

MINUTES SUMMARY OF AREA 46 ASSEMBLY

December 7-8, 2013 District 18 Rio Rancho

SATURDAY Dec 7, 2013 8:30am CALL TO ORDER

8:40-11:40 am **COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Archives, Cooperation w/ Professional Community (CPC), Correctional Facilities, Finance, GSR Orientation, Website, Bilingual, Finance, Literature, Public Information (PI), Treatment Facilities, Young People, Bridging the Gap (BTG), Convention 2014, El Farolito, Grapevine, District Committee Members (DCMs), General Service Representatives (GSRs), Area Trusted Servants, Past Delegates

12:30 pm *Lunch*

1:45 pm **CALL TO ORDER** (Please remember to speak slowly and clearly for translators)

2pm INTRODUCTIONS

2:30 pm **SUMMARY OF MINUTES** of September 2013 ASSEMBLY Dist. 5, Ruidoso; Read by Ellen R., Area secretary. Report approved; Motion: Lawrence M D14 Second: John T D8. 2:40 pm: **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Francisco A, Area Treasurer: Francisco reported on the activity as of Nov.30, 2013. The Area Chair and the Finance Committee chair review area finances monthly. The available cash over prudent reserve is \$14,401. He reviewed the percentages of the income sources and funding expenses. Report approved. Motion by Richard M D16: Second: Terry E D16. **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Teresa J, chair: El Farolito evaluation showed it to be financially sound; could reduce prudent reserve to \$2,500; consider changing subscription rate; found that about half of all NM groups contribute to El Farolito. 3:00 pm **REGISTRAR'S REPORT:** Bill L, Area Registrar: Reminded DCMs of change registration packet given out at Sept. Assembly (which included a self addressed return envelope); he will/can get these changes to the GSO database and work with the in-coming registrar, Rosie F; appreciated the contact work of the DCMs. 3:10 pm **DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Alan S, Area Delegate: Alan thanked hosting D18 and welcomed all Assembly members; announced that all AAWS literature will be available on line through third party vendors with contracts protecting AA anonymity and in English, Spanish, and French; an anniversary 75th edition of the first printing of the Big Book is now able to be ordered; financially AAWS is operating at a planned deficit, but increased contributions and sales have reduced this amount; La Vina is improving but still operating at a loss (is financed by the General Conference Fund) while the Grapevine showed a profit again; (Alan's sidebar: If you don't like what you're reading in the Grapevine, write your own story, opinion. The Grapevine expresses all members' views.) The next General Service Conference will be considering bringing back the "Circle & Triangle" as the unofficial logo as well as possibility of medallion sales in order to stay financially sound. "Do we want to start merchandising?????" Announced the Jan 18th new trusted servants' orientation workshop; thanked the Area for the chance to serve as delegate and wished Jen N, incoming delegate, well. 3:25 pm **ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT:** Jen N, Alt. Del: Shared her experiences at the Southwest Regional Forum in October, 2013; reminded Assembly that the Southwest Regional Service Assembly 2014 will be held in October in Corpus Christi (Area 68); volunteers and translators from our Area will be needed. 3:30 pm **NMCYPAA:** Will be held in Albuquerque July 11-13, 2014; Lisa K, Outreach chair introduced the various committee chairs who shared the different aspects of the convention; want to involve all ages of sobriety and people as well as strengthen Young Peoples groups state-wise; can contact NMCYPAA.com for questions and reports. 3:35 pm **COMITE PRO-CONVENCIONES:** Juvintiono S, chair: will be held July 2014 at the Albuquerque Sheraton Hotel (conference room rate is \$79/night); provided a list of the various committee chairs; all races and colors invited to share the AA message; 3:50 PM: **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS 4:00 pm OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) **Area 46 Assembly March 1-2,2014: D13, Moriarity** Jim M, DCM: will be held at the Moriarity Civic Center; list of hotels to be provided in El Farolito; ready to be of service

- 2) **Area 46 State Convention: D8, Farmington Gloria** T Chair: Registration forms available, \$15 pre-registration cost, \$20 on-site; T shirts available as fundraiser at Assembly, speakers arranged; **consider** donating to raffle in June; will sell t shirts and coffee mugs @ \$10 each; D8 is getting quite involved; sit-down banquet will be served; marathon meetings to be held; Zia Recording will provide CDs; Grapevine, Archivist and Literature Area Chairs to have displays.
- 3) **Bid for Area 46 Assembly September 6-7, 2014:** No districts bid given
- 4) **Other old business:** There was no further old business

4:40 pm **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) **Bid for Area 46 Assembly Dec. 6-7, 2014:** a) D4 Las Cruces bid Joe C motion Ron N 2nd b) D10 Carlsbad bid David D motion (no second)
- 2) **Bid for Area 46 State Convention June 6-7, 2015:** D10 Hobbs Event Center Dave D motion no second
- 3) **Presentation of 2014 Budget.** Teresa J, Finance Committee Chair: reviewed some changes since Sept. presentation; clarified additions of lines 24 and 25 and funding for new line items; reiterated that this is a sound budget; explained that discretionary fund line 48 is rolled into line 24; printing cost of minutes is on line 18; prudent reserve tied to total budget so will rise and fall according to the yearly budget.
- 4) **El Farolito presentation:** Meredith B, editor: presented ad-hoc committee findings as well as explaining process of publishing the Elf; discussed survey to get Assembly and groups opinions on direction Elf should and or could take; reviewed mailing and subscriptions costs; stated that all New Mexico AA groups are eligible for a copy by requesting it; will review surveys and present findings at the March 2014 Assembly.
- 5) **Area 46 Panel 46 Committee Chairs Presentation for Disapproval:** Teresa F, Incoming Area 46 Chair: 1) Archives: Olivia O 2) Bilingual: Oscar R 3) Bridging the Gap: Dave F 4) Co-op with Professional Community: Brian V 5) Corrections: Eloy M 6) Finance: Kurt K 7) Grapevine: Zack D 8) Literature: John T 9) Public Information: Tom C 10) Treatment: Lawrence M 11) Website: Brett B 12) Young People: Kelsey E. None were disapproved.
- 6) **Other New Business:** There were 6 additional motions made. Due to the length and space please see the voting results of the motions listed under the Sunday morning session minutes. (All motions were seconded and discussed by the Assembly on Saturday.)

5:45 pm **Break until Sharing Session**

7:30 pm **Sharing Session: Area 46 Inventory:** Jim H, Area 46 chair and Teresa F, Alternate Area 46 chair
SUNDAY December 8, 2012

8:00am **CALL TO ORDER** and announcement of Ask It Basket.

8:10am **Vote on previous day's bids and motions:** There were 99 registered voters, 66 registered nonvoters
 Results of Motions Dec 8, 2013 Area 46 Assembly Rio Rancho
 99 voting members 66 non-voting members

1. Area 46 Assembly December 6-7, 2014 Bids:

District 4 would like the honor and privilege to host the December 6-7,

a) 2014, at the Court Youth Center in Las Cruces.

Motion: Joe DCM D4 2nd: Ron N D4

b) District 10, Carlsbad, bids to hold the December 6-7, 2014, Assembly on the NMSU campus. Motion: Dave D D10 no second

*Result: 55 for Las Cruces, 12 for Carlsbad so Las Cruces will be host

2. Area 46 Convention June 6-7, 2015 Bid:

District 10 would like to host the Area 46 June 2015 Convention in Hobbs at the Event Center. Motion Dave D D1 No second

*Passed unanimously

3. Special Needs motion:

The Area chairperson, Alternate chair, and the Area treasurer discuss the possibility of having a Special Needs chairperson and report their conclusions at the March 2014 Assembly. No cost involved.

Motion: George M D9 2nd: Dave F D3

*Passed unanimously

4. Translation equipment self insurance fund motion:

Motion to fund the Translation Equipment Self-Insurance Fund to its Recommended target of \$3500. Funding to come from the available operating cash on Jan. 1, 2014. Motion Terry E D16 2nd: Meredith B D6

*4 opposed, no minority opinion expressed so motion passed

5. Financial software motion:

Motion to purchase financial software (Quick Books) for the incoming Area treasurer. Cost: \$205 from the contingency fund. Motion: Teresa J 2nd: Eloy M D3

*Passed unanimously

6. El Farolito motion:

Motion to transfer up to \$1,500 of available operating cash on Jan. 1, 2014 to El Farolito.

Motion : Teresa J 2nd John D4 (Original motion had read:"to use up to\$1,500 of Available Operating Cash on Jan.1, 2014 to increase the Prudent Reserve of El Farolito.

This was restated because it implied that the El Farolito prudent reserve was low, which it is not.)

*8 opposed; no minority opinion expressed so motion passed

7. Area Convention seed money motion:

Motion to increase by \$1,000 the amount of seed money provided by the Area to each District hosting the annual Area convention (bringing the total amount of convention seed money provided to \$5,000). The cost for this increase will come from Available Operating Cash on Jan. 1, 2014.

Motion: Rosie F D11 2nd: Kerri D4

*10 opposed; minority opinion expressed; no majority opinion changed vote so there was no revote and the motion passed

8. Proposed 2014 Budget presented by Teresa J. No 2nd; Passed unanimously

No Committee breakout reports were given due to inclement weather so members could start for home. These will be published in the next edition of the El Farolito.

Jim H, Area chair, was unable to get a printed summary of the Saturday night Area Inventory but gave a brief verbal report and will e-mail copies to the registered members and will post it on the Area 46 website. The outstanding topic concerned fostering newcomers and new blood into general service.

ASK IT BASKET

1. Why does Area 46 not fund the Red Road Wellbriety Convention? Ralph T, past delegate answer: "Two traditions seem to apply: Tradition 4 allows for autonomy and Tradition 5 allows for singleness of purpose. Ralph is not aware that the Red Road has ever approached Area 46 for any financial support."
2. Why is there only one woman on the Area Trusted Servants committees as well as most of them from the northern part of the state? Teresa F, incoming chair answer: "Counting elected Area positions there are 14 men and 7 women. Two women who were contacted to stand for a position did not reply. Prayer, time and thought were put in with the incoming alternate chair before choosing. None were disapproved by Assembly."

Financial contributions for Dec. 2014 contributions:

Sat. 7th Tradition: \$336 Sun. 7th Tradition: \$176 AIP sales: \$45 Total: \$557

Adjourn until March 1-2, 2014 Assembly hosted by District 13 Moriarity

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Regan, Secretary