

AREA 39 WESTERN AREA OF MISSOURI ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 19TH and 20TH 2009

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Area Assembly is Non-Smoking - Host District 11

Assembly Agenda - Saturday

- 9:00 – 9:20** General Opening and Announcements - Upstairs
9:30-11:30 General Service Representative (GSR) workshop - Upstairs
District Committee Member (DCM) workshop - Gamblers Room
Committee Chair Workshop - Conference Room
11:30-12:30 Lunch on your own
12:30-1:40 Committee Meetings: Bridge the Gap – Gambler’s Room
Website – Executive Room
Literature – Conference Room
Cooperation with the Professional Community - Upstairs
1:50 – 3:00 Committee Meetings: Institutions Weekend – Gambler’s Room
Webmaster’s Roundtable – Executive Room
Special Needs – Conference Room
Public Information – Upstairs
3:10 – 4:20 Committee Meetings: Correctional Facilities – Gambler’s Room
Ad-hoc Committee – Executive Room
Archives – Conference Room
WAMO Convention – Upstairs
4:30 – 5:40 Committee Meetings: Treatment Facilities – Gambler’s Room
Ad-hoc Committee – Executive Room
Grapevine – Conference Room
Missouri State Convention – Upstairs
5:40 – 7:15 Dinner on your own
7:15 – 9:00 Area Officers Reports, Past Delegate Remarks
9:00 Archives Film or workshop - Upstairs
Late night closed AA meeting - Conference Room
Area Officers meeting - Executive Room

Assembly Agenda - Sunday

- 7:30 - 8:45** Area Committee and Subcommittee Chairperson Breakfast-Conference Room
9:00 - 10:00 Committee Reports
10:00 Business Meeting - Cheri J. - Chair
Reading of the minutes – Andrea M. – Secretary
Area Financial Report – 2nd quarter corrected – Carl C. - Treasurer
Area Financial Report – 3rd quarter – Carl C. - Treasurer
- Old Business:**
- Proposal that the Area start a savings fund for SWRAASA that will take place in 2018 – presented by Steve P. - For discussion and vote.
 - Motion to accept the complete Area Guideline Revisions as presented at the June assembly – presented by Rondell M.– for discussion and vote
- New Business:**
- Inviting our Regional Trustee, Conley B., to Area 39 September 2010 Election Assembly and covering his travel expenses and hotel room for two nights. – Presented by Quinn G. - for discussion and vote.
 - Request by the Missouri State Convention Committee to Area Assembly to be allowed to form a legal 501C3 entity, incorporated with the state of Missouri, called “Missouri State Convention” – presented by John E. for discussion
 - The Finance committee has two new committee members to present for the Area’s confirmation - Presented by Charlotte P. – For discussion and vote.
 - Any other applicable business - ***If needed*** - Any committee or officer requesting funds for expenditures either over budget or for items not previously approved will be presented to the assembly at this time.

Please hold your remarks at the microphone to 2 minutes or less.

Announcements

Please remember that the dates for the January 2010 assembly have changed – the new dates are January 23rd and 24th

Assembly Dates for 2010 –
January 23rd & 24th –
March 20th & 21st –
June 19th & 20th –
September 25th & 26th

Committee chairs – we will have a workshop Saturday morning at 9:30am in the Conference Room

Archives will be working on the files from districts 11, 12 and 13 - please bring copies of any group histories, fliers of group events, or other group information that you would like included in your group or district files.

**General Assembly Western Area of Missouri Minutes
June 27th and 28th 2009**

Dave opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity prayer. Angie read the daily reflections for June 28th. Pat L. made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as written. Quinn G. had an amendment where it is said that we had about 56% of the group contributing it should say we have about 12% of area 39 groups. Motion was changed to accept minutes as amended seconded and passed. (Angie thanks you!)

Carl C. area treasurer gave the financial report for the area. I made a semi-error here that 500 dollars is not an addition funding of the delegate to the conference it is actually a one time donation to GSO because we felt we had the funds to do so. It is not an additional fee on the delegate. As far as group donations I'll be real honest I don't know where groups are so if you know of a group that I have in the wrong location please let me know so I can move it around. I was very pleased to work with the treasurer from Institutions weekend I was well informed and they did a great job. Are there any questions on this form?

My name is Pam and I'm from the Blue Springs group. If this not the profit from Institutions weekend then what was the profit?

Carl – I'm glad you asked that I have another form that I'll pull up for you that will make the picture a whole lot clearer. We don't receive money only at the end of a project we receive it whenever it is turned in

Rondell M – On the group donations at the end of the group donations you have a figure of what the group donations are for the year.

Carl – That is not for the year that is for the quarter. Do I have both? Ok sorry yes.

Rondell – Shouldn't that figure be the same as it is on the front page of the group donations or is there something that is involved with one that is not involved with the other?

Carl – Yes you're right it should be the same. Can I have a little bit of time to figure out what the problem is so I can correct it? I will give you an answer before we leave this assembly.

Shannon Parkhill GSR – Also on the group donations for the year to date that is also off.

Carl – Yes that is off because the quarterly is off. Once I figure out what I did or didn't everything will add up right.

Mike O – District 6 DCM on the very back page under unused funds where it says the money came from treatment that came from corrections. And the question I have is 575.36 from non-registered groups would that tie into the 199 totals.

Carl – I believe so Michael. I just put non-registered around the group. OK I'm going to answer one question first, what was the profit on Institutions Weekend. \$1,033 was the profit I calculated which is commendable. I am going to go back to my desk and go through my figures and see where I did not add something in or subtracted something that I shouldn't have.

Quinn G – I was just totaling up the contributions for the second quarter and we'd like to thank the 77 groups out of 233 who found it in their heart to send a contribution to the area.

Cheri – Lets go ahead with old business at this time.

Dave F. – DCM of district 14. I just wanted to give you the history of what happened real quick.

Last year the Nixa Early Risers Group registered as a new group in district 14 because the other Nixa group is in district 14. And I got an e-mail from Quinn and it's because their GSR John G. just assumed they were in district 14 because the other group was. In this process we learned that it had to go to district 16 to be approved for them to go to district 14. Both districts have had votes and agreed to allow them to move to district 14 now we need the assemblies' final approval. So our motion is to allow the Nixa Early Risers Group to be a participating member of district 14. Only one in opposition Rondell M. My only opposition to this is that we do so much moving around and changing and then the groups don't participate in the district or area. This did not change any votes motion passed.

Steve P. Area 39 panel 59 Alternate Delegate – As part of my privilege to serve as liaison between this area and the Southwest Region Service Assembly. It is my proposal that we start a savings fund to put on SWRSAA when it comes back to our area in 2018. Before I get into that how many people in this room do not know what SWRSAAA is? Ok I'll try and explain it a little bit. SWRSAAA is the Southwest Region Service Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous and it is put on by each area

every 22 years. In a general way it is much like what we do here only on a larger scale. The Southwest Region is made up of 7 states and 11 area and it's quite an honor to put on SWRSAAA. I realize that eight years is a long time from now but it will be here before we know it. So what I am proposing is that this area starts a savings fund to be stored separately of \$150 a quarter for the next eight years. I have some numbers based off of what St. Louis did and their total expenses and a lot of this was upfront money. And part of the reason I'm proposing this is because I think we need to start saving instead of waiting until a year, 6 months, or 3 months before the event to come up with 5 to 7 thousand dollars for up front money for hotel deposits and coffee and stuff. The total expenses Eastern Area \$7,571.16. I'm proposing \$150 a quarter for the next 32 assemblies that would be a total of \$4800 and also we should be receiving \$2500 seed money which will give us a total of \$7300 for start up money. I've got some break downs such as program flyers and cups post office boxes and hotel reservations and such. Anyway I would like to open this up for discussion.

Doug G. Area Grapevine Chair – Does this take into consideration inflation and changing room rates and such.

Steve – No it's not an accurate figure but on the other hand for say a year or two prior to the event we're going to be sending out flyers and such and hopefully we'll be receiving room reservations and donations from groups and districts and Area. SWRSAAA is funded by donations and participation by groups in our Region.

Carl – As far as creating a separate account for this it's a really smart thing to do because eight years from now we're going to have 2 or 3 more treasurers and the temptation with the money keeps growing to utilize it for this that or the other thing so I'm in favor of having that separate account for that.

Pat L Area Archives Chairperson – How many people have been to a SWRSAAA? I'm fortunate enough to work in a district that funded me to go last year to St. Louis. It was the most moving most wonderful thing that I have ever been to. What SWRSAAA is is people like us who work in different areas and that people who know a little bit more than say I did with the archives I mean my gosh I learned so much and then they had a thing on the history of AA and it was just wonderful workshop after workshop to attend. It's the greatest thing in the world. I really hope you'll take this back to your groups Thank you.

Mike O DCM District 6 – there is \$2,500 seed money and it seems to me that last year was voted to increase registration to \$10 a person, with us coming up with the rest of the money. Are we trying to pay for SWRSAAA without registration?

Steve – I thought about that and yes the registration has been raised to \$10 but the thing about it is that if all those registrations come in one month before the event we still money for deposit for the hotel. The Eastern area spent upfront \$260 programs \$230 mailings and flyers, \$1,121 it's a tradition to buy coffee cups that they sell at the event and I'm sure they didn't wait until the last minute to get those. Registration badges and all the stuff that you get at registration \$337 hospitality \$528.70 they paid the hotel \$2,145.19, Ice cream \$1,373, audio visual \$750, post office box was \$40, translation \$500. Yes hopefully we'll be getting that money back as registrations and stuff come in now can I guarantee you that they'll come in six months in advance and we'll have the money to do this no I can't.

Rob Z. Alt. Area Treasurer – What I hear being talked about is prudence. Something that all of us as AA members need to practice. I also hear being talked about a longer view into the future and I think we need to develop that ability in this area to see down the road rather than right under our feet. I would encourage the assembly not to argue about dollars and cents and focus on the well being of the area and of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, Thank you.

Cheri Area Chair – One of the things with holding an event of this size is that we would have to lock down a hotel at least a year in advance to make sure that we get the rates. There is no way that people are going to be sending in registrations for an event here when they are just getting ready to go to the SWRSAAA in 2017. And we do need to have the information to announce it and that SWRSAAA. So we will have to have the upfront money to deposit. I think this is a really wise plan to go ahead and plan for this and being prepared to do this to the best of our ability.

Steve – And just to let you know I wanted to get a little more information so I called the Marriot at Kansas City International Airport and the reason I chose that hotel was because we'll be having

people flying in from six other states and it probably needs to be near an airport. I told them what we're planning on doing I didn't tell them it would be eight or nine years from now but they were supposed to be getting me some numbers as far as deposits and up front money so I could give you a better idea of what we'll need and they haven't gotten it to me yet. But I will also have that information at the next assembly.

Kathy O. Lake Ozark women – I think this is a great idea and I would vote yes on it right now if I had to. My question is that \$10 registration that comes back to us correct?

Steve – What we do on the profit and loss is if we make a money this area decides what to do with that money it is ours and what they normally do is send half of it to GSO and keep the other half.

Kathy O – So it's not going to cost us anything in the long run we just need the up front money.

Steve – If we lose money we have to come up with the \$2,500 seed money to send on to the next area for the next SWRSAAA.

Kathy O – St. Louis didn't lose money.

Steve – St Louis made about \$6,000.

Kathy – Ok there you go I don't think we have a problem at all.

Steve – I can tell you exactly what they made \$5,521.46 they sent half to GSO and kept the other half in their area.

Ron Hubbard Past Delegate – I've been to several of these SWRSAAA's and they're great events and I've never been to one that planned it eight to ten years ahead of time. Most places they started a couple of years ahead. I've never known one to fail because of starting with a year or two notice. I just think it's a little to early to start setting money aside and I'm just going to trust my God a little bit more.

Quinn G. Area Delegate – Just for a point of information we'll be going to Denver Colorado next year for their SWRSAA so we'll be able to some information from them about how far ahead they set up their funding and the challenges they had. They took all the information from St. Louis also from Eastern Area. One of the things when I was alternate delegate New Mexico started to plan six to eight years ahead for their SWRSAAA and one of the things they did was put SWRSAAA cans out in all of their groups. Like someone said we don't know what the hotel rates are going to be in eight years but this takes a lot of planning and I'll tell you from experience of being involved in the Regional forum in Kansas City that it helps out a great deal to have it near the airport verses having a bunch of people running up there to play taxi service. It's just something to thing about, we're going to be ok no matter what we do, Thanks.

Steve – Along the lines of what Ron was saying I did put some thought into that but we had what 77 groups out of 230 donate to area. Our donations have been down GSO's donations have been down. So I just thought I would get your guys opinion about getting it started a little bit earlier.

Brian H Live and Let GSR district 6 – What I keep coming back to is starting to put aside a little bit at a time now or trying to come up with several thousand at the last minute. Because it's the tendency of alcoholics to wait until the last minute so there isn't going to be a lot of early registration. Some are going to come six weeks before hand so we'll probably going to have some money left over at the end of which is a very nice problem to have. As opposed to we're two months out and we need a big pile of money right away. I try to manage my money and set aside a few dollars to have a just in case fund. And the last couple of months I've had a few just in cases and it's nice to be able to say ok we've got the funds ready that's why we start planning ahead that's all I've got thanks.

Steve – Any other questions?

Neil W. – I've been involved with State Convention, Bridge the Gap Weekend, and other stuff as far as putting on things and it runs a lot better when you have seed money. I also believe that it's better to start early because it's only \$150 today but if you wait until closer to we're going to have to have \$1,000 a quarter.

Jim S GSR – I was just thinking about the rooms this place gets like \$62 dollars the Marriot probably gets like New York.

Steve – I'm sorry was there a question.

Jim – I'm just thinking about these people who attend you're going to put them up at the Marriott at the airport right?

Steve – No we're not going to put them up they'll pay for their own rooms.

Jim – But each individual group sends their GSR's and their alternates and they pay for their rooms or part of it right?

Steve – If that's what the groups and districts decide to do that is up to them we have nothing to do with that.

Jim – Isn't that what the alcoholic group does now they send a GSR and Alternate and they give them so much to come?

Steve – They can but that is up to each group we don't make that decision.

Larry – Is this something that has to go back to the groups for a vote. I think everyone is pretty much agreed on this and if it's something that needs to go back to the groups I'd like to move on enough said.

Steve – And we plan on doing that once everyone gets done asking questions and making comments. At this time I'd like to make a motion for a vote of whether or not this area would like to take this back to your groups. (Seconded from the floor)

Doug G. Area Grapevine Chair – I would like to make a motion that we vote on this at the September assembly. That way we can take it back to our groups and come back with an informed decision. (Seconded from the floor)

Cheri – Steve made a motion and then Doug made a motion before we could take action on Steve's motion so at this point we need Steve to withdraw his motion.

Steve – It's withdrawn.

Cheri – Ok we have a motion and a second. Any additional comments?

Brain H. – Do we really need to vote on whether to have a vote? I mean I thought this was brought up as new business it would be discussed today and voted on in September.

Cheri – Yes and that is what we're doing. All in favor of taking this back to your groups and voting in September? Any opposed? This will be on the September agenda under old business. I'm sorry, minority opinion, please come to the microphone. No one did. Right now we're going back to the treasurer's report.

Carl C. Area Treasurer – We're not going to resolve this except to say this, the value that is shown in the bank account reconciles with the bank statement. I'm going to have to go through a large stack of donations checks and cash and such to find out where and it's my opinion don't hold me to it but I think the figures on the front page are probably right. The figures on the donations page are probably not. I cannot prove that at this assembly because it would take too much time. But I guarantee you that I will find out and you'll have a full accounting of where I dropped the ball on the donations list and it will get straightened out. But again I have a bank statement that says that we have that amount of money in the bank. I know for certain that all of these expenses are what they are. And I feel reasonably comfortable that the value on the front sheet of your donations is the correct value. If everybody can live with that and if anybody wants an advance copy of what I find out all you've got to do is come back there and give me your email address and I'll send it to you.

Jay – So we will approve your June treasurer report in September?

Carl – Yes that is correct.

Larry DCM district 10 – I make a motion that we table the treasurer report until September assembly at which time it can be reconciled and approved. (Seconded from the floor) Motion passed with no one in opposition.

Cheri – The next item on the agenda is by John A. it is to set the area prudent reserve to cover the operating expenses of two area assemblies are you ready?

John A. Past Delegate – When I was working on the guidelines committee looking at that, here in the guidelines it says that any surplus funds after a prudent reserve is maintained may be sent to GSO at the January assembly by a majority vote. Which made me wonder, and we don't have it documented anywhere, but what does our prudent reserve cover as far as how many assemblies can we have if every group in the Western Area of Missouri quite donating. That is usually what the primary is about for instance at our group we have a prudent reserve that covers six months. So based on that I was thinking should the Western Area have a prudent reserve that would cover two assemblies? And I don't even know that that cost would be I know currently we have \$5,068.86 I don't know if that covers one assembly or two assemblies or what.

Brian H. Live and Let Live GSR – Area has a lot of expenses other than just hosting these assemblies. But granted by the time you include the rooms and so forth yeah just the expense of

getting everyone together does add up. I mean we've got the whole issues of delegates expenses so I'm not sure if the question of should we have enough to run two assemblies is the right question to be asking in terms of how much of a prudent reserve we need.

Amy GSR Saturday Night Live – I have problem with using a word instead of a number to set prudent reserve because I pay attention to what we spend and the numbers fluctuate so wildly. For example January and September cost a heck of a lot more than the March and June assemblies so which two assemblies would we be trying to cover? Even from year to year the same assembly will not cost the same amount.

Steve P. – I agree with what she said and from past experience as the treasurer the two most expensive quarters are the 1st and 4th quarters. But to give you an example of what John might be talking about and a number to go with it for the first two quarters of this year our expenses are \$11,406.91 so we're talking about jacking it up to about 6 or 7 thousand.

Mike O DCM District 6 – Listening to Steve's previous proposal and this proposal here we need to set a cap. We had a proposed budget of let's say 15,000 and Steve's proposal of 150 a quarter until we reach whatever our cap is because if we do need the money we're going to take it out of prudent reserve anyway and we should start now working toward a prudent reserve as a line item in our budget rather than hoping we have some extra funds.

Wayne R. Past Delegate – We wrote that prudent reserve on there back at the time this money didn't come from general funds. All this money came from a time when conventions were making money and all this money came to us from conventions and we just decided to call it prudent reserve. There was never has been a set amount it was just decided to have a prudent reserve and \$6,000 was what we had in the slush fund and we just decided to keep it at that and call it a prudent reserve. I think it's a really good idea to actually have a prudent reserve instead of just something we decided to call one.

Rondell M. Past Delegate – I know in my home group we talk about a prudent reserve we talk about keeping the doors open for that time period. I'm not sure what we're talking about here. Are we just talking about being able to have our assemblies and then the committees not having some funds to work with? Are we talking about just keeping the doors open where we can practice and try and get things moving again? Or are we trying to encompass the entire cost of what it is with each committee taking it couple of hundred dollars an assembly it just depends on what we're trying to address here, but I do think that we do need to try and cover some costs and try and be an area.

Quinn G. Area Delegate – My thought kind of echoes on Rondell's a little bit maybe we need a definition of what a prudent reserve is. The other thing I was thinking of is the General Service Office I believe they operate on a nine month prudent reserve they do it by months. Maybe we think about taking the total expenses for the year divide it by 12 then times it for many months. Maybe we need to think about it that way maybe we need a six month or a four month prudent reserve but look at it that way take the whole year and average it out rather than looking at the first and last assemblies. But I think it goes back to the definition of prudent reserve what does it cover what does it not cover? And not be afraid to dip into if we need to because until Wayne said I didn't have any idea where it came from.

Neil W. – In my travels as Bridge the Gap Co-Chair I've seen people in other areas guidelines and best that I've seen there are a few of them that list the priorities of who'll they'll pay and if they get down to a certain level they just don't give out any. And I do know that first one was the vendors for the assemblies. That is just a suggestion and I think that it the best way to do it is to just list things.

Sam Belton Wing and a Prayer – I see that we have two things going on here. First the prudent reserve group-wise is to carry the group from month to month in case we don't have the funds. But here it's kind of like a life ring for different committees that might need help say when someone runs off with the money or whatever. So I guess what we need to do is define what the prudent reserve is what that money really is rather than decide what to do with it.

Jay – It tells us in this thing called a service manual what the assemblies are supposed to cover. It says that "In the beginning general service assemblies were held only to committee officers and the delegate conference to the meeting." "Now assemblies consider a variety of issues from General Service Conference business to area problems and solutions and financial affairs, while sharing sessions, public information programs, workshops, and video programs keep A.A. strong

and participation in service growing.” So it sounds like to me the prudent reserve would carry the whole assembly business whatever committees are doing and whatever else we’re doing for two months is what John was asking about and if our two highest months are January and September we would have to get a figure from the treasurer on what that would cover and get a price amount and then we could go forward from there. Thank you.

Rob – Looking at this years budget and the conclusion of 2008 we were pretty close our expenses for six months and I’ll say for January to the end of June time frame because of the delegate expenses to New York totals \$1,405. Thank you.

John A. – Thanks for the discussion on that I think we need to think about things like that. And I know a lot of the GSR’s here will not vote on something here unless it goes back to their groups. And sometimes I don’t necessarily agree with that but... For a GSR that is sitting in this room if your group asked you what the prudent reserve is what would be your answer? And also it says any surplus funds of the assembly after a prudent reserve, after a prudent reserve and we don’t even know what a prudent reserve is, after a prudent reserve those surplus funds may be dispersed to the General Service Office at the January assembly. We did that this year but we don’t even know what a prudent reserve is. I’m not asking for a motion or anything I’m just opening it for discussion.

Cheri – If there is no further discussion there is no motion on the floor and we will proceed to the next item.

Mike O. – If there is no motion and no more discussion then it just falls off the table into never never land?

Cheri – Yes.

Mike O. – I make a motion that we discuss this in September and set a prudent reserve of \$15,000. (Seconded from the floor) Motion passed.

Minority opinion Larry – My group isn’t going to keep sending money up here if we’re just going to keep putting it in savings and we’re not going to use it.

John – I’m for a prudent reserve but I’m against a \$15,000 limit. I’m just asking this assembly if we can start looking at the whole picture. A prudent reserve is made out of surplus and I haven’t seen any surplus in a long time.

Wayne R Past Delegate – I got up here and said something if you’ll go back through the minutes. I already got up here and said that back in December we already voted for \$6,000 to be the prudent reserve. I think we need to figure out what the prudent reserve is going to be for and what we’re going to use it for.

Steve GSR Hillcrest Group – It says discussion of prudent reserve and I’d like to take this back to my group. It’s supposed to be discussion only. I think it would be relevant since I’m carrying their voice.

Shannon GSR Parkhill Group – I agree that it would not be set up for a vote. There was motion on the floor that we have a prudent reserve of \$15,000. I do not agree with the \$15,000.

Minority opinion changed some votes.

Mike O. – I withdraw my motion and I will just send this in and you will discuss it.

Neil – I’d like to make a motion that we discuss the prudent reserve in September. I don’t want the thing to die.

Cheri – All anyone needs to do to keep it alive is to send an email to either myself, Andrea or Angie 45 days before the next assembly.

Rondell M. Past Delegate – What I’m sensing here is that we really don’t know what we have that we need to cover. I think this might be a good idea for Cheri to form some sort of an ad-hoc committee and to research this for us.

Cheri – Is that a request from you?

Rondell –I’m afraid to make it a request.

Cheri – To clarify this I will appoint an ad-hoc committee and I will get back to the assembly on that.

Larry – I just want to make this clear once a motion has been made and seconded for something to go on the next agenda do we have to vote on it. Doesn’t it just go on the agenda? I mean what is the difference between that and him submitting it in writing on his own?

Cheri – Ok when I first became chair I went to several past chairs and I asked them some advice

and they said read Roberts rules of order and the guidelines and then throw the Roberts Rules of order away. I did that diligently all 72 pages of them. According to the guidelines there are two different procedures for an item that is on the agenda and one that is not on the agenda. Last assembly we handed out to the GSR's area 39 guidelines for business meetings. When an item is not on the agenda and it comes up the chair person will ask for vote to take place on the item of the agenda of the next assembly. If the item is on the agenda it's real gray in the guidelines but according to everything I could find out if there is no formal motion made then it dies and goes away. If a formal motion is made and there is no second then it dies and goes away. If a formal motion is made then the assembly can vote on it unless they ask to postpone it until the next assembly to give it a chance to go back to the groups. Ok so if we want to discuss this we can bring it up for a motion the only time we have to have that two thirds approval for emergency action is for items that we never put on the agenda and were brought up under new business because for that reason the groups had no previous notification that it was even going to be talked about and that is what I'm trying to follow up here. At this point we've had a motion that was withdrawn another that was not seconded and I've been asked to put together an ad-hoc committee. At this point I have no current motions on the floor.

John A. Past Delegate – I would like to make a motion to accept the guidelines committee recommendations and be put on the September assembly for a vote. (Seconded from the floor)

Brian H GSR Live and Let Live – Is this motion for the entire package as a unit are we voting on them as a whole?

John A. – For the sixth time these recommendations are a package deal. You're going to discuss them in your groups and districts and come back in September and either vote yes you want them adopted or no you don't want them adopted.

Motion for a vote in September passed.

Cheri – Next is Norma with the State Convention.

Norma MO State Convention Chair – We have three new committee members to be presented. First is Jerry M. and he has almost six year of continuous sobriety. Dave F. with 16 years correct me if I mess up on my math here and Mike B. with 24 years. Those were the only ones who stood for it so I would like to ask the assembly for approval.

Cheri – Was that a motion.

Norma – Yes I'd like to make a motion for the assembly to approve these candidates.

Cheri – Any discussion? Ok all in favor? Any opposed? One in opposition

Minority opinion – Wendell – Are them people still in this room? When we take positions like this and just like this assembly we should be here until the final end.

Cheri – Did that change anyone's vote? (No) Any other business? Ok at this time any committees, officers or anyone requesting funds not previously approved will present them to the assembly.

Rob – I am serving as your area alternate treasurer. My request is for reimbursement of cost for the presentation I made and put together. As I said before they're 18 by 24 presentation boards their in color and they're all mounted so the can stand independently. The cost of that is \$24 per color page \$10 mounting per page and \$2.59 in tax per page times six comes to a total of \$219.51 and I'm also asking for reimbursement of mileage I traveled 430 miles and I'd like the area to reimburse me \$25 for a total of \$244.51.

Cheri – Are there any questions for Rob? (Second was shouted from the floor)

Minority Opinion Rondell M. Past Delegate – And I should have listened a little better and got up here during the comments or whatever but my question was this something the area asked him to do or was it something he took upon himself? Was this something he was asked to do as an alternate treasurer or something he did on his own and is now asking to be reimbursed?

Minority opinion changed a vote so a second vote was taken and the motion passed 33 to 8.

John A. – Those copies that I made for all the DCM's cost me \$38.79 and I'm asking for reimbursement from the area in the amount of 38.79 and I do have a receipt.

Cheri – I heard a second. Any questions for John? Ok all those in favor of reimbursing John? Any opposed? Motion passed.

Bender C. CPC Chair – I'm asking for \$100 to contact military personnel on bases national guard posts. And it's for postage, envelopes and pamphlets. This is outside of our itemized budget.

Neil – What is the purpose of mailing?

Bender – The pamphlets are specialized pamphlets for military that might need Alcoholics Anonymous help and the mailing will include information on Alcoholics Anonymous if you're a professional and a meeting schedule provided by groups in those areas.

Cheri – Any other questions? Ok all of those in favor of approving \$100 for the purchase of 100 pamphlets and mailing? Any opposed? Motion carries. District 11 is hosting in September.

Western Area 39 Area Officers Reports

Delegates Report: Quinn G. Thank you for the opportunity to share my N.Y Delegate's Report this evening after dinner. This 2009 General Service Conference Report is also available on the Area 39 Website along with upcoming Delegate Report District dates/times. The Conference Notebook; N.Y pictures; pins; and various copies of A.A G.S.O. correspondence ,Advisory Actions, Additional Committee Considerations, Tabled/No Action/,and Floor Actions will be on the Delegate Display board and table all weekend. These will also be available at our September Area Assembly, District Delegate Report dates, and the Western Area 39 Convention in Branson at the end of October 2009. Please contact me if you have questions, comments, or need a copy of anything. We have until January 2010 to submit 2010 Conference Agenda items for consideration. I had remarks at the GSR and DCM meetings this morning. Thank you to all DCMs/GSRs for your reports and participation. Handouts and emails to the DCMs included Literature and Grapevine information; Delegate Conference Presentations; and G.S.O. Staff 2009-11 Assignments .I attended the following Area Committee meetings-Literature, Institutions Weekend, WAMO Convention, and Grapevine. All had agendas, exciting projects, and willing hard-working A.A.s. Thank you Committee Chairpersons! The new literature catalog is out. The Big Book is now translated into 58 languages.A.A..org Website is averaging 46,000 hits/month. LaVina may colorize in 2010.G.S.O. sent out 44 PI/CPC Displays/Exhibits across the country in 2008.My activities since the last assembly:4/4-took part in a leadership panel at District 6,Paseo Group;4/18-spoke at Wing/Prayer Group's 17th anniversary in District 10;4/23-5/2-General Service Conference in N.Y;5/6-Conference Call with Regional Trustee and 11 Delegates,11 Alternate Delegates;5/9-attended District 7 Concepts presentation at Recovery Plus;5/17-gave a leadership presentation at District 7 business mtg. at Simple Sobriety Group;5/24-Delegate's Report-District 15 Pigroast,Conway,MO.;6/5-shared my story at South Kansas City Group in District 7;06/13-attended H.O.T.O. Convention in Springfield,MO.;06/14-Delegate's Report-District 4,9 in Marshall, MO. at Saline County A.A.Group;6/20-Delegate's Report-District 2-Patee Park in St. Joseph, MO. Thank you to Districts 2,4,9 for self supporting my mileage to share my Delegate's Report. A special appreciation to District 2 for their assistance regarding the active practicing alcoholic in the park. My expenses since the last assembly-mileage to /from District 15-360 milesX.30=\$108.00;copies-\$41.58;MO State Convention-mileage-320X.30=\$96.00,Registration-\$15,Banquet-\$28,Room-2 nights at \$95=\$190.Total=\$478.58.Please let me know if I can be of service in any way to your group or District.Your Trusted Servant-Quinn G./Panel 59/Area 39/Western Missouri Delegate.quinn.grose@att.net.

Alternate Delegates Report: Steve P. Hi every one I'm Steve P., I'm your Area 39 Panel 59 Alternate Delegate. It is one of my responsibility to chair the DCM meeting at this assembly. At our DCM meeting this morning we had 15 out of 16 DCM's present. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. We had introductions and passed around sign in sheets. We then had announcements and handouts. This quarter we did not receive quarterly group contributions to the GSO we will try to find out why. We then had comments from Quinn our Area Delegate followed by comments from our Area Chair Cheri J. then comments from John A. on proposed area guidelines followed by comments from our State Convention Co-Chair on the State Convention. We then had a workshop put on by Kent and John the DCM and the Alt DCM from district 16 on preparing our GSR's for the Area Assembly. We had a lot of conversation and experience shared from our DCM's. At our next DCM meeting we will have a workshop presinted by Stacy the DCM from District 8. Then we took a short break. We then had DCM reports. In our Area we have very active Districts having the same old problems of getting Groups to be active with GSR's. It is a priviledge and an honor to Chair the DCM meeting. Since the last assembly I attended on April 5th the Bolivar Reunion Group Business meeting. April 24th I spoke at Sarcoxie Group for their 5th Anniversary. May 2nd I attended Instutions Weekend. May 6th I was on a confrence call with all the Delegates and Alternate Delegates and our SWR Trustees. May 9th Participated in a District 7 workshop on the Concepts. May 25th I attended District 15 pig roast and Delegates report. June 12th & 13th I attended the Heart of the Ozarks roundup in Springfield. June 14th I attended District 4&9 Delegates report in Marshall. June 20th I attended District 2 Delegates report in St. Joe. I have registered for the State Convention in Jeff City and I have registered for the SWR fourm in Dallas Texas in October. Offer to help Districts and Groups I have no expenses

for this quarter. I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area 39 Panel 59 Alternate Delegate Thanks Steve P.

Area Chairperson Report – Cheri J.

Since the last assembly I have kept in contact with the other officers – by phone, email and participating and attending different functions around the area. I attended the business meeting at the Parkhill group in District 3 – at their invitation – to help clarify the role of GSR and alternate GSR and how the area rotation works. I have attended a Grapevine workshop in District 2 – the Wing and a Prayer anniversary in District 10 and the Group 1 anniversary in District 6 – the Sober Skirts anniversary in District 2 and the Institutions Weekend (we really have to find a new name for that now) here in District 9. I participated in a concepts workshop in District 7 and a traditions workshop in District 2 and I would like to thank those districts again for inviting me. I also attended the Heart of the Ozark Roundup in district 12 at the beginning of this month and the Delegate's report when Quinn gave it at the district 2 picnic. If you are not sure when Quinn will be in your district, his schedule is posted on the WAMO website. I was also able to attend Rob's presentation to district 6 on self-support where spirituality and money mix. If your district has not yet had a chance to see this presentation please get with your DCM so that Rob can add your district to his schedule – Due to a scheduling conflict I was unable to get to the Missouri State Convention meeting in Jeff City in May – but I have kept contact with the various members of the committee by phone and email and am continuing to work with the committee to prepare for the convention. It promises to be a full weekend with a Canadian trustee as one of the speakers, the archivist from Akron doing a special presentation on Bill Wilson and another on Women in early AA history – Quinn will also be doing a workshop with the Canadian Trustee on New York Adventures. Another change with the convention this year is my personal favorite – internet access, which we had previously been charged for will be included in the room rates for people staying in the hotel. I also hope to take a newcomer with me this year that will have 5 months of sobriety. If any of you are able to do this I would highly suggest it – it's a wonder watching a newcomer at their first convention experiencing the fellowship outside of a meeting. I have also been working with the alternate chairperson of the International Bridge the Gap workshop weekend which is being hosted by the western area again this year in district 3 the second weekend in September. Today I attended parts of both the GSR and DCM workshops, the website sub-committee, the webmaster's rountable, the archives committee meeting and the Missouri state convention committee meeting. I also want to thank Andrea, and Angie and Marge for working so hard to complete all the group updates with GSO – all the group, district and area information updates were completed on time, and we now have the capabilities to continue updates throughout the year so that we do not get caught behind like that again. For those of you who had any problems reaching me on my cell phone I now have another new one – and it works – so I want to thank everyone for their patience. Please feel free to contact me any time by phone or email. I have no reimbursable expenses for the past quarter.

Area Alternate Chairperson: Dave H. Thank you for the privilege to chair the GSR's sharing session. The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. Seventy-nine were in attendance. Sixty-one group reports were turned in. Quinn G. addressed the group. He talked about service in the area. He thanked the GSR's for their service and talked about the good ideas that had been turned in. Congratulations to the North Kansas City Group for meeting in the same place for 60 years. One group reported placing literature racks in the Department of Revenue. Cheri J. shares on concepts and John A. talked about the guideline revisions. I attended the Literature, PI, WAMO Convention, and State Convention meetings. Since the last assembly I have attended Institutions Weekend, Springtime in the Ozarks, and the Summer Roundup in Galesburg IL. I was asked to send the agenda with the minutes. I am planning to attend the State Convention. No expenses to turn in.

Area Secretary's Report: Andrea M. Since the last Assembly several people updated GSO's information on Groups in our area. I would like to thank everyone who helped in that process and especially those who ensured that we had the proper information to complete the updates. I also had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Excelsior Springs Group. I hope the GSR is here today and can let them know what a wonderful job they are doing making people feel welcome and I was proud to see another good example of sobriety in Missouri. I also received the typed reports from

Angie and typed up the minutes from the last assembly. Given that being of service means we want to help other alcoholics I was very surprised to see that a couple of people put down anonymous on reports and or sign in sheets. As Dr. Bob said we should be anonymous at the level of press, radio, and films anything more than that and we lose our ability to reach another suffering alcoholic. (Did anyone else notice that my report is much longer, I wonder if that is because I don't have to read it myself?) My expenses for the quarter are \$36.14 for postage, \$24.70 for copies, and \$36.20 for office supplies. Thank you for letting me be of service Andrea M.

Alternate Area Secretary Report: Angie M. Since the last assembly I typed up all Area Officers, DCM's, GSR's and Committee reports and e-mailed them to Andrea to be compiled with the minutes from the last assembly. I attended a meeting in Joplin and was asked to introduce their speaker. I registered for the State Convention in Jefferson City. I have taken meetings in to the local treatment centers in the area. I attended the DCM meeting workshop, Website Committee and was elected as secretary for that committee, Webmasters Round table committee meeting, Correctional Facilities committee, Treatment Facilities committee. We had a total in attendance at the assembly of Area Officers 7, Past Delegates 4, Committee Chairs 6, DCM's 9, District 1 - 2, District 2 - 10, District 3 - 11, District 4 - 4, District 6 - 12, District 7- 13, District 8 - 5, District 9 - 4, District 10 - 5, District 11 - 10, District 12 - 3, District 13 - 6, District 14 - 17, District 15 - 5, District 16 - 5, District 17 - 3 for a grand total of 141 in attendance I have no expenses this quarter. Thank you for allowing me to serve Angie M. Alt. Area Secretary.

Grapevine Chair Report: Doug G. I am happy and excited to report that there has been lots of activity throughout the Western Area concerning Grapevine. My Alternate Chair Adam from district 2 in St. Joseph Mo. put on a Grapevine workshop for his home group, the 401 group. I made the table available to him for that event, where he sold several items. I have worked closely with the district 7 Grapevine chair Todd C. and we have presented a grapevine workshop to a few groups in district 7 as well as a presentation to the wing and prayer group in district 10 and the district 6 business meeting at K.C. #1 group John A. has been working along with Jordan O. from district 14 to put together a workshop for the GSR or DCM session at the September 2009 Assembly. I received our restocking order on 6-24-09 and have added it into our inventory. I plan to attend the State Convention in July and have the table there. I apologize for not having access for the past month on line I am currently working to remedy that situation. Yours in service Doug G. Area Grapevine Chair.

Treasurer Report: Carl C. Working on processing incoming mail reviewed bank statements. Reentered Jan, March expense / budget reports. Developed reports for June B-day need to give special 7th traditions. If any group or district needs information or a visit on duties and functions of treasurers position expenses or my story. Carl C. Treasurer.

Alternate Treasurer: Rob Z. Share Area Treasurer information and presented workshops on Self-Support, Responsibility and Area 39 Finances to District 6 (June 7th), District 7 (April 26th), District 11 (June 9th), and District 17 (June 13th). Thank you to the districts I have visited for their support and hospitality. DCM's please contact me to schedule the time for this important message from AA and the Area to be heard in your district! Shared my experience strength and hope at Grass Roots Memorial Day Picnic on May 25th. Completed review and discussion of the Area Guidelines with Area Guidelines Committee. Created electronic copy and assisted chair in getting documents formatted for distribution to DCM's at June Assembly. Participated in District 3 Traditions Workshop May 17, 2009. Created a Workshop presentation for districts and groups. Use large formatted graphs. Researched AA historical information about self- support, AA responsibility, 7th Tradition and Area Finances and data. Goal is to share this timely information with all districts at district meetings. Obtain concise understanding of Area Treasurer responsibilities by meeting with Carl. Expenses for period March 22, 2009 - June 27, 2009 Materials: UPS Store Raytown, MO 6 presentations boards/ mounted \$219.51, Mileage: Nevada Mo. 190 miles; \$25.00 for mileage reimbursement; Brookfield Mo. 240 miles (thanks District 17 for reimbursing mileage of \$30.00). Total 430 miles. Rob Z. Area Alt. Treasurer.

DCM Reports June 27, 28, 2009

District #1: Tim C. DCM Following the May 09 District meeting District 1 adjourned for the summer. Eastern most groups participated in district business for the first time in recent history. Meetings and business will resume in September. Latest activities included distribution of literature,

starting a new meeting in the county jail, and cooperation with other 12 step programs to bring / carry the message to a broader younger audience. There remains are group that is holding meetings... sometimes we are unable to determine their status or if they are organized. Tim C. **District #2: Wendell S. DCM.** At the last District meeting it was discussed about having a Non-smoking District meeting, it was the conscience of the GSR's of the groups that were there we abide by what the group does. If it is a smoking group then we smoke, if it isn't a smoking group we don't smoke. But we also will be taking scheduled breaks. Since the last area assembly I have been a little busy. Agenda item for the \$500 to send to GSO passed at the last assembly. Kirby called and asked if I would like to go with him and Pattie to Booneville Correction Facility on April 17th to take in the Bridge the Gap information to the inmates that have less than 6 months before their release date, he got several individuals who wanted contact information. We also handed out literature from P-69 packets while we were there Lawrence Allen from Tipton Correctional Center approached Kirby to see if we would be willing to bring this information to his facility in May, Kirby said that he wasn't going to be able to do this but maybe the Southern Bridge the Gap Co- Chair might be willing or maybe someone else with the Bridge the Gap Committee could do this. I also asked to speak at the Footprints group in Lebanon on April 24th; I also went to the Institutions Weekend Workshop on May 2nd in Sedalia. Kirby and I have also been asked to help with a workshop in District 7 on May 9th 1:30pm at Recovery Plus in Raytown. Kirby did the service structure on the group, district, and committees how it applies to that level of service. It is really a good job that Kirby does with this presentation. Kirby did this for our district when John was up here for one of our workshops; he was on target with how well he explained the whole structure. John A. asked me to do concepts 9-10. Captain Linda Sawyer called me April 29th telling me that they were going to restrict us from taking AA meetings into Buchanan County Jail for 3 weeks because of the swine flu outbreak. I should call her on May 20th to see if we are still restricted bringing meetings into the facility. I also have a meeting set up with her for us to talk about getting 4 teams of 2 individuals set in place; at this time they are only allowing us to have 6 individuals or 3 teams. This meeting is set up for Monday May 11th at 9:00am. Had our meeting with her and she said that she had know problem with us adding the total to 8 going in, now we just need 3 more individuals wanting to step up and go in once a month. On May 17th 401 group is having a Traditions Workshop from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and have asked several different individuals to present one of the Traditions. So I would encourage everyone to attend to learn more about the Traditions. Flyers should be sent out to all the groups in our district. We also are planning the Delegates Report on June 20th at 1:00pm Patee Park across from Sobriety & Beyond Group or where the train is setting 10th & Penn. Rob Z. Alt. Treasurer wants to come to our district to do a presentation on self-supporting, where spirituality and money can mix. Thank you one and all for allowing me to serve. In Service Wendell S. DCM Dist. 2

District #3: Duane B. Alt. DCM. We had low attendance at the last 3 meetings due to date changes. We had an old timers meeting in June a good time was had. Our speakers were 45 years, 26 years, and 25 years. Other than that the district is plugging along. Duane B. Alt DCM District 3.

District #4: Lee S. DCM. Had our business meeting June 14th at Marshall Quinn was asked to share with us and District 9 at our business meeting. Quinn had a good talk and shared with us about his trip. Steve also was there and sat in on our meeting. He talked about planning for the further 2018 meeting SWRAASA and how we need to plan for it now. Had 4 groups in attendance for business meeting, 11 people there this time.

Our district picnic was a great turn out of 72 people signed in on our attendance sheet. Picnic started a little rough at first, cooker that was planned for didn't show up so we barbequed with the fire places at the shelter, all turned out fine for H.P. sought fit. The speaker was Marlyin from Green City Mo. she had an excellent story for all of us. Good company and great food made for a great picnic.

All else is doing alright for now. Thanks Lee S. District 4 DCM.

District #6: Michael O. DCM. District holds meetings in April and June Doug G. - Area Grapevine Chair was service presenter in April and Rob Z. service presenter in June. Rob Z. is Alt. Area Treasurer. New group Way Back Group 4201 E. 63rd K.C. MO. Tuesday and Thursday 8am. Literature racks have been placed in 3 libraries and two jails. Also old grapevines are being placed

in Laundromat's groups are stapling business cards to grapevines. Delegate report July 18 District 7. Edwina K. past DCM member of New Fellowship passed away.

PI/CPC contacting Public Schools about literature racks in their library. It was pointed out we more participation at area than at District. Michael O. DCM Dist. 6

District #7: Jay M. DCM. There are 19 A.A Groups District 7 Area 39 Southwest Region of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are 11 GSR's involved in District 7 service. The district secretary mails agendas, minutes, and other information regularly to all groups in the district rather than just those participating in the service structure. District meetings are held the third Sunday of every month, except for months when the area meets. Then we meet the second Sunday. The meetings are on a rotational basis so that all groups can host the district meeting. The district is self-supporting and strives to be fully self-supporting. In May. Our treasurer put together a spreadsheet summarizing group contributions for the four AA service entities. We will be sending very informative letter to the group treasurer's about our goal to become fully self- supporting. The grand total of all the group's contributions in 2008 was 11,608. Our treasury balance is \$1556.57. Quinn G. will deliver his report to District 3, 6, and 7 on Saturday July 18th. District 7 will host a cook out; good fellowship. District 7 has made very good progress with carrying the message. Year to date we have completed 6 planned workshops and have five left before year end. In April Rob Z. presented a workshop on the "Self - Support, Responsibility and Area Finances". In May, Quinn G. presented a workshop on "Leadership in AA. The district also held a Concepts workshop. In June, a Traditions workshop was presented by District Archivist, Pat L. Last years Group Inventory has been reviewed and changes have been implemented per the group conscience.

We have identified 10 service projects organized by committee chairs. Here are highlights from two committees: on Jan 30th Treatment and Corrections chair and AA members did a presentation to 35 professionals with the State of Missouri Probation and Parole. Subsequently we were able to set up a literature rack for their clients. The District committee met with Truman Medical Centers Lakewood Counseling service and held our first meeting with their clients on March 9th, 2009. 3 people shared experience, strength and hope with them and focused on their personal journeys through the 12 steps, AA literature delivered to 12 law enforcement agencies within the district while trying to build relationships with the gatekeepers of these agencies. Our Grapevine committee is completing our 2nd annual project begun in January. Subscriptions to the Grapevine will be sent to 15 branch library locations in our district beginning in June/ July 2009.

Our PI committee has been busy too. The committee updated, printed and distributed group meeting schedules/ 44 questions flyers to 62 hotels and motels in the district. They also created a new speaker's list, a new District Directory and distributed these to all groups and all GSR's. Our district has become an effective team in getting AA's vital message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Jay M. District 7 DCM.

District #8: Stacy M. DCM. District 8 meets the 1st Saturday of every month at 5:30pm. We rotate between the Dry Dock group in Osage Beach and the Sunrise Serenity Group in Sunrise Beach. Attendance has been steady, usually the same GSR's, about 7-8 out of about 14 groups in our District. We did schedule to have our Delegate, Quinn G. come in Osage Beach. We will be starting with fellowship at 3:00pm, Delegate's report at 4:00pm (we have also asked Quinn if he could share a little bit of his Service Work history, how he worked up the latter to where he is today and maybe followed by some questions & answers. And then we will end with eating around 5:30pm or so. The Climax Springs Group is no longer meeting, it is my understanding that some members were using the hall as a store front and selling drugs. It is an unfortunate situation that people take advantage of a good situation. Most of the other groups in district 8 seem to be going strong, some with more attendance than others. Yours in service Stacy M. District 8 DCM.

District #9: Roger W. DCM.

District #10: Larry C. DCM. District 10 held its quarterly meeting on June 6, 2009. It was hosted by the Pleasant Hill AA group. 9 people were present, representing 5 of the 6 groups that comprise District 10. Individual groups were given the opportunity to share what was happening in their groups and an update on the District 10 website was provided. Ryan K., Area 39 Bridge the Gap Southern Co Chair was the guest speaker. He shared about how we bridge the gap between local groups and treatment and correction facilities. District 10 is pleased to announce the formation of a new group in Raymore Mo. The group goes by the name of A New Day and meets daily at 7:00am.

Garden City Group taking meetings to Pathways Treatment Center in Clinton every Tuesday.

District #11: Mark S. DCM. We have had a steady attendance at District 11 in our District we are going to host an old timers meeting on September 9, (in Collins) to promote unity in the district and get people involved. We had Rob Z. Area Alt. Treasurer to speak on Spiritual Principles on Tradition 7. Thank You Mark S. District 11 DCM.

District #13: Ron P. Alt. DCM. Attendance was up at our last District June 13th meeting, we are encouraging groups to elect a GSR if they don't have one and to get involved in District and Area we asked our people to attend the meeting and encourage attendance and Donations to District, Area and GSO. Reporting groups say they are doing ok Carla our DCM is taking a short leave of absence because of family health issues. We will do our best in her absence. Ron P. District 13 Alt. DCM.

District #14: Dave F. DCM. At present, the district is doing well overall. The economy is having an effect on a few groups. We are working together to try and keep everyone strong. Our committees are doing a lot of good work. Attendance has been strong. We will be having our Delegate in on July 12th in cooperation with District 16. We will also be having a picnic for this event. Yours Dave F. DCM.

District #15: Linda B. Alt. DCM. Our district is a large one mileage wise. We cover from Buffalo to Gainesville. We just had our annual District Memorial Weekend Pig Roast. It was successful in attendance, weather and financially. We listened to the Delegate Report from Quinn G. it was very interesting. We will be supporting a cell phone that will be used as an AA contact number for groups and still suffering alcoholics. PI/CPC round robin workshop in September in Lebanon. Voted for a \$100.00 prudent reserve. Yours in service Linda B. District 15 Alt. DCM.

District #16: Anonymous DCM. District 16 had its June picnic successfully has and or taken meetings being carried to county jails for 2 counties. Will present the traditions play at WAMO Annual Conference in October. Will meet in July with District #14 to receive the Delegates report. Continuing to present Bridge the Gap at local Treatment facility. Anonymous DCM.

Western Area 39 Assembly GSR Reports June 27,28,2009

Atchison County Wild Bunch: Ashley S. GSR. I am Ashley S. I am GSR of Atchison County Wild Bunch from District 1. Our group is doing well our average attendance is 10 on Thursday 8pm and 6 on Friday 7pm. We just had our District function on May 30 and celebrated our 13 anniversary as a group. Thank You.

Sobriety and Beyond: Duane V. GSR. We have had excellent attendance on our Friday 8:00pm meeting with standing room only. Have had steady growth. Our group hosted the Delegate's Report for District 2; we had good weather for Quinn G. to give his report. Besides a little rain. Thankful for being here. Duane V. GSR.

401 Group: Erica B. GSR. 401 group is doing well, and still has twenty-one meetings per week. The noon meetings some days however have not had as much attendance. As always a few meetings fair better than others. Group had a Grapevine workshop on March 30, 2009. Which was a huge success. The two who deserve most of the credit are Natasha P. our GGVR and Adam K. our DGVR. They are awesome! Also our thanks go to Doug G. our Area Grapevine Rep. as well. The Grapevine workshop renewed my faith that there really is life among our group and District 2 as a whole. 401 group had a Traditions workshop on May 17, 2009. A lot of people came to get involved in that as well (mostly it was panelist). There was a magnificent line up of people who sat on that panel. A few of our own group members as well members from other groups. And even members from other Districts showed to help out and sit on the panel. The panel was a wealth of knowledge when it comes to the traditions. Either that or they studied real hard. Either way it was a great learning experience about the traditions. We would like to thank Quinn G. for coming to District 2 to give an annual Delegate Report. A lot of buzz was heard about how interesting and informative the picnic was. I hear they even had the experience of carrying the message to a few wet drunks. We meet in an Alano Club which sometimes has a few downfalls; and has recently had to deal with problems of anonymity with members and the problems that police or sheriffs possibly showing up at our group may have. Recently, two members used AA 401 S. 11th as a contact place to reach them in case a sheriff needed to get a hold of them on a personal matter. We as a group hope this issue has been solved by trying to make individuals aware this behavior is not in line with traditions or healthy for anonymity purposes. Thank you for the privilege and opportunity to serve.

Erica B. GSR.

Savannah Bootstraps: Neal W. GSR. Everything is great at Savannah Bootstraps group. Our meetings are receiving more attendance on a regular basis and we are seeing quite a few new people. We have had quite a few sobriety birthdays in the last 3 months ranging from 1 month to 1 year. This is encouraging in that new people are staying sober. Service at the group level is good, but I would like to see more at the District level. Guess I need to be patient, something I have not been good at in the past. Yours in Service Neal W. GSR.

Accent on Sobriety: Linda B. Alt. GSR. Group attendance is good, donations steady, Tuesday 8am meeting is doing well. There are a total of 16 meetings a week. Donations are being made. Respectfully submitted Linda B. Alt. GSR.

Ex. Spgs. Group: Pam S. GSR. Thanks you to Rick, Pat, Andrea, and Mike for speaking. Our Sunday chairman worked hard at getting speakers for Sunday night meetings. 11 meetings a week, we have 20-30 members meetings 8pm M-S, 6:30 Tues- Wed & Thurs (except 2nd Thurs.) bus meeting. Saturday 1:00pm Ladies meeting and Sun 6pm speaker - birthday night. We need to work with some members to chair with more positive attitude and members with more sobriety. Hopefully a summer picnic and 60th anniversary in late December or January Chili cook off/ pot luck. Opened for Richmond groups poker run. I am still working on group to contribute to the 4 entities. Although contributions have been down I feel we can still afford it. Have a member who attend treatment center 2-3 times a month working 1st 3 steps. In Service Pam S. GSR.

North Kansas City: Bob R. Alt. GSR. N.K.C is planning it's anniversary dinner for October 11. the speaker scheduled is Bill C. and his invisible slice show. N.K.C will be turning 60years old and still meeting in the same space where they started. Our membership has stabilized and new comers are starting to replace the old timers we lost the last few years. Our group is now non-smoking. Yours in Service Bob R. Alt. GSR.

Chapter 5: Marcheita M. GSR. March 21 chapter 5 28th anniversary turn out was fair. Several long timers' birthdays in May & June. With the coming of summer we have cookouts- hot dogs and side dishes. July 4th at 6pm we'll have a cook out. We are still a smoking group. We had extra members from other groups that went non-smoking. Yours in service Marcheita M. GSR.

Park Hill Group: Shannon A. GSR. Group doing well still have lots of new comers coming. We had a major issue we had is a yahoo group was created and the roster was put on it which up set some group members in reference to anonymity. 1 member got on and created a bogus email told the 2 people the allow people to the yahoo group that he was a new comer so one of the facilitator allowed him on the group and it was an old timer that after let on stated he looked in and anybody can do it and that we need to get it changed or he would sue us. So it went to the group conscience and was decided that a small group would be put together to make guidelines for the yahoo group based on GSO guidelines. We also are taking it to group conscience about changing the year we vote in service people so that we are voting in the GSR on the same year that Western Area does their GSR workshop for new GSR's every 2 years. Our PI person come up with an idea to put pamphlets in all the high schools in our district and we had people volunteer to take a high school to make sure the rack stays filled in each high school. We would like all the groups in District 3 to get involved as well but right now Park Hill agreed to pay for the racks and pamphlets to get it started. Our contributions are up. Our anniversary will be in November. Our Alt. GSR has resigned so we will be voting in a new one next group conscience meeting. Gratefully in Service Again Shannon A. GSR.

Liberty Group: Gerry B. GSR. Liberty group held 1st Annual District 3 Founders Day Old Timers Picnic on Sunday 6/14/09. Thank God Liberty has some old timers Duane B., Gala, John from Liberty group. Liberty had a big showing for the Richmond group bike rally on June 20 approx. 15 bikers road - money for Central Office and GSO. Liberty group went non-smoking because of a Liberty city ord. posted. Liberty group has been extremely busy this year- multiple people at treatment facilities on a weekly basis. New people qualifying to go to Cameron Corrections Facility every other Mon. with Jimmy F. - Meetings are held at Clay County Jail every Sunday night. Liberty Library, Motor Vehicle were very pleased with our request to place literature in Lobby and Hospitals. Liberty groups growth is wonderful Friday night Celeb. had to suggest 3 max so we have enough time for everyone to speak. A lot of people sponsoring for the first time and a lot of step work going on. 28 meetings a week, 7 days a week. You can always find a helping hand in Liberty!

Gerry B. GSR.

Sweet Springs Group: Lewis B. GSR. Tuesday night 8pm First Christian Church handicap accessible, smoke free. We have a very solid group; our topics are normally out of the Big Book or Daily Reflections. Our attendance includes a good number of guests. We will have 4 birthdays in June; one with 30 years, one with 29 years, one with 32 years, and one with 8 years. We always have cake, cobblers and ice cream to celebrate the occasion. Our goal is to support GSO at \$134.00 year. Lewis B. GSR.

SCAA: Kyle L. Alt. GSR. No Report at this time.

Newfellowship Group: Jerry M. GSR. We have meeting Tuesday 8pm 12X12, Thursday 8pm Big Book study, Sunday 5pm Open meeting, Grapevine book 2nd and 4th Sunday, Speaker meeting 1st and 3rd Sunday, Book on 5th Sunday. We carry the message to Rescue Mission, Meyer Nursing Home, Summit Nursing Home, Rockhill Nursing Home. Newfellowship will celebrate 29 years in August carrying the message. Thank you for allowing me to serve Jerry M. GSR.

New Chosen Few: Terry H. Alt. GSR. We just celebrated 4 years as a group and had our anniversary on 6/27/09. It was the 1st time we celebrated our anniversary and it was a rousing success. Our meeting times are Monday- Saturday at 2:00pm- 3:00pm. Attendance is up along with membership. Our group has a lot of young timers and we are working together and starting to get our service positions filled. We have an average daily attendance of 15 to 20. Sincerely Terry H. Alt. GSR.

We Are One: Richard H. GSR. We Are One is feeling the economic crunch like so many in the country. Yet we are still meeting our obligation, carrying the message to KCCRC half way house, Municipal Correctional Center, Ren. West, Samuel Rodgers Center, MOSOs Detox, KCCC Detox center. We continue to have thirteen meetings a week with a regular attendance. Keeping bills current. We will be celebrating our 32nd Anniversary tomorrow between 4pm and 6pm at 3412 ½ E. 27th St. we're shopping around for a place to move, cause after being in this building for 32 years and deteriorating rapidly; group conscience has decided to move in spite of my sincere objections. Not yet but soon I suppose. Thank you for the opportunity Truly Grateful for the opportunity Richard H. GSR.

24 & 7 Group: Jim B. GSR. Meeting noon and 6pm every day of the year. Currently Wednesday and Thursday noon seeking leader. Monthly Celebrants Speakers meeting 1st Wednesday. Archivist at area level is a member of our group. All meetings are based on AA approved literature only. Group attendance is growing steadily both new to sobriety and those moving to the area with time. A member of our group Jan M. is working assisting Melba at Central Office. Renewing our lease to remain stable. Business meetings 2nd Monday each month. Financially stable. Contributing regularly to all levels of the service structure. Jim B. GSR.

Unity on the Plaza: Dave M. GSR. 20 meetings a week 12,6,8 Monday- Friday 8am, 11am, 6pm Speaker, 8pm Saturday, Tuesday & Thursday Open, 6pm Sunday. Take the message to over 15 times a month to local H&I in greater KC area. Just celebrated 25 years. Over 200 active members with good growth of newcomers. Full service board. 4 service workshops past month with more to come. Financial obligations are being met. I didn't get minutes by e-mail or mail.

coyote311@gmail.com Dave M. GSR.

Paseo Group: Shonda H. GSR. Paseo Group still has 14 meetings a week and attendance is continuing to increase as well as our financial status. We just had noon chair elections and our newcomers are stepping up and chairing meetings. We are preparing for KC Classic Convention and our 62nd anniversary which August 28-30. We are still carrying the message to a number of places. Due to newcomer membership our service work has increased. We are also celebrating Sobriety Birthdays every Sunday and Monday for the past two months. Shonda H. GSR.

Primary Purpose: Karen B. GSR. Big Book Study every Monday from 7pm -8:30pm, attended by people around the metro area. Take the message to Salvation Army and Rediscioner. I did not get minutes but alternate did. Karen B. GSR.

Hope Group: Anonymous GSR. Donate Cont. to the four service entities. Group has expanded to daily noon meetings, Friday evening 6pm meeting, a Saturday morning 10:30 Women's meeting. Group is planning a 15 year anniversary. Carrying the message to Lees Summit Ct. and Lakewood Counseling. Continue to spirit of unity. Anonymous GSR.

A Vision for You: Dan N. GSR. Group is contributing to the various entities. Contributions are

good. Group has grown from an average of 8-9 to 12-16 regularly. A few new comers attending and hanging around. When we have no celebrants on our Monday open meeting. We are now getting speakers. Having trouble getting an interest in group conscience meeting. Plan on attending Mo. State Convention. Staying sober and helping other alcoholics to achieve sobriety. Discussing way to celebrate our 1st anniversary. Still at 3 meetings a week. Dan N. GSR.

Recovery Plus: Jim S. Alt. GSR. Recovery Plus had their 17th Anniversary Picnic. It was fun for all with guest speaker Darryl for AA and guest speaker Beverly for Al-Anon. We had fellowship, games, prizes and upbeat spirit of unity. I was glad to be a part of the social committee and at times was ready to run, but stayed. Attended Business, Building Committee, and District meetings. Our donations are as follows: Grapevine \$45.00, AA Central Office \$41.22, GSO \$28.85, Western Area plus \$10 for archives total \$30.61, District 7 \$20.61. Total expenses and donations \$176.29. We are starting a Monday night 7:00pm Beginners meeting, Terry S. will lead members through the first 3 steps. This will begin July 6th, 2009. Please share this with your sponsees and sponsors. The Spirit of Unity container has been passed a few times and we have collected: \$20.20 (passed a few times, not every meeting and **it makes a difference.**) Photo's have been taken of Recovery Plus building inside, outside and given to archives via e-mail and hand delivery to Pat (Archivist for District 7). We need a new Archivist, ours resigned. Our Air conditioner is not holding Freon, Doug is bringing some over. Hope that works. We need the Assembly to continue to support our entire group through prayer and good direction. We plan to get a new archivist. Faithfully submitted by Jim S. Alt GSR. for Diana R. GSR.

Englewood Winners: Kathy H. Alt. GSR. Our meetings will not be changing since our last area assembly. We are still taking meetings to Two Rivers and Rediscover. Our dance was a great success and we had our Anniversary picnic on May 23rd about 200 people came out for it. Our donations are up again. We voted to send \$50 to Spirit of Unity. We will be voting on several Trusted Servants positions in July. We are doing our 6th annual float trip at Ho Humm on Niangua next weekend. Respectfully submitted by Kathy H. Alt. GSR.

Independence #1: John G. GSR. Speaker/ Potluck meetings added a raffle \$100. Traveled to Olathe, KC #1, Warrensburg, Smithville, and Liberty. Time change continues to do well (1) meeting at 7:30. Newcomer retention improved. Consistent attendance 20-25. Continue to carry the message to Camden Prison every Tuesday night. Had our annual Picnic (14th) with good attendance. John G. GSR.

South Kansas City Group: Debbie H. GSR. As a group service participation is down although meeting attendance is up. Election of Officers is coming up in July. Thursday 9am meeting has been cancelled. Anniversary picnic has been planned for August. At R.C.'s Restaurant in Martin City. Joy Hall will be our speaker. We do continue to support all service entities. Debbie H. GSR.

Maple House: Pierre G. GSR. We have made progress with meeting attendance. Tuesday- Big Book Study and Saturday - Birthday meeting is standing room only. We are having problems with recruiting people for service positions. We need Western Area to continue to support District 7 who continues to help support Maple House. We plan to carry the message to Johnson County Detox and Rediscover Treatment Center. Pierre G. GSR.

Blue Springs: Pam K. GSR. Blue Springs has surpassed the amount needed to meet our prudent reserve and we are still making contributions to the 4 service entities. We are carrying the message to SATOP and two treatment centers, we have more group volunteers to help than we have meetings! (28 meetings per week). We have nominations for several service positions coming up in July with the vote in August. These positions include Chair and Co-Chair, Treatment and Corrections, Literature, Grapevine, PI/CPC, and Special Needs. One of our members spoke at the graduation for the Jackson County Drug court and she was nominated to go to California to speak at a drug court conference. We have had one of our members donate a wheelchair ramp to the group for use for wheelchair bound members. We have had a small controversy about a member telling a couple of young women that they were dressed inappropriately and the subject was brought to the business meeting. We resolved the issue by pointing out the 3rd Tradition and reiterating that we have no dress code. It is a sponsor's responsibility to mention inappropriate attire to their sponsees. All of our service positions are filled including the Intercrop Rep position. Yours in service Pam K. GSR.

As Bill Sea's It: Bob R. GSR. The meeting has been maintaining at around 8 to 12 people on

Mondays and between 4 to 6 on Fridays. Last Friday, however, there were 8 people in attendance, in chairing the meeting, I started with an obvious statement as to why the group was declining rather than growing, and suggested that it would benefit the group as well as any individual members still harboring a resentment, if a committee representing the group, make an amends to Sam C., who has not been allowed to attend that meeting since it's beginning, and even go so far as to invite him to attend! That topic was met with negative, stubborn, and profane response, followed by the same excuses that have saturated All AA's who have criticized or even asked questions pertaining to that groups policies! In a private conversation with my sponsor, no less, I was informed that that group neither wanted nor needed any contact with district, area, nor any other meeting, they would maintain ties with general services in New York only, and the issue was raised as to how they ever inherited a GSR anyway? They don't want one, so take your opinions to some other group!! End of report, end of representation to "As Bill See's It" Respectfully submitted Bob R. previous GSR.

There Is A Solution: Bob R. GSR. Still a little small in membership, as it meets at 9:30am on Monday, but has great sobriety, a great format, and in time will attract more members from around the lake, as the word spreads as to what a great meeting it is! Currently, averaging about 10 per meeting. Respectfully submitted Bob R. GSR.

Lake Ozark Women: Kathy O. GSR We are a group of alcoholic women. Regular attendance is up to 10-12 each Thursday. Recent discussion and group conscience agreed to change our donations from 50% to area and 50% to district to 40% to district and 30% to area and 30% to GSO. We had the discussion due to the GSO memo regarding not printing the directories. Kathy O. GSR/ Treasurer.

Dry Dock Group: Andrew M. GSR. We have 17 meetings a week. Well attended. Including on women's meeting (Monday 5:00pm), Host district 8 new comers meeting (Thursday 8:00pm). One speaker meeting a month (2nd Saturday 8:00pm) Birthday night last Friday 6:00pm every month. May new comers coming back. All are offered new comer packets and a copy of the Big Book. (Big Books purchased by home group members). Home group members are involved with district carrying the message to Treatment Centers and Prisons. All visitors are met at the door with a hand shake and a welcome smile. Andrew M. GSR.

Sedalia Group: Mike K. GSR. 20 meetings per week. Attendance 4 to 24 holding our own. One to treatment per week. Mike K. GSR.

Truman Dam: Richard D. GSR. The group continues to meet and is offering new times for meetings. Finances seem to be in good shape and attendance is steady. We take a meeting to the treatment center in Clinton every third Monday of the month.

Harrisonville AA Group: Larry C. GSR. Harrisonville AA Group continues to meet nightly at 8:00pm with closed meetings Sunday through Thursday and open meetings on Friday and Saturday. A Saturday noon closed meeting is also held. Wednesday night Big Book study and Thursday night is 12X12 study. The group holds a speaker's night the second Saturday of each month during its 8:00pm open meeting. The group continues to have steady attendance and has seen an increase in new people coming through the doors. The group is struggling financially and is not able to meet it's commitment to Central Office, Western Area 39, and GSO on a regular basis. Fund raising have been planned to help meet the groups needs. Larry C. GSR.

Belton Wing and a Prayer: Sammi P. GSR. Our group is doing well. We had a successful Anniversary. Our group is still non-smoking and attendance is up. We did loose 2 members Neil J. and Kevin. Sammi P. GSR.

Nevada Group: Sandee P. Alt. GSR. Since our last Area Assembly in March our attendance has increased and donations have been steady, with an attendance of 14 meetings weekly. We also had our first official Anniversary Pot Luck dinner of Nevada Pine Street group in April. Our Speaker meetings are on the second Saturday of the month. Our efforts as a group are to help in increase in sobriety have been to split some of the service positions up to help those with young sobriety to become more involved in the process in their own recovery. We still look for speakers to come and speak on the second Saturday of the month; we encourage anyone with a desire to tell their story with more than a year of sobriety to volunteer. Our celebrants with more that one year of sobriety celebrate also at the last Saturday of the month. In Service and Gratitude Sandee P. GSR.

How & Why It Works Group: Jim R. GSR. Fair Play (How & Why It Works Group) New group-

attendance 6-10 attending weekly, our meetings are 10:30 to noon every Saturday morning with a break half way through. Were a Big Book, 12X12 Study group we will be hosting the next district 11 meeting and Co- sponsoring Chicken Rock 10th annual Camp out on October 9th, 10th, 11th at Stockton Lake lots of fun and fellowship. Every member of the group is involved in service. Jim R. GSR.

Collins Group: Rusty P. GSR. Collins group is doing fine. Attendance is steady around 15-20 Thursday 7:00pm, we will be hosting a long timers meeting in September 1:00- ? Donations Area, GSO, and District 11. Grateful to serve Rusty P. GSR.

Carson's Corners Group: Bernie P. GSR. Group meets at 7pm Wednesday each week. Group has a core of 6 members and we have enjoyed an increase of attendance within the past 6 months with an average attendance now from 10-16 people at each meeting. We expect this trend to continue in the coming months. **WE CAN NOT OPEN E-MAILS FROM AREA THEREFORE WE DO NOT HAVE AREA MINUTES OR AGENDAS** respectfully submitted Bernie P. GSR.

Bolivar Reunion Group: Fred H. GSR. Had a bit of a bump with part of the group wanting to open the meeting to all people in need. The singleness of purpose was talked about. I called upon Mark, DCM of District 11 to come to business meeting. He brought Steve Alt. Area to it. No one of the open to all people showed for meeting at the end of it all we stayed an AA meeting. Donations are up. All financial obligations are being met/ District, Area, and GSO. Fred H. GSR.

New Comers Group: Clyde M. GSR. Group is doing well. Average attendance is 27. Contributions and bills are being paid. Continuing to work on Summer Hummer Kick- Off dinner. Clyde M. GSR.

Carthage Downtown Group: Leslie H. GSR. Our group continues to do well. Our attendance has increased this quarter, so our contributions to the Area, District, and GSO are up as well. Come see us some Thursday at 8:00 in beautiful downtown Carthage. Leslie H. GSR.

Came To Believe Group: Mannie L. GSR. Came to Believe group, Mt. Vernon, Mo. meets at 8 on Mondays. Attendance has grown to an average of 14- up from 8 at last reports. We have several members who came from Carthage and Springfield to attend. There is strong emphasis on steps and traditions. We are financially solid. Had one birthday celebrated for 34 years in May. A good mixture of long term sobriety and new comers. Thank you for allowing me to serve Mannie L. GSR.

Aurora AA Group: Tom J. GSR. Group is doing well, obligations are being met, and meetings run about 10 or so. Having the some problems with a lack of desire to do service work but core members are still active, thankfully yours in service Tom J. GSR.

Turning Point Group: Alan M. GSR. Hello from Turning Point Group Neosho. Our group has remained healthy through the last three months; our attendance is good, although like every summer a bit down for our Thursday night open meeting. Conversely our Tuesday night 12X12 Study attendance is slightly up. Our commitments to District 13, Area 39, and GSO are current and all other bills are paid. At present we are operating with a temporary Treasurer, but are confident that we will find a permanent Treasurer soon. On May 2nd we held our annual B.B.Q and despite cool temps and off and on drizzle there were 50+ adults and a large group of kids in attendance. We hope to B.B.Q again later this summer and will be host to our District 13 meeting in September. Thank you for allowing me to serve Alan M. GSR.

Parkcrest Group: Andy E. GSR. All chairs are filled inside and outside. New comers meeting is very well attended. Literature studies on Mondays closed, Topic discussion Wednesdays is closed, Speakers on Friday are open, service positions are filled contributions are made. **NOTE: We see many of the treatment and jail people in attendance as a direct result of our active service members.** Andy E. GSR.

Pilgrims Group: Tricia H. GSR. General attendance has declined over the last several months. Home group membership and participation has declined. Collections are reduced and we are having difficulty meeting our basic needs such as rent. Attendees (not home group members) have pitched in personally to help the group meet rent. There had been some discussion at group conscience about changing the format to gain attendance. There has been no new format discussed that home group members agree on. We had no group conscience for the month of June due to not being able to meet at our usual location and lack of interest by home group members to meet. In service Tricia H. GSR.

SOS Group: Julie M. GSR. Our attendance is good and our finances are doing well. We are still in

the process of reviewing and voting on our groups guidelines for our business meeting. We continue to take 2 meetings a week into our local treatment center Sigma House. We have 6 meetings a day and on the weekends we also have a Big Book and a Step Study. Our business meeting is the 2nd Sunday of every month at 10:30am. Yours in service Julie M. GSR.

Footprints of Life: Jennifer W. Alt. GSR. (Michelle M. stand in) Footprints has good attendance (18) Sunday 7 and (12). Supporting 3 paid Registration and barg. Tickets to Summer Hummer- for new comers or any wanting in need. Speaker meeting last Sunday of month. Adjusting to inviting Sigma House treatment to an outside meeting. Asking for our service positions to be filled. Footprints meetings have topics relating to the solution in recovery. We have questioned having a Big Book Study meeting in an early evening during the week. Jennifer W. Alt. GSR. Michelle M. stand in.

Hillcrest: Danny D. GSR. Hillcrest is doing great. We are having a steady flow of new comers. We are staying steady with an average of about two new members a month. Our finances are a little low, but that is typical for this time of year (with sending people to Area and our annual group book purchases). We have had steady attendance with our Back to Basics program that we offer before our meeting. No big changes. We are steady. Yours in service Danny D. GSR.

Saturday Nite Live: Amy W. GSR. Our group is doing well, with income and attendance slightly up from last quarter. We have a new Treasurer and have finally filled our treatment rep. position. Getting participation at business meetings continues to be a challenge. We made our donations to Central Office, District, Area, and GSO. No other new business. Yours in service Amy W. GSR.

Back To Basics: Loritha C. GSR. Our attendance has been steady and our donations are better than usual. All our bills are paid and our donations are current. We just finished a traditions study and we are looking forward to a big book study as a replacement to our first Tuesday of every month meeting. We are looking forward to the changes in our routine. No problems or concerns at this time. Thank you for letting me serve. Loritha C. GSR.

Elkland Tick & Chigger: Gene W. GSR. We are a Big Book / 12X12 Study group. We are currently in the 12 Traditions and holding our regulars. We recently had a 32 year and 22year of continuing sobriety. We have sent letters to all the local churches with what AA is and what AA is not. Yours in service Gene W. GSR.

Footprints Group: Karen S. GSR. Our group averages 2-3 new comers per month and our retention of those is about half and they are doing very well in their sobriety. We have added 3 new members since last Area Assembly. Group is purchasing 2 subscriptions to the Grapevine for the Lebanon/ Laclede Library as well as Laclede county jail. Our meetings are listed daily in the local paper as space is available. Our group has had great success with the Speakers / Potluck Meetings which we began in April of this year. Most recent was Friday June 26th with Gene W. as our guest. These meetings have been very well received and we have had wonderful feedback as well as good member participation. Annual Pig Roast in Conway was a great success and loads of fun! We continue to struggle with lack of willing, able, and available members to sponsor the new comers effectively. Work towards group history interviews for archives. Actively contact and invite speakers to our meetings. I will be attending next Area Assembly, Missouri State Convention, and Colors of Fall. Gratefully yours in service Karen S. GSR.

Art of Living Group: Mike B. GSR. I am reporting all bills are paid and contributions are made. We are continuing to get new members and our group is continuing to grow. Also Wayne H. 50 years birthday Celebration was a huge success. Mike B. GSR.

Ava We Care Group: Lloyd H. GSR. Ava We Care Group 8:00pm Tuesday, 1:00pm Wednesday, New meeting 7:00pm Friday, Location Temporarily Unknown. The Ava We Care Group is experiencing a spurt in growth recently. We are having several more court cases attending, and are having a few new folks graduating and becoming members that attend on a regular basis. We have 10-12 attending both meetings. The Ava We Care Group has to move their location for the nighttime meetings. Security issues have caused the court house to suspend all after hours meetings. We are in the process of locating a new meeting room. The group has started having a monthly potluck/speaker meeting that has been quite successful. The potluck begins at 7:00pm with the speaker meeting following at 8:00pm. We feel that this form of fellowship has helped spark an increase in interest and attendance. We are getting up a new phone list and an inventory of the group assets to help give the new comers more information. We have lists for treatment centers;

Kathy has these available on request. Lloyd H. GSR.

Pickers & Grinners: Leo W. GSR. The Pickers and Grinners of Alcoholics Anonymous is still alive and well meeting like clockwork Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, carrying the message of Love Acceptance and welcome to new comers, Tourists and repeat travelers to the Branson Area. Our numbers are a little light as school is out, the summer is upon us, but also our Nations economy is influencing as well. Our relationship with our hosts, the Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church is very good. They have asked us to help with some minor tasks like finding a snow blower in the ice storms, trimming limbs off the 125 year old tree in the back and their invitations to Break Bread on holidays has been very rewarding for all. We are fortunate to have the return of the Snowbirds from Florida, 35 year veteran members of Nebraska and the folks with days, weeks, and less then a year are all made welcome. The district picnic (which was better then last year thanks to John E.) was helped by us with donations of \$50 for party fund, Tickets for four shows as raffle gifts, and there is talk of calling the district picnic next year the John E. Annual Picnic. I am honored and thrilled to be the P&G's GSR... This last week we had three Vacationers that came specifically for our meeting of Tolerance and Support. Thursday we had 38 meeting makers. In service. Leo W. GSR. ODAT

Tri Lakes Branson West: Richard S. GSR. We got a solid core of members with a lot of sobriety. We got a GSO con that bring around 1,300 a year for New year GSO and all way have new comers and visitors. Richard S. GSR.

Chillicothe AA: Gwen F. GSR. Attendance is sporadic - on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday some nights 4-5 occasionally 7-8. Have celebrated birthdays 32 years and 20 years 2 - 1 year and some monthly birthdays. We have voted to make Tuesday nights a closed meeting. Thursday Big Book Study. Saturday evening open discussion. Gwen is presently not going to the Chillicothe Correctional Center due to health reasons. Gwen F. is Chillicothe GSR Did not get minutes. Did not attend March session due to illness. Gwen F. GSR.

Brookfield Group: Rick A. Alt. GSR. 10-12 steady new comers coming on a steady basis. Lot of people stepping up to be sponsors. Monday night has speaker meeting on last Monday of every month need speakers contact Mike B. 660-734-0148 or Bob K. 660-734-0140. Rick A. Alt. GSR.

Marcaline: Paul H. GSR. Wednesday 4-8, Friday 8-15, have some new coming. Paul H. GSR.

Nevada Group: Carol W. GSR. Since our last Area Assembly in January our attendance has increased donations have been steady, with an attendance of meetings weekly. Our speaker meetings are on the second Saturday of the month, please cone and see me if you want to speak. Our celebrants with more than one year of sobriety celebrate the last Saturday of the month. In service Carol W. GSR.

Western Area 39 Committee Reports June 27,28,2009

Archives Committee: Meeting opened with a quite time followed by the Serenity prayer at 3:11pm. There were 15 present representing 13 districts. Archives Secretary report the minutes were accepted. Archives Treasurers report: no person in this position. Archivist report I am attended and took the archives to the group #1 annual anniversary celebration in April Institutions weekend in May, and the Heart of the Ozarks Conference in Springfield in June. I maintained regular office hours at the archives during the past three months (Tuesday and Friday 10:00-12:00) I have no reimbursable expenses for the past quarter but am requesting. I am 350.00 to take the archives to State Convention. Archives Alternate Chair report The Archives committee is putting the recorded minutes into a digital data base and scanning old Grapevines in the archive. I am creating an index. Suggested an external drive be gotten to store back up of all the digital archives. Office hour are 10 to 2 on Monday and Wednesday. Archives chair report Held office hours Tuesday and Thursday 11:30am to 2:00pm. Completed transferring Business meeting tapes into computer from "88"- to date that we have. Packed up and brought district 9, 10, 11, and 12 histories to go over and update. The only expenditure at this time is I purchased a DVD player which was under the cost projected. I am sorry I forget the DVD and receipt. Old Business Districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 were updated last assembly. New Business- All District Archives to be updated (districts 8,9,10,11,and 12 are here and ready for work) Area 39 business meeting minutes to be transcribed to " Word" Documents and put into Archives Computer. All Districts to have an Archives Rep and hopefully all Groups. Discuss the external disk drive at the September Assembly. Closed

with the Lord's Prayer.

Bridge the Gap Committee Report: We opened with the serenity prayer. I read the statement of purpose. We had self introductions; there were approximately 25-30 in attendance. The secretary's Rex, Roger W. and I gave short reports on Institutions Weekend and a final report from the even. Neal W. gave a report on BTG workshop weekend passed out flyers and is taking registrations this weekend. We reported to the assembly floor that the BTG Booklet would be ready for approval this time but it still isn't ready. It will be brought for final committee approval in September and to the assembly floor in January. We had district report from district 9 and under new business we started discussing next year's budget. Mike O. our secretary turned in his resignation and Shannon A. from District 3 was elected by acclamation as new secretary. We passed along some bridges. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted Kirby H. BTG Northern Co- Chair.

CPC Committee Report: Opened at 12:45 by Bender with the Serenity Prayer Old Business Institutions Weekend report by Bender. New Business Discussion on carrying the message to the armed services via local armory's and bases. Suggestion to visit the recruiting offices, commanders of the local units and family support groups for each unit. Discussion on Red Cross and providing contact information in the event of needs. Andy discussed literature geared for the professional. MADCP contact information is available for any district that is interested. Closed with the Lords Prayer.

Corrections Committee: Jimmie opened meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Norma read the statement of purpose. Treasurer's report was given by Larry M. MMSp minutes read by Norma MMSp. Our Secretary Janine B. resigned from her position and a new Secretary was elected. Michelle M. was nominated and voted by acclamation to become our new secretary. District Committee reports were given. We discussed some of the facilities that do not have any meetings being carried in. Amanda from District 7 will inquire about those facilities. Chillicothe is in need of volunteers for their meeting. Stone County is accepted to start soon- providing volunteers ASAP. Michael O. gave literature report. Big Books came in. 5 books each went to the following: KCCC, Jackson County, KC Mulberry, and Leeds Municipal Farm. MMSp to order more literature- 5- P65's . Larry from District 14 will bring some literature not being used in their district to the Area for other districts to utilize. We discussed CFC webmaster nomination/election. No volunteers at this time and not much of a description of what the duties entail. Steve P. suggested having Cheri or somebody from the website committee attend in September to explain the details. Jeannie H. made a motion to table this, this was second and passed. How to become a VIC was discussed. Larry provided information and copies of forms for both one time and permanent. Questions was asked "How long is orientation to become a VIC" Jimmie suggested to set aside a day- it varies according to the facility. Norma reminded everyone to take back to their districts to get ideas for projects to budget for at our next Area Assembly. Thanks for allowing me to serve Norma M. Alt. Committee Chair.

Finance Committee Report: Members of the Finance Committee met with their respective committee chairs reading budget requests. Each committee request was within their approved budget, except for the Alt. Treasurer and CPC. These two committees will be bringing their requests to the floor for Assembly Approval. The Finance committee is looking for résumé's of people interested in serving of the finance committee. We need to replace (2) people in September. Interested persons see Char P. Submitted by Char P.

Grapevine Committee Report: Again I'm very excited and very enthused, by not only the number of people who attended the Grapevine committee meeting. But all the activity throughout the Western Area of Missouri concerning Grapevine. Not only increasing subscriptions but also getting Grapevine into the public domain, and workshops being done in several districts. We are currently under budget and are maintaining an adequately stocked table, all proceeds from table sales are turned in to the treasurer at the end of each assembly. We will be presenting a 30 minute workshop on the digital grapevine at the GSR sharing session at the September 2009 Assembly. We will have the Grapevine Table at the Missouri State Convention in July and at the Bridge the Gap Workshop in September and the Colors of Fall Western Area Convention the last weekend of October. We had discussion on being more matter of fact and business like when giving committee reports on Assembly floor. Yours in service Doug G.

Literature Committee Report: Approximately 14 people present, most were not district literature

reps. but all were actively engaged in service at various levels and all interested in carrying the AA message through our literature. I handed out copies of correspondence that I received concerning literature: price increase effective July 15- discussed some back ground information on the price increase. Updated action on past conference actions- adding a sentence in GSR pamphlet that “current experience indicates that many groups provide financial support for their GSR to attend service functions” Reviewed 5 recommendations from 2009 General Service Conference resulting in adversary actions: “AA for the Native North American” revised pamphlet was approved. Trustees Literature Committee will undertake through review of “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” and eliminate or revise out dated ethnic, cultural and vocational references. Develop a Special Needs Recovery Pamphlet and solicit stories from members who are deaf, blind, wheelchair bound, etc. A sentence be added to “A New Comer Asks” encouraging newcomers to obtain and study the Big Book. Change the name of “44 Questions” to “Frequently asked Questions about AA” The revised “The AA member- medications and other drugs” was returned to committee for further discussion. Further discussion on developing a pamphlet that focuses on Spirituality and includes stories from sober atheists and agnostics. Cost saving measures at GSO communicate as much as possible via e-mail, request e-mail from all literature chairs; Box 459 to be published quarterly rather than bi-monthly; Box 459 to be available digitally. Regional AA directories will not be printed this year. An agreement has been made with Amazon.com to sell Big Book to be available for “kindle” readers. We had a lot of discussion on this and we encourage everyone to pay attention, check it out and express your opinion to myself, Quinn, or GSO. New Business we discussed creating a literature display to be exhibited at Assembly, Area Conventions, etc. John Admire and John Goble agreed to take on the project. We thank them very much and look forward to having a nice display. I appreciate everyone’s interest and enthusiasm and will try to keep everyone informed. No expenses this quarter. Yours in service Kevin L.

Missouri State Convention Committee Report: The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer and Statement of purpose was read. Merna gave a brief explanation about how the Missouri State Convention operates at the Western Area as well as in conjunction with the Eastern Area. Minutes were read MMSP. Registrations are slowly coming in with approximately 150. Our committee is encouraging those that are attending to bring new people or those who have not attended in awhile. There will be free internet access for those that register for the convention. Keep in mind that the State Convention is self supporting with a sufficient amount of registrations, banquet dinners, and rooms rented. This is our convention too, so show your support by attending. If you have not registered yet we have a table in the back and are still taking registrations. Room rate cut off is July 10th. We held elections for incoming committee members. We are proud to announce that Jerry M., Dave F., and Mike B. are on deck and willing to serve, with sobriety ranging from 6 thru 24 years. Thanks for allowing me to serve Norma M. Western Area Missouri State Convention Committee Chair.

Public Information Committee Report: Opened the meeting with the serenity prayer. PI primary purpose was read. Minutes were read Debby W., committee secretary and approved by the committee. Treasurer’s report was read by Loritha and approved by the committee. Duane B. gave a website committee report. 39 members were in attendance. 11 districts were represented and Districts 2, 6, 7 gave district reports. Old Business Deb H. has a DVD with trailer of new PSA’s. It will be available at the next assembly. New Business we discussed new literature catalog available from GSO. The committee was interested in reviewing PI Literature available from GSO. Planned for a future assembly. After discussion of budgeting, discussion and possible uses a motion was made and seconded to create a 4x6 post card containing contact information for AA World Services, Missouri Western Area, KC and Springfield Central Offices. Space will be available on the card for groups to add their own contact information. No expenses were incurred for our committee at this time. The meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Respectfully submitted Debby W. PI Committee Secretary

Special Needs Committee Report: Opened meeting with Serenity Prayer, attendance sheet passed: 15 present. Statement of purpose read. Minutes were read and approved. Treasurers report: year to date summary read and approved. Chairman report: workshops going well, distributed literature / flyers; attended Institutions Weekend; approved as read. Alt. Chairman Report: volunteer reviewed and report was approved as read. District reports from #2, 3, 6, 7, 11,

12, and #14. Summary: websites updated, compiling volunteer lists, upcoming workshops presentation discussed, taking meetings in nursing homes, and visiting hospitals, ASL Interpreters available thru universities, visitations of homebound and consideration of elderly members thru the home groups. New Business: discussed and approved participating in Institutions Weekend 2010 thru taking display and being on the panels. Discussed volunteer forms and duties reviewed via committee workbook. District Surveys re: accessibility, handed out and discussed; committee contact list updated. Other Special Needs literature discussed: example: "AA for the Older Alcoholic" and large print. Committee encouraged to think about upcoming discussion re: 2010 budget at the September meeting. Jeannie H. Special Needs Chair.

Treatment Facility Committee Report: Meeting opened in the usual manner. Chairperson was absent, Alternate Chairman Jeannie H. presided. Minutes from prior meeting in March were read and approved. Treasurer's report was approved as read. Literature Rep. Janine B. has resigned; Neil W. was voted in by acclamation as the replacement. Bridge The Gap and Institutions Weekend activity reports were read and approved. Literature requests were made; we will order a case each of Soft cover Big Books and 12X12's; and 10 P-69's. Chairman Jeannie H. will hand out copies of the committee workbook/ regarding the traditions at the next meeting in September. Four districts turned in written reports. We reminded the committee that budget requests for 2010 will be due in September; so let us plan ahead. Jeannie H. Alternate Committee Chairman.

WAMO Convention Committee Report: The WAMO Convention Committee meeting was attended by approximately 20 people. We began the Serenity Prayer and introductions. We were reminded that the goal for the convention is to promote unity in Area 39. Julie E., the secretary was not present. Amy W. graciously stepped in to take the minutes. The chair, Merna L-E., gave a report on contact with Debra Hartman at the Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center formerly Settle Inn. She and her husband are the administrators at the facility. Nothing has changed with the contract for the meeting room/s or room rates for 2009 or 2010. We are happy to report that the room rate now includes a full hot breakfast! After learning that the only locations available in Branson that hold about 400 people other than the Chateau and or the Hilton Convention 1Center the committee reviewed contracts with the Stone Castle Hotel for 2011 and 2012. The Stone Castle owners/ administrators want to keep our business and believe in the cause of AA. We have an exceptionally reduced rate for the meeting rooms, at less than 1/3 the going rate. The committee voted to accept the contracts for 2011 and 2012. The Alternate Chair Jack Q. is looking for hosts/meeting chairs. He has most of these slots filled. John E., treasurer/reported we have about a dozen registrations. Hospitality Chair Rick K. had to work this weekend. Tricia H., PI Chair, has secured the tapers. She passed around a mock program for our approval. We discussed having an e-mail campaign. Once a month starting in August to create enthusiasm for Colors of Fall in the Ozarks. The committee agreed to do this. Entertainment Chair, Doug G., deferred to John E. who has indicated that we have an entertainer secured, about 90% sure who plays in Branson. Doug G. will have his boom box if this doesn't work out. Further Old Business: It was moved, seconded and approved to change the Traditions Skit to Saturday at 3:15pm. District 16 with some help from Tricia H. will be putting this together. New Business: District 16 has proposed hosting a golf tournament at Holliday Hills on Friday before the conference begins. After hearing about the proposal, the committee agreed to have this with a contact name on the flyer. This will not be an expense to the conference. We have no expenses at this time. Having no further business, it was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn at 2pm. We closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted Merna L-E. Committee Chair.

Website Committee: Duane B. opened with the Serenity Prayer. Kathy O. read the minute's motion made and approved to accept minutes as read. Ronnie C. asked about operation of district websites. Steve K. district 7 Blue Springs gave report. Ronnie C. district 2 read report. Fred district 11 gave report. no 911 addresses in the state of Mo. Jim district 7- Dues are due in September for website. Carl C. district 13 gave report. Angie M. district 9 gave report. Chari J. gave report. Posted Guidelines. District 7 has it set up to post minutes. Kathy O. district 8 gave report had storm problems. Duane B. nominated Angie M. to be secretary for website committee. Angie accepted the nomination. Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 1:50pm. Duane B. Website Committee Chair.

Motions Made and Turned In June 2009 Assembly.

Treasurers Report: Motion made to table June Treasurers Report to September Assembly for reconciliation and approval. Larry C. DCM, District 10, Harrisonville AA .

Guidelines- Make a motion to accept the Guidelines committee recommendations and put on the September Assembly Agenda for vote. John A. Past Delegate.

Motion to Approve Jerry M., Dave F., and Mike B., to rotate on to the Mo. State Convention Norma M. Mo. State Convention Chair.

Motion to vote on Steve P. proposal for getting up separate funds for SWRAASA to be voted on at September Assembly. Doug G. Grapevine Chair.