



MINUTES OF AREA 46 ASSEMBLY

December 6-7, 2014
District 4 – Las Cruces



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 1:45 pm by Area 46 Chair; Teresa F. Marsha S read the preamble of the Area Assemble from the AIP; Les H read our Traditions; Eloy M read page S51 from the Service Manual (English) and Leo read page S51 from the Service Manual (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 September 2014 Assembly. Motion to accept minutes made by John H (D4); second: Myra T (D13). The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Teresa J, Area Treasurer –She went over the 2014 Area 46 Treasurers Report which shows a breakdown of how things are spent in the Area and is listed by category. Wants the budget to be as simple as possible and not complicated. The bulk of our income is from our groups, which comes from a little over half of our registered groups. 151 groups contributed \$22,144 through the end of November. AIP is self-supporting, so your donations for that count as \$23,594 total revenue to date. We have \$19,817 total expenses to date. Net gain year to date is \$3,378. We still have December's income and expenses so we are exactly where we want to be. So far we have spent 46.3% on Assemblies, 4.8% on 12 Step Services, 15.3% on Area wide services and 33% on delegate expenses. We plan to have a small net gain going into the New Year. Traditionally, any overage returned from the Convention committee (after the prudent reserve is replenished), are sent to GSC to assist in the Delegate cost of the General Service Conference (above the \$1600 contribution that is already expected from us). She talked about the available cash above/below reserves (reserves are 50% of our annual budget). She discussed what our prudent reserves are and its uses. Currently we have \$25,629 in reserves and \$33,539 in the bank. The difference is \$7,910 above reserves right now is "available cash." From December 31st and January 1st, we go from the old budget to the new budget. The new budget is \$2,000 smaller than the old budget. Several questions and concerns were addressed regarding contributions. The only money we give to GSO is the delegates' contribution to the conference (including the convention overage). Q - Do we know what the itemized costs are for our contribution to GSC for the \$7,000 for each delegate's expenses? A – This will be followed up on. Will be glad to sit with you if you need more explanation or to address any concerns you might have. Motion to approve Treasurer Report: Terry (D16); second Charly (D13). The 7th Tradition basket was passed during the report.

Registrars Report: Rosie F, Area Registrar: Made amends to some of the groups and Area. She did not get some of the groups' information into the GSO database. There were groups that should have been listed in the Directory and weren't. Again, I apologize (you live, you learn, and you rotate out). As of 2 days ago, there are 366 registered active groups in New Mexico and 451 inactive groups (if your group does not have a valid mailing address, you are considered inactive). It's important to let her know if you have any group changes. She compares your registration at the assemblies to what she has on file. If you want to know what your groups anniversary date is, give her a call.

Delegates Report: Jen N, Delegate, Panel 64, Area 46 New Mexico: We are at the end of our 1st year of the rotation. She talked about the conference and our three legacies: Recovery (Steps), Unity (Traditions) and Service (Concepts). Concepts can be found at the end of the Service Manual. She volunteered her services and said she would love to talk to you about the concepts for as long as you can stand it. Going around the Area, there were two issues that were commonly brought up: Anonymity (especially online and social media) and Singleness of Purpose. We have excellent literature on these, but literature is just a tool. What do they mean to us today and how do we put them into action? We also have issues with public controversy. We need to do our Public Information work and give out accurate information on what AA is and what AA isn't. Self-survey inventories are always good.

The 2015 International Convention is July 2-5, 2015 in Atlanta, there will be an area set aside for service entitled "Carrying the Message" and they are looking for volunteers. April's conference we will elect new SW Regional Trustees. Each of the 11th Areas in the SE Region will put forth one nominee. We will present our nominee later this afternoon for disapproval. Deadline for conference agenda items is December 15th. Let me know if you have any items. I would like to hold a few workshops (mock conferences) throughout the area (Northern, Central and Southern parts of the state) to talk more about the agenda items. I can make the conference material available to the DCM's. Tonight for the evening sharing session is our guest from GSO, Julio E., Staff Coordinator.

Alternate Delegates Report: Jim H. Panel 64, Area 46 New Mexico: Attended the SWRAASA in Corpus Cristi, TX with 3 other folks from Area 46 folks: Eloy M on corrections, Rosie F on registrar and Michael W from Central Office. I attended a great sponsorship workshop. Come see me later if you'd like to hear more about it. One highlight for me was meeting Dr. John Fromson, non-alcoholic trustee. On Saturday night the Alternate Delegates did a presentation on the concepts. Thanks to Teresa, Kurt and the finance committee and the work they do. Concerned with the 12 step workshops funds. Please be sure to use this for your service workshops. You can do a workshop on whatever topic you want and Area 46 will assist. Do not let that money go unspent.

NMCYPAA: Kelly (2015 NMCYPAA Chai), Bill (Treasurer) and Creighton of the committee. Conference (Secretary) will be in Roswell in 2015. August 14-16, 2015 at the NMU at the Roswell Campus. Theme will be "*On The Wagon For Keeps*". Held their first fundraiser. It cost them \$106 and they made \$885. Planning a Valentine's Day fundraiser. More information to follow. NMCY, NMCY, NMCY, PA, PA, PA.

GENERAL AREA 46 ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD BUSINESS (Francisco A, Area 46 Alt Chair)

1) Area 46 Assembly March 7-8, 2015: Hosted by District 11 Albuquerque: Joseph T (DCM D11) - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church 9502 4th Street Northwest, Albuquerque, NM 87114. Will send out hotel locations and a map and will be posted on the Area website.

2) Area 46 Assembly September 12-13, 2015. Hosted by District 3 Belen: Martha (DCM D3) – Belen Middle School which has a large room with a lot of breakout rooms. It will be low overhead. It is a NS Assembly, but smoking areas will be available. Gary J is the Committee Chair.

3) Area 46 State Convention: June 5-7, 2015 D10 Hobbs: David Co-Chairperson – Has registration forms, speakers and format are listed. The theme is "Be in the Solution – One Day at a Time." Flyers are out on the table with shirts (\$15) and mugs (\$8). Makes great Christmas gifts and we will giftwrapped for you. Can register with a credit card today. Will be at Lee County Event Center. You are encouraged to book early due. Pre-registration will be \$15 through May 1, 2015, after will be \$20. A daily registration is \$10. Presented our guest from GSO, Julio E with a gift.

NEW BUSINESS (Teresa F, Area 46 Chair)

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

Remind 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 Area 46 Assembly – December 5-6, 2015: No bids.

2) Bid for 2016 Area 46 Convention – June 3-5, 2016:

- Jeffrey G (D15) – Abiquiu to be held at Ghost Ranch. Lots of swimming, fishing, biking. Has camping, dormitories, etc. Will provide shuttles.
- Joseph T (D11), Martha G (D3), Rich (D13) – Albuquerque to be held at either the Crown Plaza or the Elegante Hotel.

3) Motion 1: Finance Committee: "Accept the 2015 Proposed Budget" Motion made by Kurt K., Finance Committee Chair - Seconded: Brett B (D11)

4) Motion 2: AIP Ad Hoc Committee: "Member AIP Ad Hoc Committee requests that the Assembly approve the slate of changes to the General Duties and Specific Duties in the AIP for Elected Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons as presented for review. No funding required." Andrea T., AIP Ad Hoc Committee Member - Seconded: Bill L (D18)

5) Presentation of Candidate (for approval): Jen N, Delegate, Panel 64, Area 46 New Mexico presented the Southwest Regional Trustee Nominee: Ralph T, Panel 58, Area 46 New Mexico. **(APPROVED)**

6) El Farolito Vacant Editor: Teresa F, Area 46 Chair: Thanks Meredith for her service. She has completed her 2 year commitment so the position is now open. There is an active Elf Committee. They are working on a mechanism for information using the website. Continue to email the Elf Editor at elfarolito@nm-aa.org. All emails will be redirected to the Area 46 Chair. The address has changed to: Elf, PO Box 37412, Albuquerque, NM 87176. Committee reports are still to be sent to the Elf by the 15th and will be posted on the website by the Committee Chair. Announcements and District reports will go on the website. If you, or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact the Area Chair.

7) Motion 3: Special Needs Ad Hoc Committee: "Up to \$525 to come from the contingency fund for travel expenses for 2015 for the Special Needs Ad Hoc Committee Chair to attend assembly." Lawrence M, Treatment Chair – Seconded: Jennifer B (D15)

8) Motion 4: Web Committee: "To have Area 46 set aside \$2250 from cash on hand in excess of the prudent reserve at the end of year funds in addition to \$250 in the 2015 budget for the purpose of contracting with a programmer to finish development of the new Area 46 Website. Work will include enhancements to the databases use for Meeting Schedules, a face lift for the graphics and navigation, and revision to site navigation. Requirement criteria and acceptance testing requirements will be developed by the Website committee, which will be submitted for review and approval by the Area Chair, Alternate Chair, Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair. The same group will review bids prior to awarding of the contract." Brett B., Web Chair - Seconded: Ron N (D4)

9) Motion 5: Finance Committee: "\$3,590 of the available cash above reserves at Jan. 1 will be used as a voluntary delegate contribution to the 2015 General Service Conference. These funds will be placed in reserve to be remitted along with the budgeted delegate contribution and the 2014 convention overage for a total 2015 delegate contribution of \$7,000." Motion made by Kurt K., Finance Committee Chair - Seconded: Eloy M (D3) *(Note: Lots of discussion on the total contribution of \$7,000).*

10) Motion 6: Finance Committee: "The hosting district of the annual area convention will refund to the area the seed money and any excess realized no later than August 1st (rather than "at the first meeting following the convention," as is currently written). Paragraph V.B.6. of the AIP (pg. 29) will be modified to reflect this change."

Motion made by Kristoff, Finance Committee Member - Seconded by: Rosie F (D11)

11) Motion 7: Archives Committee: "Allocate \$125 to the Archives Committee to purchase computer equipment for Digitizing process, specifically; Office 2011 for Mac, and Amp iMac Cable for scanner." Estimated cost including tax, approximately \$125. Funding to come from the contingency fund. Motion made by Bill L., Archives Committee Chair - Seconded by: Zach D (D16)

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Motion made by Teresa J., Treasurer - Seconded by: Brent D (D13)

Evening Sharing Session:

Slide presentation and Q and A session with Julio E., GSO Staff Coordinator.

SUNDAY

Call to Order: Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 8:00 by Teresa F, Area 46 Chair. Myra read Daily Reflections/English, Oskar read Daily Reflections/Spanish.

Attendance: 153 total. 110 Voting members, 43 non-voting members

Vote on previous day's Bids and Motions:

Area 46 voting procedures were explained.

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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 15th of the month.

Seventh Tradition basket was passed.

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

Contributions:	Seventh Tradition (Saturday):	\$269.94
	Seventh Tradition (Sunday):	\$196.21
	AIP Contributions/Sales:	<u>\$ 57.77</u>

Total Contributions

\$523.92

Assembly Donations: The Area 46 Literature Committee donated the Big Book which was given to the youngest in sobriety in attendance (Joseph with 2 months) by the oldest in sobriety in attendance (tied with 45 years: Terry and George)..

Remember that we need an Elf Editor and that the December 2015 Assembly location is still open for bid. The next Area Planning meeting will be held on January 17, 2015.

One last applaud for District 4 for hosting the assembly.

Assembly adjourned at 10:30 am with the Responsibility Declaration, followed by the 3rd Step Prayer.

Next Assembly: March 7-8, 2015, hosted by District 11, Albuquerque.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hardwick, Area 46 Secretary