



MINUTES OF AREA 46 ASSEMBLIES
March 24 -25, 2018 - District 7 - Roswell, N.M.



SATURDAY

Assembly opened at 8:30 am by Rosie F. The meeting was turned over to Eloy, thanked Roswell (D7) for hosting Assembly, and reminded everyone to register; Voting members; Non-Voting members and guests.; Pointed out the “Ask it Basket”; Speak slowly for the interpreter. There were 6 attending their first Assembly.

Eloy turned it over to our Delegate Teresa J. who gave a brief overview of what a pre-Conference assembly is and what we would be doing this weekend.

Meetings were held for Standing Committees, Trusted Servants, GSR’s, DCM’s and past Delegates.

BUSINESS MEETING opened with the Serenity Prayer at 2:00 pm by Rosie F., Alt. Area Chair. Floyd F. (D9) read the Preamble; Marsha S.(D5) read the 12 Traditions; Jessica (D7)read pg. 92 from Daily Reflections in English and Rigo A. (D17) read the Daily Reflections in Spanish. Eloy gave housekeeping announcements and a reminder to sign the Big Book that is being passed around. He asked for Corrections/Additions/Deletions_to the Agenda, there were none.

Secretary Report: Ana G., Area Secretary, read summary minutes of December 2-3, 2017 Assembly (hosted by D18 in Albuquerque, N.M.), taken by past secretary Rosie F. Ana also informed that the Thirteenth Edition of the AIP/AFI (our Area Information Pamphlet) are available for a donation of \$2.50. Thanked all who were involved in the process.

Treasurer’s Report: Aly T., Area Treasurer, gave **Audit Report** on behalf of the Finance Chair who could not attend the assembly. They audited the books for the 2016-2017 rotation. There were a lot of questions asked and answered. Motion to accept Audit Report (as given) by Kevin (D2), seconded by Bruce (D12); report accepted. Aly then gave the **Treasurer’s Report**. There were more questions and answers. Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report (as given) by Anne (D2), seconded by Jason (D10); report accepted.

Registrars Report: Kurt K., Area Registrar, announced that Area Directories are available to all Area trusted servants and DCMs in electronic or hardcopy formats. He reminded all new GSRs to register so they will receive information.

Delegate’s Report: Teresa J., Delegate (Panel 68), reported that Bill L., alt. delegate, and she attended the Southwest Regional Delegate Assembly (SWRDA) from March 9th to 11th at Oklahoma City. They were joined by delegates and alternate delegates, past delegates, the Southwest regional trustee, and past trustees from around the region. There was no discussion about the current Conference Agenda Items; everyone’s focus remained on procedures and general topics. There was also some discussion about the Southwest Regional A.A. Service Assembly (SWRAASA) to be held in Branson, Missouri on October 5-7. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about why and how we serve each other and the still-suffering alcoholics in our communities and around the world. For more information about this event, please visit the website www.swraasa2018.org, On April 20th she will leave for the General Service Conference. If your group was not able to participate in the Pre-Conference Assembly, please write or call her before the 19th if you would like to share your group’s thoughts with her. She will return from the Conference on April 28th.

Alternate Delegates Report: Bill L., alt. delegate Panel 68, reported more about SWRDA. He gave us more information about SWRAASA and described some of his regional responsibilities as the alt. delegate for Area 46. He reminded people about the GSR orientation.

GENERAL AREA 46 ANNOUNCEMENTS: Several event announcements were made; each one mentioned there were flyers at front table. (Note from the Secretary: please remember to post your events and flyers on the area website at nm-aa.org) It was also mentioned that a Visa Credit Card was turned in, will be returned to owner when presented.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **2018 Area 46 Convention:** Laura S., 2018 Convention chairperson, gave a brief report on the 2018 State Convention, to be held June 1-3 Albuquerque, NM. Stressed the importance of pre-registration. You can register at the Assembly or online. Costs go up April 15th. Reserve your room at the **Crowne Plaza** by May 3 with code A46
- 2) **September 2018 Assembly report:** Larry C. (D5) and Kelsy (D5) reported that the assembly planning is going well. They are holding a district fundraiser for the assembly.
- 3) **December 2018 Assembly report:** Dave L. (D10) said everything was going smooth.

NEW BUSINESS

BIDS

1. **Bids for 2019 Area 46 State Convention** (June 7-9, 2019):
 - (D2) Santa Fe: Presentation by Lyn (D2). They have a preliminary agreement with the Santa Fe Convention Center in old town, near the plaza.
 - (D7) Roswell: Presentation by Dave D. (D7). They plan to use the Roswell Convention Center which is currently being remodeled and alternate venue is Goddard High School.
2. **Bids for area 46 Pre-Conference Assembly** March 30-31, 2019 – No Bid. Bids for this assembly will be accepted at the September Assembly in Ruidoso.

Presentation of new Archivist: Olivia O. has stepped down. Debra K. stood for disapproval and will serve as our Area 46 Archivist.

MOTIONS

- 1) Motion: To amend the Area 46 2018 Budget to include an additional \$800 SWRAASA travel funding for a second Bilingual interpreter. Motion submitted by: Ally T. (Area Treasurer) Seconded by, Sarah F. (D2)
- 2) Motion: For a one time allotment of \$250.00, to purchase & increase inventory for Grapevine Committee, funding to come from contingency fund. Motion submitted by: Manuel P. Grapevine Chair. Seconded by, Joost L. (D2)
- 3) Motion: Rather than being limited to the December Assembly only, the delegate will be given the option to invite a GSO staff member to either the September or December Assembly in even-numbered years. This motion will not require additional funding. Paragraph V.B.8.j (pg. 36) of the AIP to be updated as follows: "Member of GSO Staff to be invited and funded for travel to either the September or December Assembly in even-numbered years, such invitation to be initiated by the Delegate." Motion submitted by: Teresa J., Area 46 Delegate. Seconded by, Melisa R. (D2).
- 4) Motion: That the YPAA Chair and the Area Chair has the permission to write a letter of Support to the bid committee who is trying to host SWACYPAA (Southwest Area Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) 2019 in Albuquerque New Mexico. The letter will only be in support that they bring this Conference to NM and we as an Area support them. NO MONEY will be asked for.

This letter will be put into their bid packet. Motion by Michelle M., Area 46 Young People in Service Chair. Seconded by, Frank (D1).

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- 6) Motion: To provide up to \$900 to fund the archivist and archives chairperson to attend the national archives workshop on September 28-30, 2018. Funding to come from the contingency fund. No changes to the AIP. Motion presented by Jennifer W., Archives Chair, seconded by Larry (D5).
- 7) Motion: At the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee the motion is made by Ellen R., to hold a NM Service Forum each odd numbered year, starting in 2019. This will be funded by \$500.00 seed money to be allocated in the 2019 Budget. Submitted by Ellen R. (DCM D 14), seconded by Manuel P. (D3).

Evening Sharing Sessions: Teresa J., Delegate, Panel 68, Area 46 New Mexico - 4 break-outs

SUNDAY

Call to Order: Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 8:00 am by Rosie F., alt. chair. Lynn (D2) read Daily Reflections in English, Maria Luisa (D17) read Daily Reflections in Spanish.

Vote on previous day's Bids and Motions:

Eloy explained the Area 46 voting procedures. Eloy also stated a handout of the bids and motions would be provided on Sunday morning.

BIDS

1. **Bids** for Area 46 Convention June 8-9, 2019
 - Roswell (Presented by David D. (D7)
 - Santa Fe (Presented by Lyn (D2).
 - Santa Fe got the bid with a vote of 67/16 in favor
 - **Motion passed unanimously.**

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 - Vote 28/33 61 in favor. Minority opinion was expressed. There was a vote to re-vote, and passed.
 - Vote 28/61 in favor.
2. One time allotment of \$250.00, to purchase & increase inventory for Grapevine Committee, funding to come from contingency fund. Motion submitted by Manuel P., Grapevine Chair. Seconded by Joost L. (D2).
 - Vote 61/18 in favor. Minority opinion was expressed. There was a vote to re-vote, which didn't pass therefore original vote stands
 - **Motion Passed**
3. **Motion:** Rather than being limited to the December Assembly only, the delegate will be given the option to invite a GSO staff member to either the September or December Assembly in even-numbered years. This motion will not require additional funding. Paragraph V.B.8.j (pg. 36) of the AIP to be updated as follows: "Member of GSO Staff to be invited and funded for travel to either the September or December Assembly in even-numbered years, such invitation

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- Vote with 3 opposed and no minority opinion
 - **Motion passed unanimously.**
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- Vote with 3 opposed and no minority opinion. **Motion passed**
5. **Motion** by Archives Committee: To provide up to \$900 to fund the archivist and archives chairperson to attend the national archives workshop on September 28-30, 2018. Funding will come from the contingency fund. No changes to the AIP. Motion by Jennifer W., Area Archives Chair. Seconded by, Larry. (D5).
- Vote 63/15 in favor no minority opinion expressed.
 - **Motion Passed.**
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- Vote 85/8 in favor, no minority opinion expressed.
 - **Motion Passed.**

*Eloy noted that (With the passing of this motion, the Ad Hoc committee will continue to serve Area 46.)

Assembly Committee Reports:

Standing committee chairs reported on Committee Meetings held Saturday. Please see the committee reports in the May 2018 issue of the *El Farolito*. The 7th Tradition basket was passed during the Finance Committee report.

Minutes of the following meetings will not appear in *El Farolito*:

GSR Report: Report by Rene B. (D7)

- Talked about how to get people involved in service work? Make service work part of your sponsee's program/responsibility
- Discussed using traditions in groups and sending conference items to your group for discussion prior to Conference
- Other Topics - Old timers not wanting to participate; people staying in positions too long and not rotating out

DCM Report: Report by Ron A., DCM (D7)

1) What do you do with consistent empty chairs and minimum sobriety time for positions?

- Suggestion to change the DCI to "suggested" sobriety time so that newer members can stand for positions.
- If chair positions are consistently vacant, perhaps they're unnecessary and these positions should die off. If the need resurfaces- it can be added. No reason to fill a position that's not needed.

Past Delegate Report: Report by Jim H., past delegate. Jim reported that the past delegates usually talk about the past delegates that didn't attend the assembly and make sure they are okay. The past delegates also talked about SWRAASA and SWRDA.

Ask-It-Basket: Two questions were distributed and addressed: see the May *El Farolito* issue or go online to nm-aa.org to see the questions and answers.

Sobriety Countdown: Bill L, alt. delegate, led the countdown. The longest sobriety in the room was Barbara C. (D15) with 48 years! The youngest newcomer in the room was Logan with 17 days of sobriety. The signed Big Book went to Logan with 3 days and was presented by Barbara C. with 40 years.

Drawing for 2018 Area 46 Convention Room Raffle was held. The winner was Tom U. (D2)

Eloy announced that the following was collected during the Assembly:

Seventh Tradition (Saturday): \$351.75

Seventh Tradition (Sunday): \$238

AIP Contributions/Sales: \$76.50

Open Mic Session: GSRs and DCMs were given the opportunity to share any ideas, opinions or concerns about the Conference Agenda Items that were expressed by their groups but that they did not hear addressed during the Assembly. Several GSRs and one DCM came to the mic.

One last applaud for District 7 for hosting the Assembly.

Assembly adjourned: With the Responsibility Declaration, followed by the 3rd Step Prayer.

Next Planning Meeting will be held July 21, 2018:

Saint Michaels and All Angeles

601 Montano Rd. NW

Albuquerque, NM

Next Assembly: September 8-9, 2018, hosted by District 5, Ruidoso.

Respectfully submitted

Ana G., Panel 68 Area 46 Secretary