



## MINUTES OF AREA 46 ASSEMBLY

September 6-7, 2014

District 10 – Carlsbad



### 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 Alternate Area Chair, Francisco A. He announced that he and Jim H. will be chairing this weekend. Nancy (D8) read the preamble; Dominic (D18) read our Traditions; Maddie (D18) read the Daily Reflections/English and Oskar (D17) read the Daily Reflections/Spanish. Housekeeping announcements: Reminder to sign the Big Book on the registration table; if you have anything to add to the Agenda, please see me or the Secretary. Speak slowly for the translator; Ask-It basket.

**Corrections/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:** Francisco noted changes as follows: Change the date on the Post Convention Report (June 6-8, 2014); Old Business: Item 4 will be Ad Hoc review report; Item 5 will become the El Farolito report; and item 6 will be other old business. New Business: due to Labor Day weekend, the dates of September 2015 Assembly will be the 12-13; combine items 3 & 4 and include Area 46 YP Chair for disapproval; and Item 6 will be the Archivist Motion.

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

**Secretary:** Patty H., Area Secretary, read Summary minutes of March 2014 Assembly. Alternate Area Chair, Francisco A noted a correction to the Panel year (change Panel 63 to Panel 64 for Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate). Motion to accept minutes made by Jennifer B (D18); second: Myra T (D13). The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Teresa J, Area Treasurer –Contributions YTD are \$18,400, putting us ahead of our expectations for the year. She went over the 2014 Area 46 Treasurers Report. The \$1000 seed money voted on last Assembly was not specified where the money would come from, so it was taken out of the contingency fund, but should have come from the general fund. The Finance committee will make the motion later to move the funds. Also, the convention committee erroneously paid for rooms for some of our trusted servants, but since Area has budgeted this we will take care it. This increases the Convention Committees overage by \$825. We are ahead on expenses for the year and we are in pretty good shape. Next month we are sending some of our Trusted Servants to SWRAASA. We've been putting the Treasurers Report in the El Farolito of 8 months now with a breakdown of how the group contributions are being used. We are currently above our Prudent Reserve by \$11,949 and this needs to go down. Net gain for the year is \$2,600. Discussed the trend of available cash since 2012. The formula used shows the 5% contingency fund which makes up our total budget. This has been giving us a net gain every year. A motion will be made later to go from 5% above the 3 year average contributions to 15%. Motion to approve: Kristoff E (D14); second Jaclyn S (D12). The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition basket was passed during the report.

**Registrars Report:** Rosie F, Area Registrar: Has questions for several folks (listed them to come and see her as soon as they can). As of 2 days ago, there are 358 registered active groups in New Mexico and 449 inactive groups. There is also groups of "unknown" which is someone whose mail is coming back or who has a piece of information missing. Her goal in the next few months is to find that missing information.

**Delegates Report:** Jen N, Delegate, Panel 64, Area 46 New Mexico: Thanked her daughter for putting up with her constant travels and for her support. There is a 2014 Conference report available for every DCM and she has a stack leftover if anyone else would like one. Tonight for the evening sharing session there is the Conference Report and another session on Understanding Anonymity. The 80<sup>th</sup> International Convention is July 2-5, 2015 in Atlanta.; there is a new PSA out; GSO is looking for an Info Tech Manager to keep with Aging into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; GSO is coming to the end of their lease – did a survey and are staying in New York, signed a new lease and moving all activities to one floor; two new pieces of literature are out – revised "Circles of Love and Service" and the new "Many Paths of Spirituality" pamphlet; Navajo are still translating

the Big Book and hope to have it completed by August 2015. December Assembly will have a staff member from GSO as a guest. Julio E., Staff Coordinator (also the Spanish/French Liaison); She has a couple of Districts she has not visited, please call her and she will be glad to come out.

**Alternate Delegates Report:** Jim H. Panel 64, Area 46 New Mexico: Reminded us the original purpose of the Area is to elect a Delegate as our voice, so please come to the Conference Report tonight. SWRAASA will be in Corpus Cristi, TX. If you have the opportunity to go, please do. We have 3 Area 46 folks presenting workshops this year: Eloy on corrections, Rosie on registrar and Michael W from Central Office as well as translators. The SWRAASA is like the supermarket of workshops with 750-800 people in attendance. As always, I am available for workshops, so give me a call.

**NMCYPAA:** Mike, YP Committee Representative: Conference was in Albuquerque this year. Thanks for all of your support and scholarship donations. About 300 people were registered. Lots of cool panels. They raised \$3000 above prudent reserve which was distributed to the Circles of Love. The 2015 bid for NMCYPAA was won by Roswell, NM.

**COMITE PRO-CONVENCIONES:** Juvintiono S, Chair: Expressed gratitude to Area 46. Convention was excellent. Had a lot of different speakers, some coming as far away as Mexico. Convention made a profit of \$2150 which they split with the Spanish Central Office, GSO, District 17 and \$400 was given to the Comité Pro-Convenciones for seed money for the next convention. Committee voted not to have a convention next year due to the International Convention in Atlanta and the National Hispanic/Canadian Convention which was held in Denver last week and will be held in New Orleans in 2016.

## **GENERAL AREA 46 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**1) Area 46 State Convention: June 6-8, 2014 D8 Farmington (Post Convention Report):** Gloria T., Convention Co-Chair - Thanks to everyone that made it out. There were over 300 people. Thanks to all of the speakers, committee members and all of the volunteers. Had \$5000 seed money, raised \$6,182. Registration was \$6,790 and \$1,525 in donations for a total of \$19,498. Expenses were \$13,529 and gave back to Area 46 the \$5000 seed money plus \$1810.

**2) Area 46 Assembly December 6-7, 2014:** Carrie – Alt DCM D4 Will be in Las Cruces at the Court Youth Center (same as last time). Friday night entertainment will be a play. Will send out hotel locations and a map and will post in the El Farolito.

**3) Area 46 State Convention: June 5-7, 2014 D10 Hobbs:** Robin, Chairperson - The theme is "Be in the Solution – One Day at a Time". Have Lee County Event Center is booked; 4 out of 6 speakers are confirmed; working on hotels, but you are encouraged to book early due to the oil boom in Hobbs. Suggest that you call the hotel directly, it might be cheaper. Flyers will be out soon. Shirts/Mugs ordered, will have them for December Assembly. There is an email address: [Area46Convention@gmail.com](mailto:Area46Convention@gmail.com). Pre-registration will be \$15 through May 1, 2015, after will be \$20. A daily registration is \$10. There will be a banquet (Jesse's BBQ). Shirts will be \$15 and coffee mugs will be \$8. Working on a skit, a PowerPoint presentation will be given by John M, the El Paso Archivist/Historian "What it was like, What happened and What it's like today." Asking for Raffle Donations, if you bring something at the next assembly, please email them to let them know. Will have meetings in between everything. Still debating the ice cream social. Can register next assembly with a credit card.

**4) AIP Ad Hoc Report: George B, Chair -** The AIP is our Area Information Pamphlet, or our structure manual. Thanks to Bill L, Secretary keeping us on track. The committee was formed to review the job descriptions of elected officers and standing committee chairpersons. From March-June, the committee reviewed all 18 positions and created templates of proposed changes. Gathered input from the current and recent past members and elected officers. Templates were released in July for comment. Requested input back at the current Assembly. After all of the changes are made, the proposal will be submitted to the web chair to place on the Area 46 Website to be reviewed by all Area members. During October/November, GSRs and DCM's can make announcement to the availability on the website. At the December 2014 a motion will be presented to approve the recommended changes. The committee also created a Section VII (Archives) to be included in the AIP. This will include the duties and responsibilities of the newly created Archivist. Copies of Section VII are available today.

**5) El Farolito Report: Meredith B, Editor (Elf) –** last year, it was noted that the Elf needed a change. Last September the

Elf committee began to meet regularly to discuss the changes. A questionnaire was submitted to everyone and in March the committee came back with a plan. The results of the questionnaire was that 2/3rds want the Elf electronically. Anonymous copies have been published since, and 1 copy per recipient has been sent (unless otherwise requested). The Registrar maintains the name of Trusted Servants and DCM's and a copy can be included in the hard copy of the Elf. Will make a motion today to continue to keep the Elf anonymous by US Mail and to begin making it available electronically. She reminded us that her term is up in December. A lengthy discussion was held about anonymity on paper, the number of copies mailed, the way that Trusted Servants, DCM's and Past Delegates can be reached, etc. Lots and lots of suggestions were made. Deborah explained the time savings and the monetary savings on the changes that were made this year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Francisco A, Area 46 Alt Chair gave instructions on the Bid and Motion process, as well as voting procedure.

#### **1) Bid for Area 46 Assembly – March 7-8, 2015:**

- Amy B, DCM District 2 - Santa Fe (Has a committed place to meet)
- Joseph T, DCM District 11 – Albuquerque (Nativity Church has agreed. Has enough breakout rooms to meet the needs of the Assembly)
- Brenda (For Patience B, DCM District 5) – Ruidoso (Same facility used in the Sept 13 Assembly)

#### **2) Bid for Area 46 Election Assembly – September 12-13, 2015:**

- Martha G, DCM District 3, Belen (School available near the main street. Hotels nearby)
- Brenda (For Patience B, DCM District 5) –Ruidoso (Same facility used in the Sept 13 Assembly)

**3) Presentation for Disapproval:** Archives Committee Chair, Olivia O has stepped down. YP Committee Chair, Kelsey E has stepped down from their respective positions. Teresa F, Area 46 Chair, has selected the following for disapproval:

- Young Peoples Committee Chair – Ally T (D13)
- Archives Committee Chair – Bill L (D18)
- Archivist – Olivia O (D15)

**4) Presentation 2015 Draft Budget:** Kurt K, Finance Committee – Please be sure your groups contribution are being received by Area 46. Review of the 2015 Draft Budget. We will vote on the draft Budget at the December Assembly.

**5) Motion 1: AIP Ad Hoc Committee** - Add the new SECTION VII- ARCHIVES to the AIP. Motion made by Bill L., Archives Chairperson, seconded: Rebecca S. (D14)

**6) Motion 2: El Farolito Committee** – *Note- after an extremely lengthy discussion, the original motion was withdrawn and amended to read as follows:* Continue publishing the anonymous version on paper, distributed by US Mail ,with an insert of [Area] contact information (provided by the Area Registrar), and to make the anonymous El Farolito, without the insert, available via electronic form. Motion made by Meredith B., El Farolito Chair, seconded by Terry E. (D4).

**7) Motion 3: Finance Committee** – The additional \$1,000 convention seed money granted to the 2014 Area 46 Convention Committee by the March Assembly shall be funded using general funds. Motion made by Teresa J., Area Treasurer, seconded by Rosie F. (D11).

**8) Motion 4: Finance Committee** – The percentage used to calculate the maximum operating budget will be increased from 5% to 15%. Section V.C.1.a. (p. 30) of the AIP to read as follows: "The average contributions for the most recent 3 years + 15%." Motion made by Kurt K., Finance Chair, seconded by Oscar P. (D8).

**9) Motion 5: Finance Committee** – Provide an additional \$200 budget to the Grapevine chairperson to cover travel expenses for the remainder of 2014. Funding to come from the contingency fund. Motion made by Teresa J., Area Treasurer, seconded by Eloy M. (D3).

#### **Evening Sharing Sessions:**

Jen N, Delegate, Panel 64, Area 46 New Mexico - Conference Report

Jim H, Alt Delegate, Panel 64, Area 46 New Mexico - Understanding Anonymity

### **SUNDAY**

**Call to Order:** Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 8:00 by Francisco A, Alternate Area 46 Chair. Alice (D12) ready Daily Reflections/English, Antonio (D17) ready Daily Reflections/Spanish.

**Attendance:** 124 total. 96 Voting members, 28 non-voting members

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

Area 46 voting procedures were explained.

**Bid for Area 46 Assembly – March 7-8, 2015:**

Round One

- District 2, Santa Fe - **31 votes**
- District 11, Albuquerque - **41 votes**
- District 5, Ruidoso - **11 votes (dropped from round two)**

Round Two

- District 2, Santa Fe - **36 votes**
- District 11, Albuquerque - **49 votes - WON BID**

**Bid for Area 46 Election Assembly – September 12-13, 2015:**

- District 3, Belen - **46 votes – WON BID**
- District 5, Ruidoso - **39 votes**

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**Motion 5: Finance Committee** – Provide an additional \$200 budget to the Grapevine chairperson to cover travel expenses for the remainder of 2014. Funding to come from the contingency fund. Motion by Teresa J., Area Treasurer, seconded by Eloy M. (D3). Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

**Committee Reports:** Committee Chairs reported on Committee Meetings held Saturday. Please see the committee reports in the October 2014 issue of the El Farolito.

**Special Needs Ad-Hoc Committee Report:** Lawrence M, Chairperson – George M is the new Special Needs Ad-Hoc Committee Chair. Discussions were made on how to carry this forward; how is the role of the committee developed? Looked at goals and objectives, distribution of Special Needs literature, and how to raise awareness. Suggested that DCM's read the [AA Guidelines – Serving Alcoholics with Special Needs](#) then take it to your districts to raise awareness. Special Needs includes those who are visually impaired, hearing impaired, chronically ill, homebound, and those with developmentally disabilities. They established some rules and objectives, looked at needs assessments and felt there was a need to continue the Special Needs committee to engage in planning, implementation and evaluations. Broke down strategies from 3, 6 and 12 months. They hope to have a page on the website soon. In 6 months they will develop a survey to see what the needs are out in the groups; and at 12 months they hope to have raised awareness in all of the Districts.

**Seventh Tradition** basket was passed.

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

<b>Contributions:</b>	Seventh Tradition (Saturday):	\$224
	Seventh Tradition (Sunday):	\$248
	AIP Contributions/Sales:	\$ 52

**Assembly Donations:**

The Area 46 Literature Committee donated the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the Big Book which was given to the youngest in sobriety in attendance by the oldest in sobriety in attendance.

One last applaud for District 10 for hosting the assembly.

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

**Next Assembly:** December 6-7, 2014, hosted by District 4, Las Cruces.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Hardwick, Area 46 Secretary