



MINUTES OF AREA 46 ASSEMBLY

March 1-2, 2014
District 13 – Moriarty



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. First time assembly attendees were recognized. Announcement was made in Spanish and English that translation equipment is available for English to Spanish translation.

Corrections/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None Voiced.

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

Secretary: Patty H., Area Secretary read Summary minutes of December 2013 Assembly. Motion to accept minutes made by Lawrence M D14; Second: Patience D5. The minutes were approved unanimously. **Special Note:** The 2014-2015 Area Information Pamphlets (AIP) were updated and 300 were printed at a reduced cost of \$250.

Treasurer's Report: Teresa J, Area Treasurer reported on the activity as of February 25, 2014. Contributions YTD are \$5006. She has categorized expenses in 5 categories: 1) 12-Step Service; 2) Area-Wide Service; 3) Delegate related services; 4) Assemblies; and 5) Operations. She reminded us that although it looks pretty good so far, we haven't had a lot of expenses hit yet. Services were offered up to the groups, if needed. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report made by Jaclyn D12, seconded by Rebecca D14. Report was approved unanimously. The 7th Tradition basket was passed during the report.

Registrars Report: Rosie F, Area Registrar: Her first responsibility was to notify all voting members regarding the upcoming Assembly. She sent out 362 +/- emails with the Agenda. Thank you to Bill for passing on so much to her. She has printed the Area 46 Directory for Trusted Servants. At that time there are 324 active registered groups in Area 46. **Today** there are 339 active registered groups. Keep in mind that if your group's mail is returned to GSO, your group will be considered inactive. Her next goal is to have GSO's Directory correct for our Area. She spent \$300 to produce Area 46 Directories and mail Agendas.

Delegates Report: Jen N, Delegate, Panel 63, Area 46 New Mexico: Honored that we have put our trust in her and she hopes to live up to the past Delegates that we have had. She announced that Jesse Leming, Panel 44 (1994-95) passed away February 12, 2014. He will be missed. The Conference theme this year is "Communicating Our Legacies-Vital in a Changing World". Her goal is to communicate those legacies. GSO is on their 2nd year of a 3 year inventory. She has been assigned to the CPC Committee. The Area 46 website has posted the GSO Agenda items. Tonight's sharing session will be on 5 topics that are on the Conference Agenda. General Service Conference is April 26- May 3rd. She wants to hear from the groups and members. AAWS projected a 2013 loss of \$611,000. Actual income was \$93,500 over. Grapevine projected an income of \$16,000, actual was \$315,000. AAWS 2014 projected income to be \$295,000. 2014 Grapevine projected income is \$94,000. Literature sales went up, probably due to the 75th Anniversary commemorative edition of the Big Book. AAWS is selling literature through the website now (AA.org). SW Regional Delegates Assembly is next weekend in Oklahoma City. Remember to call her if you would like to go ahead and schedule the Delegate's Report. Her goal as our Delegate is to communicate, listen and be available. If you have suggestions, questions and/or criticisms, please call her.

Alternate Delegates Report: Jim H. Panel 63, Area 46 New Mexico: The first two months he has spent no money and has done nothing of note. Participated in conference calls with Clayton V, SW Area Trustee and at this point he is in a learning curve. He is going with Jen to the SW Regional Delegates Assembly next weekend. He offered up his services for workshops in our Area. Feel free to call him if you'd like him to come out.

NMCYPAA: Jason T, Host Committee Chair. Introduced other committee chairs. Thanks to all of the Districts and Groups who have contributed to the scholarship fund. Annual conference will be July 11-13, 2014 in Albuquerque at the Hotel Cascada. Register on line at NMCYPAA.com. The primary purpose is to spread the word and message to young people across the state. The theme is "A Strangely Assorted Crowd". They rented out the waterpark space for the weekend. They are continuously having outreach events, including one in Taos and Las Cruces. Check for others on NMCYPAA website. Looking for groups to host marathon meeting during the convention (not just young people). They will be raffling off a laptop. Tickets are \$20 each. Winner announced at conference.

COMITE PRO-CONVENCIONES: Juvintiono S, Chair: will be held July 2014 at the Albuquerque Sheraton Hotel. room rate is \$97/night. Will have music, dancing, dinner, & mariachi. Registration is \$25. Has \$5 raffle tickets for a room at the Sheraton for the weekend. Showed us National Convention Posters for US and Canada.

GENERAL AREA 46 ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

1) Area 46 State Convention: June 6-8, 2014 D8 Farmington: Gloria & John T, Convention Co-Chairs report: Al-anon meetings, marathon meetings until midnight Friday and Saturday. Starbucks is on the property. Friday night: Speaker followed by an Ice Cream Social. Saturday: Al-anon Speaker in the morning; Area Delegate will speak in the afternoon; 5:30 sit-down banquet. Live Band is Ralph Dinosaur and the Fabulous Volcano's. Selling t-shirts and coffee mugs @ \$10 each;; marathon meetings to be held; Zia Recording will provide CDs; Grapevine, Archivist and Literature Area Chairs to have displays. Please register early and pre-pay for banquet, shirts and mugs.

2) Area 46 Assembly December 6-7, 2014: Ron N – DCM D4 Will be in Las Cruces at the Court Youth Center (same as last time). Green Chile Enchilada Cook-Off (with *real* Green Chile). Dress for warm weather. Look for flyers at the State Convention.

3) El Farolito Report on 90-Day Plan – Meredith, Elf Editor. Introduced a plan that the committee has been working on since September (look at it like a "road map" for the remainder of her rotation). El Farolito committee approved the plan this morning (be sure to look at her committee agenda). Will be bringing forth a motion to approve the plan (see motion for more details). She went over the results of the survey that was sent to all Districts and Groups. 68% would like to see the Elf electronically. Has "anonymous" copies of the March El Farolito for all to review. Area Contact lists are available on her table that has full names, addresses and phone numbers.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Bid for Area 46 Assembly - September 6-7, 2014: Marcus B, DCM D10 (Carlsbad) is willing to host in the NMSU Building just north of Carlsbad (same place as Dec 2012 Assembly).

2) Bid for Area 46 Assembly - March 7-8, 2015: No bids. Request made that we go back to our Districts to see if there is any willingness to hold the assembly in your District.

3) Introduction of the Special Needs Ad-Hoc Committee:

Report by Lawrence M, Chairperson. Ad hoc committee was formed as a motion from the last Assembly. Good discussion this morning. Overview: No special AA members, but there are AA members with special needs (Accessibility, hearing, visual, speech, homebound, walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, developmentally disabled, brain-damage, single parents, etc). Perhaps someone cannot walk up the steps to a meeting. Asked if our AA meeting on the schedule is identified as "wheelchair accessible". Hearing Impaired: Meeting this morning had people who had issues with their hearing. Area 46 is raising awareness for special needs. Area and Districts are now talking about it. Examples were shared. There is a wealth of information on line. There is also a workbook at AA.org and plenty of pamphlets. Do your homework. Recommendation: An inventory at the Area level for Special Needs/Needs Assessment; engage in planning; Implementation phase; and evaluation as the committee rolls out and it will be monitored.

4) Introduction of the AIP Ad-Hoc Committee:

Report by George M, Chairperson. Ad Hoc committee was formed at the direction of the Area 46 Chair. This is separate from the AIP updates. Asked to look at: Job Duties of Area Trusted Servants and Committee Chairs (can interview previous position holders). Talked about the mission and how to proceed. Will also look at other areas of the AIP that needs updating. Suggested length of committee is one year Committee will also be meeting at the Area Convention.

(**Note:** These are open committees and will meet for a limited length of time which will be determined by the Area Chair)

5) Motion 1: Beginning with the April 2014 issue of the El Farolito newsletter: 1) All recipients of the newsletter will receive ONE copy in the mail; 2) The newsletter will be published in an anonymous format omitting last names, addresses, phone numbers, and personal emails; and 3) A sample of the March anonymous El Farolito will be posted on the Area website for examination. Motion made by Meredith - El Farolito Chair, seconded by Cecil D11.

6) Motion 2: Remove Section I.B.8(h) [page 4] of the AIP under Treasurer to Section 1.F.6.g.(i) [page 14] of Finance Committee Chairperson to read "Prepare and present a draft of annual budget (after approval of the Finance Committee) at the September Assembly allowing GSR's and DCM's to present the draft budget to their groups. Vote for approval of proposed budget will be at the December Assembly. Motion made by Kurt K - Finance Chair, seconded by Kristoff D14

7) Motion 3: Part A – Add a Trusted Servant position entitled Area 46 Archivist. The Archivist would be a 3-year commitment with a 5-year option. All necessary funding would go through the Archives Committee. Part B – That the AIP Ad Hoc Committee review and edit the AIP to reflect the rewritten roles of Archives Committee Chair and the Area 46 Archivist. Changes would also be posted on the website. Motion made by Olivia O, Archives Chair, seconded by Zack D2

9) Motion 4: Request an additional \$1000 Convention Seed money to cover the upfront costs of the Banquet required by the Marriott Hotel. Motion made by Gloria and John T – 2014 Committee Chairs, seconded by Charlie D13

Evening Sharing Session: Jen N, Delegate, Panel 63, Area 46 New Mexico - Introduced 5 topics that are on the Conference Agenda. Split up in to 5 groups to discuss Conference Agenda Items in the following:

1. CPC – Consider changes to the section, "Referrals From Court and Treatment Facilities in the pamphlet "If You Are a Professional"
2. GV – Reconsider publishing the "Alcoholism at Large" section of the Grapevine
3. Literature – Review the draft revised pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service"
4. PI – Discuss how delegates might stimulate local discussions in light of ongoing anonymity concerns
5. Treatment/Special Needs.- Accessibilities – Consider proposal to revise the pamphlet "Bridging the Gap" to expand its scope to include information on related corrections service activity.

SUNDAY

Attendance: 193 total. 122 Voting members, 71 non-voting members

Call to Order: Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer at 8:00 by Teresa F, Area 46 Chair.

Committee Reports: Committee Chairs reported on Committee Meetings held Saturday. Please see report in the April issue of the El Farolito.

Seventh Tradition basket was passed.

Vote on previous day's Bids and Motions:

Bid for Area 46 Assembly - September 6-7, 2014: Marcus B, DCM D10 (Carlsbad) is willing to host in the NMSU Building just north of Carlsbad. Bid **ACCEPTED** unanimously.

Voting procedures were explained.

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Motion 4: Request an additional \$1000 Convention Seed money to cover the upfront costs of the Banquet required by the Marriott Hotel. Motion made by Gloria and John T, 2014 Committee Chairs, seconded by Charlie D13. Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

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

Assembly Donations:

A Big Book was given to the youngest in sobriety in attendance, Cameron with 9 days, by the longest in sobriety in attendance, Terry with 43 years.

Contributions:	Seventh Tradition (Saturday):	\$301.49
	Seventh Tradition (Sunday):	\$242.41
	AIP Contributions/Sales:	\$186.01

Gratitude extended to District 13 for hosting the assembly.

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

Area Convention: June 6-8, 2014, hosted by District 8 Farmington

Next Assembly: September 6-7, 2014, hosted by District 10, Carlsbad.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hardwick, Area 46 Secretary