



## MINUTES OF AREA 46 ASSEMBLY

March 7-8, 2015

District 11 – Albuquerque



### SATURDAY

**Assembly opened at 8:30.** Meetings were held for standing committees, Trusted Servants, GSR's, DCM's and past Delegates.

**Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 1:55 pm** by Area 46 Chair; Teresa F. Robert S read the preamble of the Area Assemble from the AIP; Melissa read our Traditions; Norma read a page from the Daily Reflections (English) and Carmin read a page from the Daily Reflections (Spanish). Housekeeping and announcements were made.

**Introductions of All:** Past Delegates, followed by Trusted Servants and Districts.

**Secretary:** Patty H., Area Secretary, read Summary minutes of December 2014 Assembly. Motion to accept minutes made by John T (D8); second: Myra T (D13). The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Teresa J, Area Treasurer –Remind you to check on the back table for 3 copies of a list of all the group contributions for that last 3 months which includes a total for 2014. Look up your group, write down your total contributions, take it back to your treasurer to ensure all of your contributions have been received. She went over the Area 46 Treasurers Report which shows a breakdown of how things are spent in the Area and is listed by category. Start with contributions: Read from the “green card” on the contributions. Went over the 2014 Summary. AIP is self-supporting. Total ordinary revenue for 2014 was \$26,180. Compared ordinary contributions (revenue) for 2013 vs 2014. 2013 had \$26,893 and 2014 had \$26,180. Self-contributions from just groups was \$21,870. Interestingly, in 2014 there were 155 groups who contributed (GSO shows approx 355 groups registered). That's about 44% of the groups contributing. Compared to 2013, there were 144 groups who contributed (GSO showed 377 groups registered). There were only 113 “repeating” groups in 2014, so 31 who contributed in 2013 did not contribute in 2014. Where are those 31 groups that dropped? If you want to know who they are, there is a list. 44 new groups contributed in 2014. 2014 Expense overview (ordinary expenses): Assemblies 43%; Delegate Expenses 27.8%; Area-Wide services 13.3%; 12 Step work 4.2%; Operations 0.5%. We ended the year \$1021 available cash above reserves. January 1<sup>st</sup> when the budget changed, so did our prudent reserve. We still have to pay future assembly bills. If you have any questions, you can call me. Motion to approve Treasurer Report: Ed (D12); second Terry (D16). The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket was passed during the report.

**Registrars Report:** Rosie F, Area Registrar: New Directory update going out. She compares your registration at the assemblies to what she has on file and always finds oddities. As of this morning there are 361 registered active groups in New Mexico and 456 inactive groups. There are groups listed as inactive but they are still meeting. If your group does not have a valid mailing address or someone who will receive your mail, then you are considered inactive. If you want to more about with this job entails, come and see me.

**Delegates Report:** Jen N, Delegate, Panel 64, Area 46 New Mexico: Last assembly there was some questions about the cost of the GSC so I have a presentation on the cost, the origin and the purpose. This evening is a sharing session – would like to get input from people on a few agenda items from the GSC. The plan is to come tonight and chose which topic you want to give your input on. The topics are: Finance and self-support: looking for feedback on what are useful ways to raise awareness on all levels; Grapevine raising awareness on Grapevine and LaVina; Two Literature questions – developing awareness for alcoholics with mental disorders and discussion on creating a new book, the 12 and 12 and 12; PI – comprehensive media plan is in brainstorming phase. Would like to go around and have Pre-Conference workshops. Had one in Alamagordo, one is coming up in Albuquerque on March 28. Current agenda items are posted on the website. Next weekend going to SWRDA in OK, April 18-25 I will be at the General Service Conference. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the conference inventory. We will be coming to the end of the process - there should be an inventory report coming out. Between now and September is the time to start making time for your delegate report when I come back from the conference. Also, next assembly is the voting assembly, if you have any interest in any of the Trusted Servants positions, please talk to

someone.

**Alternate Delegates Report:** Jim H. Panel 64, Area 46 New Mexico: Business has been really slow. The main thing is that I have been praying for the health of the Delegate (chuckle). I, too, will be attending the SWRDA in OK next weekend. Thank you for allowing me to go. So you can help me out, after the convention in Farmington, they donated their signs to the Area and they have gone missing. I take complete blame, because I gave them to someone. If you have them, please let one of us know and we will pick them up. On a personal note, thanks to Area 46 for all of your love as a group and individually. For the calls, cards and personal messages. This goes to show us that no matter what curveball that life throws at us, the program gives us the tools to not get drunk.

**NMCYPAA:** Ron, Jessica and Creighton reported on the committee. Conference will be in Roswell in 2015. August 14-16 at the NMU at the Roswell Campus. It's a lot of fun and a lot of work. It's brought us all together. Registration forms will be out next week. Working on the website and you can register on line. We have shirts and mugs for sale today. We have 3 out of 4 of our speakers. Will need help with marathon meetings. Let us know if you are coming. We forgot our flyers but hope to have some this afternoon. Have had a success with fundraisers. For Valentine's Day we did a chocolate covered strawberry fundraiser. If you have any question, just come and see one of us.

**COMITE DE PRO-CONVENCIONES:** The convention will be in July 2016. There are a lot of people working on this convention. We are working on the topics and the theme. There will not be a Spanish convention in NM this year since it falls on the same weekend of International. The National Spanish convention will be in New Orleans October of this year. We are having a 4:00 Convention planning meeting today on how to support the New Orleans and the International conventions. Thank you Area 46 for your support. Put us on your calendar. There will be Spanish to English translation.

## **GENERAL AREA 46 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OLD BUSINESS** (Francisco A, Area 46 Alt Chair)

#### **1) Bid for Area 46 Assembly – December 5-6, 2015:**

- Mikel W (D8) – Farmington (It's been 4 years since we've hosted)

**2) Report from Area 46 Assembly September 12-13, 2015.** Hosted by District 3 Belen: Martha (DCM D3) – Belen Middle School. They have maps on the back table. It is a NS Assembly, but smoking areas will be available.

**3) Report from Area 46 State Convention: June 5-7, 2015 D10 Hobbs:** David, Co-Chairperson – Has the programs together. Has registration forms, speakers and format are listed. Check the website as early as May 1<sup>st</sup> and speakers will be plugged in. There will be skit. Registration opens at 2:00 on Friday. Start making reservations. Hotels are averaging \$75-80 night. The theme is "Be in the Solution – One Day at a Time." Flyers are out on the table with a list of hotels on the main drag. We need you to BE there and it is better if you register BE-fore May 1, it will BE-hoove you to BE-cause it will save you \$5 on registration. With that said, we will BE over in that corner waiting for you.

**4) Report from Area 46 State Convention: June 3-5, 2016 D15 Espanola:** Will be in Abicui - Gathering ideas. Will be contacting Districts to get their suggestions and support. Looking forward to a good time.

### **NEW BUSINESS** (Teresa F, Area 46 Chair)

Instructions on the Bid and Motion process, as well as voting procedure.

Reminded that when making a motion, write it down, include your name, voting position, any funding and where it will come from. Include any AIP changes. After presenting please give the written motion to Secretary. Each discussion will last 2 minutes only.

#### **1) Bid for 2016 Area 46 Assembly – March 5-6, 2016:**

- Deb M (D14) – Taos

**2) Presentation** - Jen N, Area 46, Panel 64 Delegate – Presentation on "The Origin, Purpose and Cost" of the General Service Conference. This presentation is a result of some questions from previous assemblies. The GSC does not *provide* services, it *guides* services. They are the voice of our fellowship. Q&A Session followed presentation.

- 3) Motion 1: Web Committee:** *"Purchase a video projector for use by Area 46. The total cost for the projector shall not exceed \$1000.00 and is to include the projector, protective carrying case, and video cable with adapters for HDMI, DVI, and VGA. The projector would be purchased by the web committee and owned by Area 46. The Web Committee Chair would be responsible for the equipment. The projector would be available by reservation for use by Area Trusted Servants and Area Committee Chairs during assemblies and for workshops. The money would come from the contingency fund. This item would be self-insured by the area through the existing prudent reserve".* Motion made by Brett B., Web Committee Chair - Seconded: Jim M (D4)
- 4) Presentation of Candidate (for approval):** Teresa F, Area 46 Chair presented Jay M for the Area 46 El Farolito Chair. **(APPROVED)**
- 5) Motion 2: Archives Committee:** *"Allocate \$600 to the Area 46 Archivist to offset travel costs and registration fees to attend the 19th National AA Archives Workshop in Cleveland/Akron Ohio, September 24-27, 2015. Any donations from Districts, Groups, or other fundraising will be accounted for and allocated by the Area Treasurer. Funding to come from the contingency fund."* Bill L., Archives Committee Chair - Seconded: Rebecca S (D14)
- 6) Motion 3: (No committee):** *"The [El Farolito] issue posted to the Area 46 web site (in accordance with current Web Site procedures and practices) to be published without last names, addresses and phone numbers of individual members. The [El Farolito] issue mailed to groups and individuals to contain personal contact information voluntarily made available by each trusted servant. The form of inclusion of this information will be at the discretion of the El Farolito Editor".* Brett B, Member – Seconded: Rosie F (D11)

#### **Saturday Evening Sharing Session:**

Breakout groups on the General Service Conference Agenda items, Pick the one that you want to give your input on. The topics are:

- **Finance and self-support:** looking for feedback on what are useful ways to raise awareness on all levels;
- **Grapevine:** raising awareness on Grapevine and LaVina;
- **PI:** the best way to reach people;
- **Literature:** 2 questions – 1) developing awareness for alcoholics with mental health issues (ie PTSD, Depression, etc.) 2) Discussion on creating a book, the 12 and 12 and 12. PI – comprehensive media plan in brainstorming phase.

#### **SUNDAY**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 8:10 by Teresa F, Area 46 Chair. Oscar (D17) read As Bill See It (Spanish), Jaclyn S (D12) read As Bill Sees It (English)

**Attendance:** 202 total. 128 Voting members, 74 non-voting members

#### **Vote on previous day's Bids and Motions:**

Area 46 voting procedures were explained.

##### **Bid 1:**

Bid for the 2015 Area 46 Assembly, December 5-6, 2015 **(PASSED)**

- District 8 - Farmington

##### **Bid 2:**

Bid for the 2016 Area 46 Assembly, March 5-6, 2016 **(PASSED)**

District 14 - Taos

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**Committee Reports:** Committee Chairs reported on Committee Meetings held Saturday. Please see the committee reports are mailed to the El Farolito by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Seventh Tradition** basket was passed.

**Ask-It-Basket** – Questions were distributed and addressed (see separate attachment).

<b>Contributions:</b>	Seventh Tradition (Saturday):	\$378.50
	Seventh Tradition (Sunday):	\$320.55
	AIP Contributions/Sales:	<u>\$ 28.55</u>
	Total Contributions	\$699.25

**Assembly Donations:** The Area 46 Literature Committee donated the Big Book which was given to the youngest in sobriety with 18 days by the oldest in sobriety in attendance, Terry (I know I don't look like one) with 44 years..

One last applaud for District 11 for hosting the assembly.

Assembly adjourned at 10:00 am with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Step Prayer, followed by the Responsibility Declaration.

**Next Assembly:** September 7-8, 2015, hosted by District 3, Belen.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Hardwick, Area 46 Secretary