speaker meeting is co-ed. There is an item on the agenda to discuss further. Noted specifically for the minutes, that a woman with 1 year sobriety, first time taking a meeting into that environment, was very intimidated by it being all men.

Public Information - Don M.

The fliers have been printed, spent \$55.50 of committee money, and planned to distribute to motels and around town. Depending on how it goes, there may be a need for more support. Dividing the city, east, central, and west, among 3 committee members to distribute, about 5 at each location to see how it goes. The next committee meeting will be February 7th at 2pm at 510 Cook. Question, if Hardin is in our District, plans to distribute fliers there. Will be looking around for more cost efficient printing options. Fliers requested for Roundup. Nita R. offered her printer to help with costs. Prints need to be on laser-jet to prevent bleeding.

Communications with the Professional Community - Mitch A.

See enclosed report. No positions currently in the committee, but attendance is welcomed.

Literature - Daniel M.

See enclosed report.

Intergroup - Chris C.

See enclosed report. Intergroup focusing on communicating better about events on various sites.

Al-Anon - Barb O.

No report, Al-Anon District meeting next Monday at the library at 5:30pm on the second floor.

District 11 Commitments

<u>Psych Center</u>	6-7pm, show up at 5:45pm	
Mondays	January- West End	February- Sunlight of the Spirit
Thursdays	January- Recovery Group	February- West End

<u>Rimrock</u>	6-7pm, 2nd Sunday, speaker meeting and 7-8pm Mondays, Men's discussion	
	January- 644 Group	February-Downtowners
<u>Crisis Center</u>	10-11am	
Saturdays	January-ODAAT	February- 644
<u>Hotline</u>	1 female & 1 male	
	January- 3 Legacies/Downtowners	February- Recovery

Old Business

Review update from the 2027 Fall Roundup Committee.

See enclosed report. Pat P. will send out information as to what room the meeting will be held in. Use the entrance off 1st Avenue. Job descriptions of the positions available are detailed in the back of the Policies & Procedures.

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

See enclosed report.

New Business

Consider adding another meeting for the Rimrock Commitment. This would add a meeting for the women at the White Birch Facility (929 N. 19th) at 7pm – 8pm on Mondays to the Rimrock commitment.

Background information, all the women have been moved from Rimrock to White Birch. There is a request from Rimrock that there be a meeting for women on Monday nights from 7-8pm at White Birch. Discussion if it should be one or two people at each meeting location. Concern expressed that women have been being sent to men's only meetings at Rimrock. The speaker meeting will still be at Rimrock and will be co-ed. Andy M. who works at Rimrock stated that Rimrock has moved away from it being or using 12 Step programs and are now into other stuff. If we don't do this, there won't be an AA presence at White Birch. Andy M. feels it's really important that we do this. Perhaps the speaker meeting could be a separate commitment. It is less whether it's men or women attending the separate locations and more so that the meetings are taking place. The facility requested only women at White Birch and only men at Rimrock. It was stated West End is mindful of who is sent to Rimrock due to high numbers of newcomers. Also stated that newcomers with sales experience should not be bringing meetings into faculties because the message of AA can be lost. Previously, it was suggested that speakers had 1 year of sobriety.

Motion #3: (Mathius M./ Erika B.) Motion to add women's meeting at White Birch on Mondays at 7pm to service commitments.

16 in favor, 1 oppose, and 2 abstain.

Minority Opinion: (Mitch A.)

Few concerns, while wanting to help as many as possible there is a concern with

affiliation and if Rimrock is calling the shots. Also, with the women's 12-Step call There is a shortage already of women volunteers. Concern that Rimrock is a multi- million dollar company and that because they cant get people to the meeting. I feel they are putting the responsibility of something they can't get done to us.

Does anyone want to change their vote based on minority opinion?

Motion passed.

New Service Commitment

Rimrock Monday 7-8 pm at White Birch (929 N. 19th), women's discussion
February- Serenes

Guest

A guest, Tara, was present. Pat P. identified Safety Card, Safety in AA flyer, AA Guidelines and Groups as resources for discussing safety in AA and read the Safety Card. Tara, alcoholic, has 6 sober living programs, and has been experiencing men targeting the women in her homes. The men have been offering to give them rides and pay their fees if they will do sexual things with them. There have been multiple examples. She stated that to keep people safe we need to be addressing these things. She stated that if we see these things happening that we need to call the police. A woman spoke with the FBI and she stated that this is sex trafficking. A man had recorded a woman giving him a blow job and had said that if she didn't continue on things, he would be sending it out to the AA community so she would be publicly shamed. She stated that this isn't a sponsor thing or a 13th step thing, this is a legal thing and needs to be addressed as such. Suggestion of panel or a discussion to further discuss. Has flyers available that are not AA approved about sex trafficking. Spoke about people being recruited to go to California for rehab, then signed up on Medicaid, then hooked on drugs. Asking for a group to sponsor a panel. Stated sex offenders are attending meetings and family functions and that some of these people are not allowed to be around kids. Stated again, we are not the cops but if we know that information we need to make sure these people aren't around kids. Flyers are available. Tara's phone number (406) 702-0240

Groups in California have safety committees. Good information for people that sponsor people for sober livings. Safety cards help members to know that predatory behavior is not allowed. Will look at putting an agenda item on for a workshop.

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

Deadline for Area 40 Agenda Items for Area 40 Spring Assembly

Date: February 1, 2026, Agenda Item Form: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/area/AgendaItemForm.doc>

2026 West Central Region AA Service Conference

Date: February 27th – March 1st

Location: Hilton Hotel Cedar Rapids Convention Complex, Cedar Rapids,

Iowa.

Registration: 2026 West Central Region Service Conference Hosted by Area 24 Tickets, Fri, Feb 27, 2026 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite

2026 Area 40 Spring Assembly

Date: April 17 - 19, Location: Holiday Inn, Great Falls

Mid-Winter Social

Joliet, February 14, 2026

Call for Motion to Adjourn

Motion #4: (Victoria T./ Don M.) Motion to adjourn.

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

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

Next District Meeting

February 14, 2025

In grateful service, submitted by:

April T.

District 11 Secretary

DISTRICT 11 COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT JANUARY, 2026

	CHECKING ACCOUNT	PRUDENT RESERVE	PETTY CASH
OPENING BALANCE	\$ 7,021.99	\$ 3,190.53	\$ 100.00
INCOME	\$ 39.00	\$ 384.03	\$ -
EXPENSES	\$ 564.70	\$ -	\$ -
CURRENT BALANCE	\$ 6,496.29	\$ 3,574.56	\$ 100.00

INCOME	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD	CURRENT INCOME	TOTAL YTD INCOME	REMAINING INCOME
DISTRICT 11 7TH TRADITION	\$ -	\$ 39.00	\$ 39.00	
AA WORKSHOP 7TH TRADITION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
FIREMAN'S PT 7TH TRADITION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
JOINT DIST 11,12,31 PRE-ASSEMBLY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ -	\$ 39.00	\$ 39.00	

EXPENSES	SPENDING PLAN 2026	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD EXPENSES	CURRENT EXPENSES	TOTAL YTD EXPENSES	REMAINING SPENDING
RENT	\$ 1,872.00	\$ -	\$ 156.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 1,716.00
RENT - US POST OFFICE	\$ 260.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260.00
AREA ASSEMBLIES - DCM	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
AREA ASSEMBLIES - DIST REP	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700.00
AREA ASSEMBLIES - DIST REP	\$ 700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700.00
DCM - DISTRICT TRAVEL	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
DCM - PRE-ASSEMBLIES	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
WCRAASC - 2026	\$ 800.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 800.00
WCRAASC Forum	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
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	\$ -	\$ 25.08	\$ 25.08	\$ 274.92
FIREMAN'S POINT/DELEGATE REPORT	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
PRINT/POSTAGE	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600.00
BOOK PURCHASES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
EVENTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
UP EVENTS	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
PI/CPC SERVICE WORKSHOP	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
DISTRICT SERVICE WORKSHOP	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
GSR ORIENTATION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
TRANSFER TO PRUDENT RESERVE		\$ -	\$ 383.62	\$ 383.62	
OPERATING TOTALS	\$ 10,832.00	\$ -	\$ 564.70	\$ 564.70	\$ 10,650.92

Archives

January 2026

The Archives committee continues to interview old timers in District 11 (40 plus years). If you have an old timer in your life or group that you'd like to be remembered (by way of digital recording) please contact me. Remember, these recordings will be treasures to the AA members of the future.

Archives has been asked by Area 40 Archives chair to help clean up and maintain the Archives Repository. I have responded with an enthusiastic YES! This will happen this Spring. Jody T. is the Area 40 Archives chair.

I will place the sign up book for the old 204 Group that District 11 was gifted with in 2025 in the repository at that time.

I plan to take pictures of the pages and place a book "of the book" in our Archives.

In Service,
Nadine F.

DISTRICT CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT January 2026

Since the first Thursday of the month fell on New Year's Day, we met over the phone.

After a couple of false alarms, the jail orientation was finally held on Thursday, December 18th. 7 AA members signed up to attend. I have emailed Sgt Leonard to find out who has been approved but I haven't heard back. I'll call him this week.

I have also contacted Suzanne Moran to see who was approved at the prison but this process usually takes a couple of months.

Passages volunteers are showing up and doing a great job. I'm trying to get a Grapevine subscription for the 2nd floor.

I'm also waiting for Big Books for the prison.

Alpha House is status quo. Michael Rodriguez and I are trying to contact men who have been approved to encourage their participation.

Our next meeting is Thursday, February 5th at 7:30. It will be at BW Blacksmith on Grand.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Virginia Ireland

Hotline Report

For December per our area hotline chair district 11 totaled 5 calls with 3 missed. I received 2 calls needing returned and contacted a male and female to return them successfully, so I am not entirely clear on the statistics reported.

I also would like to mention when home groups volunteer for the hotline for the coming month, please aid in answering in a timely manner to provide the male and female contacts from your group for the next month. I am responsible for obtaining the name and phone number of a male and or female from your group and your role is to obtain that information and hopefully respond in a timely manner to my inquiry so it can be passed on to area accordingly and the call center can update the information on their end, minimizing frustration and confusion of contacts from the previous month receiving calls they are technically not responsible for.

If you are unsure of the process that follows your group being assigned to the hotline for the next month, I am more than willing in helping to explain your role with your group being chosen for hotline. If you are not the active GSR for your home group but are attending the meeting and your group is chosen for the next months hotline, please help in making sure the contact for your group is up to date so I am calling the correct number and the right person, so I am not disturbing people not assigned to those roles. If it is not correct and you were chosen for the next months hotline, please reach out to me and let me know who I need to contact to get these contacts from your group. This past month I ended up calling 4 people to get 2 contacts and it was a bit of a struggle time wise to pass on the individuals that were willing to be of service to Lance our area chair. Thank you for taking this extra step if your group is picked to

Aid in the success of our hotline calls. And thank you for this opportunity to get outside of my alcoholic selfishness and also be of service.

Kate

Greetings District 11 Trusted Servants,

Followingt is our report for January:

12 Step: (2) Male requests. Could still use more female volunteers.

Workshop:

We continue to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We continue to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is next Tuesday the 13th, 7 pm at BW Blacksmith, 1438 Grand Ave. We will be finalizing our venue selection, the current front runner is MSUB, as well as narrowing down speakers/panel members.

Volunteers:I have yet to receive any volunteer lists for the proposed Off the Streets Friday evening meeting, 12 Step calls or CPC committee spots.

There is a new director at St. Vincent DePaul who would like to see what resources are available.

I continue to participate in and cooperate with the PI committee.

Yours in service,

Mitch Asbeck

Literature report:

Publishing reports that the pamphlets that are revised and being discounted are returning to full price January 15th.

Also, AAWS reports that all Books are increasing in price by \$3.00 per item, and all other literature is increased by 15 percent. The exception is the 1st edition Big Book reprint that will remain at \$2.00 per copy. Price increases begin February 1st.

Thanks to Ella F. for her assistance with the Literature display at the Holiday party, and to Vicki for her help in getting items ordered for the event. I look forward to the next opportunity to serve.

That is all,

Daniel

Roundup Report

Hi All,

I am happy to announce we have chosen a second speaker, Cia from California! We are still researching venues, and deciding on a theme. We will also be looking to elect the following positions: Hospitality, Activity, Graphics, Marathon Meetings, and the Raffle & 50/50 Chair. The

next meeting is Thursday, January 22 at 7pm. Dave K has been kind enough to offer his office as a meeting space, on the 2nd floor of the downtown Western Security Bank.

Thank you for letting me serve,

Lynne W

Fall 2027 Roundup Chair

2028 WCRAASC Bid Presentation Ad-Hoc Committee Update

January 2026

Terri T. has obtained bid proposals from 3 Billings Hotels and distributed them to the committee members. The committee has selected the bid proposal from Double Tree by Hilton, Billings.

Stephen S. has done an awesome job in creating the first draft of the slide deck for the bid presentation.

During our committee meeting on January 8th, we worked on the information that Area 40 is requesting as a requirement for submission of our bid proposal. We also reviewed the slide deck and made suggestions for minor changes.

Lynne W. has stepped down from the committee treasurer position. Jon A. stood for the treasurer position and was voted in as the committee treasurer.

Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Jan 29th at 7pm at City Brew, located at 1335 Golden Valley Circle.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Pat P.