

District 42

Sunday March 8th, 2026

Present: Karen, Dawn, Theresa, Jerry, Jody, Vern and Darrell.

Theresa opened with The Declaration of Unity statement.

Announcements, visitors or new GSR's? None.

Theresa read the Tradition and Concept 3 checklist.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance is \$277.00. was a \$20 deposit from The Bump meeting and \$200 from the Augusta group. Ending balance is \$497.00. Jody made a motion to accept treasurers report.

Karen seconded the motion. MP

Secretary report: Theresa decided since this was sent out to everyone we would not read it, to help with time.

DCM: Attended the WCRAASC by zoom. It was very good. Yesterday she went to the one in Bozeman on zoom. Plan on attending Area Assembly in April and also attending the pre-assembly in Missoula March 28th. Will not be able to attend the Area pre-assembly on zoom, maybe in the car. Hoping to get to some of our District meetings to let others know. Going to make a point to get with Vern and April. Very grateful to have this position.

Committee Reports:

BTG: Area BTG got ahold of him needing a contact person for a female in Shelby. He was able to get in touch with April and she stepped up. Vern said that she has been going to meetings. Great news and thank you April.

Old Business:

Karen brought up that she took the 5 sets (big book and 12 x 12) to Keith in Choteau and he took the other 5 sets to Conrad for the jails. He was very open and happy to put in the jail. Vern brought up that there are no more books to hand out, the pink can fund still exists we're just not collecting money since they have all kinds of money. He asked at the last assembly for extra books, Daniel sent 40 of each. The prison wouldn't take them, it was voted on at the last meeting that 20 of each

book would be donated to the Browning treatment center. Much discussion continued.

New Business: Jody brought up that the Valier meeting closed so we decided to put the money with District, which was \$68. Jody made a motion that our April meeting be canceled due to Assembly and our next meeting to be Sunday May 10th in Cut Bank at 11:15, at the Senior Center. Dawn seconded. MP.

Group Highlights:

Shelby: Darrell reported that we have a core group of 4 with 3 or 4 more coming in and out.

Kevin: A very nice spike in attendance, 11 were there. Getting at least 5 on Thursdays at 7pm.

Bump Browning: Dawn reported that we did have to cancel one Wednesday due to weather. Some newcomers have been coming. Celebrated a 2 year birthday.

Augusta: Karen reported that a couple weeks ago they had 12 people come.

Cut Bank: Vern reported that Monday – Friday is doing good. Tuesday is A Living Sober meeting and Thursday is a Big Book study. Saturday is iffy sometimes 2 to 5 and Sunday usually half a dozen.

New Business: Vern brought up are we going to contribute to Theresa to go to assembly. She could do zoom but all agreed that we would like her to be there. At this time she mentioned that she did pay \$40 for WCRAASC. Karen made a motion that we pay for our DCM's way to assembly, Vern said we could afford \$250. Vern asked for Karen to amend her motion. Karen made an amended motion that we will pay Theresa \$250 to cover as much as she can at assembly. Jody seconded the motion.

Agenda Items:

Theresa stated that there was a lot of agenda items, and is hoping to get to the groups before to get some feedback.

Agenda: Theresa read them, no discussion.

CPC: Theresa has a vote in this committee. Read all of them and e. Consider a request that stand-alone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professional. The videos are 16 years old and they are very dated and borderline corny. Jody brought up that at WCRAASC the main topic was why are we spending money when we are in financial trouble. Always think of our Primary Purpose, a lot of referrals (future members) come from professionals, judges, doctors, police, mental health, etc. Very good discussion from our district. They are considering our request.

Corrections: Only 3 items. B. Review progress report on development of a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A. They are asking for stories and only have till March 31st. C. Consider a request to update the pamphlet "The A.A. Member-Medications and Other Drugs."

Discussion was brought up by everyone. Vern said that everyone before 1955 sobered up in AA, after that NA was developed. Theresa said that what they are talking about is going in for a tooth ache and coming out with oxycoton. So much has changed since the printing of the pamphlet. Even talked about Nyquil, using vanilla, mouthwash, the list goes on.

Finance: B. Discuss motion to add wording to Item F-3, "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix." Theresa brought up the background notes. C. Consider a request to create a Twelve Steps study guide or workbook. Jody brought up that it was repeated over many times, that we have our AA Big Book and the 12 x 12 which are both great study guides. There was a lot of discussion at WCRAASC. This was a request from a prison, they asked, so let's take it back to the groups and see what they come up with. Jody shared some of the quotes from WC—careful of being too rigid- Big Book is our guide and the use of a sponsor- would a guide have me do it alone?- stop all new projects that cost us money until our finances improve- use the plain language big boo-, progress not perfection- is there a point where we table an issue, so much controversy-have to go through the suffering in order to grow-

implement the steps into our lives. We talked quite a bit about this. Some of the prisons have made it that it has to be AA approved.

D. Consider a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference (GSC) (PAI-22). If you have the time to read over the background information, it will help.

Grapevine/La Vina: F. Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc., accept contributions. Theresa brought up that Bill W. said that the grapevine should always be separate from GSB of Alcoholics Anonymous. Maybe order issues for others. There is some very good information in the background. Ask your groups what they think. Jody did bring up that Hugh, as our Area Grapevine chair would be willing to come and give a workshop.

Literature: Mostly review except for I. Consider publishing the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous not included in the draft Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. A lot of cross talk on this subject, so I apologize, if I put everything in this would be sooooo long.

Policy & Admissions:

Public Information:

Report & Charter:

Treatment & Accessibilities: E. Consider a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO. Theresa was able to see the video yesterday and with safety being an issue and it is important. Jody shared about the safety in every aspect of AA, not just the meetings. Theresa also shared a story. Jerry brought up that all meetings should have the safety card. Very good discussion. Vern brought up that the zoom has really hurt the financial part of AA. People aren't contributing. There are some very good zoom meeting.

Trustees: G. Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated." Theresa said they would run in through AI and wouldn't cost us anything. Census was NO.

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pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated." Another No, one brought up that it would cost money somewhere.

Archives: B. Consider a request to define eligibility for area-level service members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve. (PIA 46). Jody read some of the background and asked for everyone's input. Darrell brought up that if someone is wanting to do the task, let them. Isn't that part of our problem, finding people to step up. Zoom has helped with this. Theresa brought up that it states to define eligibility, if you can make that meeting/commitment why not. She has helped with one of her zoom meetings in New York. But people have to show up whether in person or online. Jerry said that its not a good precedent to set, some committees could do this webmaster being one, but what about treasurer being in Florida or a delegate from a different state representing us. If we open the door to this there should be some very specific outlines set. It was brought up that it should be up to each Area on what they would want to have done. Look at the job description. Dawn brought up that if we let people from other states take these committees/chairs does that exclude someone from our Area. Is that right? Vern asked if zoom brought this up. There was some very good discussion which helped me immensely.

International Conventions/Regional Forums.

Inventory Implementation.

Theresa reminded everyone to go to their groups with all of this, she is hoping to make each meeting. Karen brought up that she could email her information.

Jody made a motion to close, Jerry seconded the motion. MP.