



Area 40 - District 11 - Meeting Minutes March 14, 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. Jon A. read Concept 3,
“To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.— the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”

Visitors - Robert and Carlos

Quorum Established - Present are 9 GSRs and 5 committee chairs, quorum is 9, 14 total.

Home Group Announcements

3 Legacies - 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.

Our Hotline volunteer reports 1 call so far this month.

Our travel meeting is scheduled for the Founders day event.

848 - Jim M.

848 is doing well. Attendance is fluctuating, about 10 to 14 a day. This month we have the Psych Center. I went last week, we had a good meeting, and we had 6 people with everyone sharing.

644 Group -Don M.

March 28 we are having a Sponsorship Workshop, find your sober buddy. That night we will also have our potluck, this month's theme is 'Bring Your Best Mac and Cheese'. Our meetings are going really well, very busy, a lot going on, a lot happening in our group, but those are the highlights.

Recovery Group - Matthius M.

The Recovery Group is doing good, we are full force, full meetings. As a group GSR, I need to apologize on behalf of the group, we struggled on our White Birch commitment. We will be pulling from that commitment due to scheduling conflict with our meeting times. We missed last week, but we got this week, and the next couple weeks. Men's Retreat was great, 106 men came. Just Us women's retreat the weekend of the 27th and 28th. I don't know if there is open

registration for that. Meetings are full, Monday through Friday, with Wednesday being our speaker meeting.

Sunlight of the Spirit - Pat P. proxy for Nita R.

Continues to thrive and say hi to everyone. Question about whether the Psych Center has books, they were told there weren't any.

We Are Not Saints -Angela F.

I have been gone for a couple months and just got back. The meeting is really busy with lots of people.

Brown Baggers - April T.

We had a pancake breakfast at the end of February and it was very well attended, and a lot of people really enjoyed it.

ODAAT - Erika B.

Attendance is growing. We are still looking for an Archives and IGR. No changes to meetings, Tuesdays are open and Fridays are closed.

Serenes - Tammy P.

Doing very well! Since I have been attending this core group of women have seemed to have a stronger fellowship, better at welcoming newcomers, and we sure welcome all the opportunities.

West End - Jon A.

Well over 2,000 people a month. Trying to decide if we will continue with the West End Weekend the first weekend of September or do something different. There are a couple different views, I'll update as that goes along. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Downtowners - Jess W.

Filling in for Rose. Last month we did our commitment for Rimrock, that went well, and Bridging the Gap....This month we're doing the Bookstore. And we are working on attendance, it's a work in progress, we are doing pretty good.

Absent groups - Serenity Seekers, Great Reality, Ballantine, and Lockwood

Review of February 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes - April T.

Correction was made to have numbers of the motions start over at the beginning of the year. Meeting Minutes were updated and then resubmitted to the Area site.

Motion #10: (Angela F./Jon A.) Motion to accept meeting minutes.

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

Treasurer's Report- Debbie D.

7th Tradition basket sent around. We paid the rent, the 12-Step call, and reimbursed Pat P. for the West Central Regional Conference that he attended for \$1,019.67. It is in the bottom, but it is in the top. \$1,201.28 is the total of expenses, and the report will be amended to reflect.

Motion #11: (Mathius M./Don M.) Motion to accept Treasurer's report.

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

Standing Committee Reports

Archives-Nadine F.

See report.

Bridging the Gap - Cam M.

All the contacts have been made as far as I know. I did take a man to a meeting last night, and I have a woman that needs a contact if anyone is interested. Will be going to Rimrock on Monday. All is well. Question about using the form from Area. Cam reports that there was push back, that only Case Managers are the only ones to use the form at Rimrock and Alpha House. Shawn was the one who said that.

Corrections - Angela F proxy for Virginia I.

See report.

Hotline - Tammy P. proxy Kate J.

See report.

Grapevine - Not present.

No report.

Treatment - Vince V.

See enclosed report.

Public Information - Don M.

See enclosed report.

Communications with the Professional Community - Mitch A.

See enclosed report.

Literature - Daniel M.

See enclosed report.

Intergroup - Chris C.

See enclosed report. Question about availability of Meeting in a Pocket, Chris will check on that and will report back next month. Safety Card is not available at the Bookstore, but a link will be sent out in District Meeting Minutes. AA Guidelines: Safety in AA Groups can be ordered off AAWS, MG-25.

Al-Anon - Not present.

Reminder to Groups- Please show up for your service commitments, if you can't make your commitments please let someone in your group know so it can get covered.

District 11 Commitments

Psych Center

6-7pm, show up at 5:45pm

Mondays

March- Brown Baggers

April - 644

Thursdays

March- 848

April - ODAAT

Rimrock

6-7pm, 2nd Sunday, speaker meeting and 7-8pm Mondays,
Men's discussion

March - 644

April - 848

Rimrock White Birch

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

March - Recovery Group

April - DownTowner's

Crisis Center

10-11am

Saturdays	March - ODAAT	April - Brown Bagger's
<u>Hotline</u>	1 female & 1 male March - Serenes/3 Legacies	April - Recovery Group

Old Business

Review update from the 2027 Fall Roundup Committee - Lynne W.

Hi, y'all, I am your Fall Roundup chair. Everything is progressing as planned, our next meeting is in two Thursdays. We have signed the contract with the venue so everything is set in stone, it will be October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 2027 at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center.

Review update from the 2028 West Central Regional AA Service Conference bid presentation

Ad-Hoc Committee - Pat P.

See enclosed report.

Review update from the District 11 Safety Workshop Ad-Hoc Committee - Don M.

See report.

Review plans for Districts 11, 12 & 31 Joint Pre-Assembly -Pat P.

See enclosed report and flyer. Set up - We Are Not Saints and Recovery Group. Coffee - 644 Group. Potluck - West End. Clean up - Brown Baggers. All attending please bring food for potluck. Supplies will be provided.

New Business

2026 WCRAASC DCM Report

See enclosed report.

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

Founder's Day

Date: March 14, 2026, Time: 11:30am – 5:30pm, Location: First Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th St W

Event Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-03FoundersDayBillings.pdf>

Joint District 11, 12 & 31 Pre-Assembly

Date: March 21, 2026, Time: TBD, Location: TBD

Save the date Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-03D11PreAssembly.pdf>

Pockets of Enthusiasm

Date: March 20-21, 2026, Location: First Presbyterian Church, 535 N. Ewing, Helena
Event Flyer/Registration: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-03PocketsOfEnthusiasm.pdf>

Just Us Women's Retreat

Date: March 27-29, 2026, Location: Hampton Inn, 3550 Ember Lane, Billings
Event Flyer/Registration: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-03JustUsWomensRetreat.pdf>

Area 40 Virtual Pre-Assembly

Date: April 11, Time: 12:30pm – 5:30pm
Virtual Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98118198221?pwd=wbySugc25sZVJwGtjvhTD9sQgCX2M2.1>
Event Flyer: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-04PreAssemblyVirtual.pdf>

2026 Area 40 Spring Assembly

Date: April 17 - 19, Location: Holiday Inn, Great Falls
Room Reservation before March 27th:
<https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026-April-Area-40-Spring-Assembly-Flyer.pdf>

Call for Motion to Adjourn

Motion #12: (Mathius M./Cam M.) Motion to adjourn.
14 in favor, 0 abstained, 0 and against. Motion passed.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement

**Next District Meeting
April 11, 2026**

In grateful service, submitted by:
April T.
District 11 Secretary

TRICT 11 COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH, 2026

	CHECKING ACCOUNT	PRUDENT RESERVE	PETTY CASH
OPENING BALANCE	7,534.31 \$	3,575.02 \$	100.00 \$
INCOME	893.67 \$ 0.42 \$		- \$
EXPENSES	181.61 \$	- \$	- \$
CURRENT BALANCE	8,246.37	3,575.44 \$	100.00 \$

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INCOME		PREVIOUS MONTH YTD	CURRENT INCOME	TOTAL YTD INCOME	REMAINING INCOME
DISTRICT 11 7TH TRADITION		90.00 \$	12.00 \$	102.00 \$	
AA WORKSHOP 7TH TRADITION		\$	-- \$	- \$	
FIREMAN'S PT 7TH TRADITION		\$	-- \$	- \$	
JOINT DIST 11,12,31 PRE-ASSEMBLY		\$	-- \$	- \$	
CONTRIBUTIONS		1,228.13 \$	881.67 \$	2,109.80 \$	
TOTAL INCOME		1,318.13 \$	893.67 \$	2,211.80 \$	

EXPENSES	SPENDING PLAN 2026	PREVIOUS MONTH YTD EXPENSES	CURRENT EXPENSES	TOTAL YTD EXPENSES	REMAINING SPENDING
RENT	\$	156.00 1,872.00 \$	156.00 \$	312.00 \$	1,560.00 \$
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	\$	4.00 100.00 \$	-\$	4.00 \$	96.00 \$
PI	\$	55.50 100.00 \$	-\$	55.50 \$	44.50 \$
CPC	\$	- 100.00 \$	-\$	-\$	100.00 \$
TREATMENT	\$	- 100.00 \$	-\$	-\$	100.00 \$
AREA 40 HOTLINE	\$	- 100.00 \$	-\$	-\$	100.00 \$
12TH STEP CALL	\$	50.69 300.00 \$	25.61 \$	76.30 \$	223.70 \$
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 \$

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GSR ORIENTATION	\$	--\$	-\$	-\$	-\$
MISCELLANEOUS	\$	- 150.00 \$	-\$	-\$	150.00 \$
TRANSFER TO PRUDENT RESERVE		\$	- 383.62 \$	383.62 \$	
OPERATING TOTALS	10,832.00 \$	649.81 \$	181.61 \$	831.42 \$	10,384.20 \$

Archives

March 2026

Continuing to gather interviews of Old Timers. Thank you to those who called after my medical incident. I am prepared and ready to give the history on today's Founder's Day. I will be bringing the sign up book from 204 Group (from 951- 1978) to the Area Archivist to display today and to go into the safe keeping with Area 40.

Respectfully,

Nadine F.

District 11 Archivist

DISTRICT CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

March 2026

Our committee meeting is the first Thursday of the month at 7:15. We meet at the YWCA at 909 Wyoming.

Our new jail volunteers are settling in and it's nice to see the schedule filling up.

Although not in our district, I have been helping the Helena AA district bring meetings into Riverside. 100 of the Montana Women's Prison inmates were sent there months ago. I just learned that they will finally have an orientation for volunteers on April 15th from 1-3 pm. Please, if you know anyone near Boulder, Montana that's interested in helping, contact Penny R at pender5222@gmail.com

Thank you,

Virginia I.

Hotline Report

For the month of February district 11 totaled 7 calls with 2 missed and returned. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Kate

Treatment

Not Much to report. Crisis Center meeting being taken care of. Rimrock is doing good meetings. Please take care of your service commitments. It is very important we show up. Psych Center has had reports of book shortage. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Vince V.

PI report

Howdy,

The PI committee continues to distribute our flyers to local hotels. I got another batch of 150 printed for a reduced price (\$46.50). Attached is a digital copy of the flyer. Our next meeting is Apr 4th at 1pm at 510 Cook.

Yours in Service

Don Metters

CPC Report

Greetings District 11 Trusted Servants,

The committee will meet five more Tuesdays prior to the AA, a Resource workshop, March 24th, April 7th and 21st, May 5th and 12th. All of these meetings will continue to be at BW Blacksmith, 1438 Grand Ave. at 7 pm. We have procured the third panelist and will have an official flyer in a couple more weeks. The Eventbrite account we used the past two years is no longer available, but another member has been contacted and we should know more today. Several email invitations have been sent to a variety of professionals.

I met with the counselor at Off the Streets a couple of weeks ago; we are continuing to progress on this front. We were asked to present at the Friday goals meeting again. I met briefly with the director of Community Solutions, a testing and probation company affiliated with the treatment court system last Monday. I continue to attend the PI committee meetings and am participating in the ad hoc Safety committee. I am planning on attending area Assembly and participating in CPC committee there.

There were no 12 step requests received via the district phone.

Yours in service,

Mitch Asbeck

District 11 CPC Chair

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District Literature report:

Box 459 reports the addition of 5 new Class B Trustees: Teddy B.W., Jennifer B., Sherry S., Susan V., and John W.

Also, GSO offices open up to visitors after the retrofit consolidation of all GSO and Grapevine offices on the 11th floor of 475 Riverside Drive in NYC.

Our own past Delegate Kacie N is featured as a new GSO staff member on Corrections assignment. She also serves as the Western Canada regional correspondent for GSO.

The Corrections assignment reports 93,444 items of literature have been accessed since launch in 2022. 1,492 facilities report persons in custody accessing our literature through tablet vendors engaged with AAWS.

Season 2 of Our Primary Purpose podcast launches March 17th on aa.org

That is all,

Daniel

Grapevine Report

I have a table to set up for Grapevine for Founders day. Will not be at meeting tomorrow.

Michelle M.

INTERGROUP LIAISON REPORT

For the month of December:

- o Opening balance: \$3,028.39
- o Ending balance: \$ 4,239.96
- o Income: \$1,683.57
- o Expenses: \$472
- o Prudent Reserve: \$3001.21

Noah bought a lot of books for the bookstore, updated the bookstore rotation list, and wrote a written report for the bookstore.

Beginning Balance: \$1,434.81

Expenses from __Sept_: \$2,618.70 (literature)

Income from ___ Sept_: \$1,331.20

Current balance: \$147.76

Survey, discussed with Special Events

Intergroup spending budget will be completed by November

Intergroup still needs a secretary, 2-year sobriety requirement.

Downtowners will cover 2 weeks of the bookstore in April with Sunlight of the Spirit.

Thank u for letting me be of service

Chris C.

Roundup Date

2028 WCRAASC Bid Presentation Ad-Hoc Committee Update

March 2026

The committee met on March 12th for a final review of the final versions of the final review of the bid presentation, the information we will be providing to Area 40, and Billings bid information handout to be distributed at the Area Assembly to support our bid presentation.

Each of these documents was reviewed and approved by the committee. The work of the committee has been completed.

The only activity remaining is to provide Area 40 with the bid presentation and the completed Area 40 bid questionnaire. I will send these documents to Area 40 Chair and Tech Committee prior to the requested date of April 4th.

We will print 200 copies of the Billings bid information handout to support our bid presentation.

I will present our 2028 WCRAAC Bid Presentation at the Spring 2026 Area Assembly.

Thank you to the members that served on the 2028 WCRAASC Bid Presentation Ad-Hoc Committee.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Pat P.

2026 WCRAASC – Cedar Rapids – DCM Report

For the final leg of the trip to Cedar Rapids, I happen to meet up with Lenore M – DCM District 72, Nate S – DCM District 61, and HOW Group GSR from Bozeman Matthew R in the Minneapolis airport. We all had the same flight from Minneapolis to Cedar Rapids.

We all shared an Uber from the airport to the hotel.

There were about 14 attendees from Area 40 at the WCRAASC. Total attendance at the West Central Regional AA Service Conference was reported to be 346.

Prior to the start of the Conference, I attended an Orientation for not so new DCMs, GSRs, Alt-DCMs and Alt-GSRs.

The session opened with a welcome and opening session hosted by Dan P - Area 24 Panel 75 Delegate, Troy F – 2026 WCRAASC Committee Chair and Charlie H – West Central Region trustee.

There were four general session discussions during the conference, the first on the topic of “Restoration and Discovering Grace, Unity, and Fellowship” hosted by Russ S – Area 41 Panel, 76 Delegate, with the discussion kicked off by two Area 41 speakers. The second was on the topic “Gossip vs. Facts: Examining the Health of Our Own Communications” led by Diane P - Area 76, Panel 76 Delegate with the discussion kicked off by two Area 76 speakers. The third was on the topic “Finding Common Ground” hosted by Al M. – Area 63, Panel 76 Delegate with the discussion kicked off by two Area 63 speakers. The 4th was on the topic of “Keeping Our Own House in Order” led by Pat M – Area 35, panel 76 Delegate with the discussion also kicked off by two Area 35 speakers.

There were 4 Breakout Sessions to choose from on Saturday afternoon. I chose to attend the breakout session led by Lisa C - Area 40, Panel 75 Delegate on the topic of “Accountability in AA Service”.

On Saturday night there was an open-speaker meeting where Judge Kerry Meyer, Class A Trustee, shared her story.

All the other time in the conference was taken up by discussion of the general service conference agenda items from each committee.

We closed the conference with Passed Trustee Sharing and Ask-it-basket questions.

I took detailed notes combined with notes from Lenore M D72 DCM during the WCRAASC that I will share with you in a separate document.

I also have a copy of the General Service Conference agenda items where I highlighted the hot topic items that I identified during the WCRAASC that I will make available to you as well.

The following is an itemized expense report for the expenses I incurred for the West Central Regional AA Service Conference:

2026 WCRAASC Expenses Patrick Pollington - D11 DCM			
Item	Date	Category	Amount
1	1/3/2026	Airline Tickets	\$447.60
2	1/3/2026	Flight Insurance	\$32.90
3	1/3/2026	2026 WCRAASC Registration	\$33.85
4	2/26/2026	Airline Luggage Charge 1 bag	\$35.00
5	2/27/2026	Uber From Airport to Hotel	\$9.05
6	2/27/2026	Dinner - Mai Pho Vietnamese Restaurant	\$18.63
7	2/28/2026	Dinner - Biaggi's	\$34.79
8	2/28/2026	Airline Luggage Charge 1 bag	\$35.00
9	3/1/2026	Lunch - Bricks Bar and Grill	\$25.79
10	3/1/2026	Lodging	\$311.06
11	3/1/2026	Parking	\$36.00
Expenses Total			\$1,019.67

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your DCM at the 2026 West Central

Regional AA Service Conference. I found the conference to be an inspirational and informative event. This was a great opportunity for me to become more informed on the slate of GSC Agenda Items. I made a lot of new friends and enjoyed the side conversations with other AA members that attended. I enjoyed the time with the other members from Area 40 that attended the conference. I spent time with seven of the Area 40 attendees between the close of the conference and when we had to leave for our flights home in the late afternoon.

Thanks for letting me serve,

Pat P.