

# **Area 52 Restructuring Planning Meeting Minutes for Districts 1-6 and 11-14 January 10, 2026**

52 Attendees via Zoom

Michelle E., Area Web Coordinator, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Gay S., Area Records Coordinator, read a selected a reading from Courage to Change.

Michelle E. described this is a kickoff meeting to discuss the restructuring of the Districts, which is what the assembly voted on at the 2025 Fall Assembly in November. We will continue to have these meetings as long as the Districts need them to help with their organization/restructuring. Michelle invited Cindy H., Area Convention Coordinator, to give a little history of the redistricting and how we came to this point.

Cindy H. discussed we do not have much of a history of districting in Area 52, but we did have problems, as we've discovered over the years.

- One of them is we are having a hard time finding volunteers for District service positions.
- Since being on the Redistricting Task Force, we found that there are a lot of Districts that don't even have meetings.
- There are a lot of Districts that have maybe one, two or three groups, while other Districts have too many, such as in Middle Tennessee, which is famous for having 19, 20 groups in their District.

So it was decided at the Fall Assembly in 2024 to form this task force. And yes, a lot of people didn't know about it because there were only a few of us in attendance on that Sunday morning when it was formed.

The task force really came together. They had a great group of people who worked on this for approximately 10 months, and this is the solution they came up with. Now thanks to the Area and different people stepping up, we are trying to get this implemented. We're already off to a great start just by the fact that we're having this meeting here on January 10th.

As previously mentioned, we had a lack of volunteers. If you think about it, 8 District Reps out of 27 is not very good. So what the task force did was take the 170 approximate groups that we have and divided it by 10 to 13. We ended up with 14 Districts, and District 15 being all the Hispanic groups (not mapped). And hopefully we may someday be able to reach out to them and try to get them to organize as well. But with that said, with the new districting, we're hoping, by the end of this meeting, at least half the Districts will have a representative, which means more groups will get the information ahead of time.

Michelle E. discussed the what, why, when and who of the meeting.

**What:**

District boundaries in the Tennessee Area have been redrawn. At this meeting, you will:

- Learn your new District boundary
- See which groups are now part of your District
- Go to breakout rooms with your new District so that you can have a discussion with the groups and make some decisions, if you possibly can.

**Why:**

- To improve group participation and encourage the election of DRs
- To keep Districts at a manageable size (approximately **10–13 groups per District**)
- To improve communication and strengthen the Links of Service, which are how information flows from WSO → Area → District → Group → Member, and back to WSO. With only 8 DRs in 27 Districts, there were many breaks in the chain of communication.

**When:**

The redistricting plan took effect January 1, 2026, but it will take a few meetings to organize. This is not a one-time meeting.

**Who:**

Each District will elect a District Representative (DR).

- The new 3-year panel begins in **2027**. The DR for that panel does not have to be voted in at this meeting. We are hopeful to have DRs for all Districts for the **rest of this panel, 2026**.

A District has group autonomy, they may:

- Elect a DR to serve **one year only in 2026**
- Elect a DR who may serve one year in **2026, and because that is not a full term of service they may also serve in the next 3-year panel** for a total of 4 years.

Michelle E. reminded everyone that the restructuring of the Districts is on a trial period of 3 years. It will be reevaluated in 2029. (4 years was stated at the meeting, but after our Area Chairperson checked the motion, it was confirmed it is a 3-year trial.)

At this point, Michelle E. discussed the breakout rooms and what discussions needed to take place in the rooms.

### Goals for breakout sessions

- Introduce yourselves
- Decide who will be the notetaker for this breakout room
- If you have anybody who is currently in a District service position, allow them to talk about their role and if they'd be willing to continue in that role for your new District
- If you do not have anyone currently in any District service position, discuss which ones you need to fill and see if anyone is willing to stand
- Ideally you will fill at least the District Rep and Treasurer (requirements for DR is they must have been a GR, and must only be an AI-Anon member, not a "double winner")
- If no one is nominated for your new District, that's okay - it just means that you will come back to the next month's Restructuring Meeting (or you can choose to meet on your own as a District)
- Brainstorm ideas for how your new District thinks the money from the old Districts will be split up (this will be discussed and voted on by the larger group)

If there are only a couple of people in the breakout room, it's okay. We can continue to have these restructuring meetings, bringing those Districts back here, break them out into breakout rooms, and we'll be here to help guide, facilitate the discussion.

At this point, Michelle E. ran through the spreadsheet of meetings in each new District, and pulled up the East and West Tennessee maps that shows where each District is located within Tennessee and North Mississippi.

All attendees entered the breakout rooms for 30 minutes. When they returned, each District reported on the discussion they had, whether they elected a DR and a treasurer, and if any discussions were had about the treasury.

**District 1** - Leanne B., DR, was elected to do another year. They will be looking for a treasurer. Apparently the groups that are joining District 1 didn't have a DR and had no groups left the District, so money should not be a problem.

**District 2** - did not vote a DR or a treasurer, but are definitely going to put the word out. They have no problems about the money because the District 5B is the current new District 2. They know who the treasurer is, and once they get up and running, they know where to get the money from. They want to come back to this meeting next month to try to see if we can get more people attending. They've all made a commitment to try to reach out to the electronic groups, as well as the meetings that weren't represented today.

**District 3** - has elected both a DR and a treasurer. Loring T. will be the DR for District 3 and treasurer is Michelle G. Treasury remains the same.

**District 4** - voted to keep their current DR, Erik T., Mariette G. is the alternate DR. Steve is going to continue to be the treasurer. There's a District meeting

next Saturday. No money is changing between the Districts, so treasury remains the same.

**District 5** - voted to keep their current DR, Linda M. They voted to keep the current alternate DR, which is Belinda G. They voted to keep their current treasurer, which is Michelle, and they voted Belinda G. as alternate treasurer. They're keeping their current secretary as well, and elected an alternate secretary, which now will be Michelle, who is also the treasurer. And they also accomplished an agenda for their first District meeting, which is the 24th of this month.

**District 6** - only had 2 GRs present, but they did elect a District treasurer, Karen B. They will need to come back again with more people. There was no previous DR for a long time, so they are unaware if there is even a treasury. Grace M. will reach out to long-time members and get information. So the treasury is at a standstill currently.

**District 11** - only had one attendee, so they will meet back here next month. Irene F. and Kimberly R. will reach out to the groups in the District to see if they can get more participation to an interim meeting before this next meeting in February. A couple of groups in District 11 had previously been included in Memphis's District meeting, so District 11 will need to decide whether they want to meet as one District or together with Districts 12-14 to share treasurer, secretary, etcetera.

**District 12** - no one was in attendance, so they will meet back here next month. Irene F., Delegate, will call the groups and encourage them to attend.

**District 13** - a new DR was elected, Shelley C. And they had a District meeting Thursday night, and West Tennessee right now is in a holding pattern of kind of keeping their District meeting together and money together until they kind of get some more participation. And the treasurer, Kelley N., is still going to stay the treasurer.

**District 14** - a new DR was elected, Rachel C. They will continue to meet as District 12-14 and share District positions such as the secretary and treasurer, Kelley N. But each District will have their own DR to attend and facilitate the District meetings.

Gay S., Area Records Coordinator, is happy to run a report for all the DRs of the groups in your District. Just let her know. I believe Irene F. has sent a report of groups in each District to the existing DRs this week.

Irene F. will need a list of all the new DRs so they can be added to the various places that they need, especially to be able to send to the WSO and get them registered as a DR for their new District.

For those Districts who did not elect new a new DR or have much participation in this meeting, you have a choice to meet by yourself as a District and not have to come to this meeting, or you can come back to next month's meeting and have us help facilitate the election of a new DR and treasurer. Districts 1 (maybe), 2, 6, 11 and 12 elected to come back to this meeting next month.

There was a discussion regarding the treasury. Were there any Districts that were going to have to split up money? Most of the Districts in attendance said that either the District treasury remains in place or they will take care of it on their own. There was no motion necessary at this point.

Michelle E. advised that the Area has a Zoom account, and for those Districts who do not have Zoom accounts to hold District meetings, we are more than willing to schedule your meetings for you and help you run them through the Area Zoom account. And if we need to, we'll get a second Area Zoom account. Contact Michelle E. at [area52.web.coord@gmail.com](mailto:area52.web.coord@gmail.com) to schedule your District meetings.

There was a question asked if we have more DRs now than before this meeting. There are currently 7 DRs for 14 Districts. But Cindy H. commented that we actually have more groups that are represented as a result of what we have done this week. So overall, we have more groups who have DR representation than when we started, which was one of the goals for the Redistricting Task Force.

There was a final call for questions or comments.

Michelle E. added a final comment that we really, really appreciate and thank everyone for coming. She thanked those who stepped up into new roles and their willingness to serve.

Michelle E. closed the meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the AI-Anon Declaration.

The next Restructuring Meeting for Districts who wish to participate is scheduled on **February 7, 2026, at 10:00 AM CST, 11:00 AM EST**. Register here for next meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/SpHh2GOITjabtaitcrbLA>

GroupID	GroupName	DR B4 Re-D	OldDistrict	NewDist
12831	Voices with Choices AFG	NoDR	0001	1
30866843	Serenity AFG	NoDR	0001	1
30855357	Seeking Serenity on Saturdays AFG	Lee Ann	0002	1
12806	Hope AFG	Lee Ann	0002	1
30710230	Free to Be Me AFG	Lee Ann	0002	1
30722482	Courage to Change AFG	Lee Ann	0002	1
30855416	How AFG Works	Lee Ann	0002	1
30913	New BeginningsAFG	Lee Ann	0002	1
500313	New Life AFG	Lee Ann	0002	1
65657	New Hope AFG	Lee Ann	0002	1
12900	Free To Be Me AFG	NoDR	0003	1
30869220	Paths to Recovery AFG	NoDR	0003	1
12841	West Side AFG	NoDR	005B	2
30527479	Discovering Choices AFG	NoDR	005B	2
30669816	Having Had A Spiritual Awakening AFG	NoDR	005B	2
30714378	Thursday Evening AFG	NoDR	005B	2
35085	Twelve At Twelve AFG	NoDR	005B	2
35713	Early Bird AFG	NoDR	005B	2
49351	Monday Downtown AFG	NoDR	005B	2
503071	The Man Show AFG	NoDR	005B	2
503403	As We Understood AFG	NoDR	005B	2
30826697	<a href="#">E-Grp Hope Is Found Here AFG</a>	NoDR	005B	2
30589821	<a href="#">E-Grp Let It Begin With Me AFG</a>	NoDR	005B	2
500412	<a href="#">E-Grp Norris Area AFG</a>	NoDR	005B	2
12849	Loudon County AFG	NoDR	0004	3
12947	Living Now AFG	NoDR	0004	3
30503584	Pigeon River AFG	NoDR	0004	3
30834103	Help and Hope AFG	NoDR	0004	3
38771	Rainbow AFG	NoDR	0004	3
503973	Steel Magnolias AFG	NoDR	0004	3
64209	Reflections Book Study AFG	Loring	005A	3
30727310	One Purpose AFG Kingston	NoDR	0006	3
30802657	<a href="#">E-Grp Tapestry AFG</a>	NoDR	0004	3
64444	<a href="#">E-Grp Fellowship AFG</a>	Loring	005A	3
500687	<a href="#">E-Grp Understanding Ourselves Lit Study</a>	Loring	005A	3
30785702	Hope For Today AFG	Marietta	0007	4
39384	Live And Let Live AFG	Marietta	0007	4
12760	Hixson Serenity Seekers AFG	Eric	0008	4
501796	Hope For Today AFG	NoDR	0004	4

12770	Merry Go Round AFG	Eric	0008	4
12772	Serendipity AFG	Eric	0008	4
30864098	Let Go and Let God AFG	Eric	0008	4
42138	Courage to Change AFG	Eric	0008	4
503836	Thursday Noon Safe Haven AFG	Eric	0008	4
66366	New Beginnings AFG	Eric	0008	4
66660	Circle of Friends AFG	Eric	0008	4
30871300	E-Grp? Gratitude AFG	Eric	0008	4
60450	Dayton AFG	NoDR	0003	3
30715194	E-Grp Friends of Lois AFG	Eric	0008	4
12812	E-Grp Steps to Freedom Wednesday Night A	Eric	0008	4

12790	You Are Not Alone AFG	Linda M	0009	5
30538141	Hope for Today AFG	Linda M	0009	5
30667918	Livingston New Hope AFG	Linda M	0009	5
30834985	Fentress County AFG	Linda M	0009	5
30838839	Cookeville AFG	Linda M	0009	5
36026	Overton County AFG	Linda M	0009	5
60632	Help Hope and Serenity AFG	Linda M	0009	5
63863	New Choices AFG	Linda M	0009	5
12954	Serenity Seekers AFG	NoDR	0011	5
12958	Peace and Serenity AFG	NoDR	0011	5
30808864	E-GrpNew Choices AFG Online	Linda M	0009	5
30522343	Columbia AFG	NoDR	0015	6
30842037	Columbia AFG	NoDR	0015	6
37729	Lewisburg Southern Comfort AFG	NoDR	0015	6
64082	Serenity AFG	NoDR	0013	6
30520621	Gratitude Saturday AFG	NoDR	0013	6
30547112	Gratitude Friday Alanooners AFG	NoDR	0013	6
30811784	Cares AFG	NoDR	0013	6
501311	Lebanon Friendship AFG	NoDR	0013	6
501885	Gratitude Tuesday AFG	NoDR	0013	6
30799648	E-Grp Serenity in the Boro AFG	NoDR	0013	6
30524295	Windows Of Hope AFG	NoDR	0013	7
12810	New Life Hendersonville AFG	Sara S	012C	7
30706959	Hope and Help AFG	Sara S	012C	7
503159	Easy Does It AFG	Sara S	012C	7
503477	Let It Begin With Me AFG	Sara S	012C	7
67321	AFG Al-anooners Group	Sara S	012C	7

12811	Little by Little AFG	NoDR	012D	7
30527667	A New Day Is Dawning AFG	NoDR	012D	7
503124	Became Willing AFG	NoDR	012D	7
30807678	E-Grp Circle of Serenity AFG	Sara S	012C	7
30526423	Wednesday Courage AFG	NoDR	0014	8
30576616	Thursday Thinkers AFG	NoDR	0014	8
52708	Gratitude Group AFG	NoDR	0014	8
30507931	Valley View AFG	NoDR	012A	8
30533582	Kingston Springs AFG	NoDR	0014	8
30595403	Hope For Today AFG	NoDR	012A	8
30576272	Springfield AFG	Sara S	012C	8
60970	Goodlettsville AFG 12 and 12	Sara S	012C	8
61292	Serenity At Noon AFG	Sara S	012C	8
30794772	E-Grp Serenity II AFG	Sara S	012C	8
12925	Mens AFG	NoDR	012A	9
30618005	Surviving to Thriving AFG	NoDR	012A	9
501767	West Nashville AFG	NoDR	012A	9
12912	AFG Parents	Elsie	012B	9
30518254	AFG Spoken Here	Elsie	012B	9
30636959	East Nashville Family And Friends Support	Sara S	012C	9
30703331	East Nashville Courage to Change AFG	Sara S	012C	9
41881	Women's Focus AFG	Elsie	012B	9
65128	Saturday Morning Self-Worth AFG	Elsie	012B	9
30816720	E-Grp Foundation for Growth AFG	Sara S	012C	9
30838715	E-Grp Women's AFG Focus Online	Elsie	012B	9
30506024	Listen and Learn AFG	Elsie	012B	10
30519326	Path of Hope AFG	Elsie	012B	10
30531	Brentwood AFG	Elsie	012B	10
30600361	Learning2live AFG	Elsie	012B	10
30688597	Aldersgate AFG	Elsie	012B	10
30691276	Brentwood East AFG	Elsie	012B	10
30835183	Time For Me AFG	Elsie	012B	10
30858077	Spring Hill AFG	Elsie	012B	10
46336	Keep It Simple AFG	Elsie	012B	10
501620	Cool Nooners AFG	Elsie	012B	10
61267	Friday Friends AFG	Elsie	012B	10
30812603	E-Grp Cool Nooners Online AFG	Elsie	012B	10
30800825	Learning 2Live Online AFG	Elsie	012B	10
30532430	Searching for Serenity AFG	NoDR	0014	11
30697805	Hope AFG	NoDR	0015	11

12757	Main St Way to Serenity AFG	NoDR	0016	11
30515235	Serenity Seekers Adult Children AFG	NoDR	0016	11
30823681	Millington AFG	NoDR	020B	11
30572783	Out Of Towners AFG	NoDR	020B	11
30692024	Taking Steps AFG	NoDR	020B	11
501115	Courage to Change AFG	NoDR	0018	11
30809896	Hope for the Day Dyersburg AFG	NoDR	0019	11
53875	New Beginning AFG	NoDR	0019	11
30776546	How Important Is It AFG	NoDR	020B	12
34741	Solutions AFG	NoDR	020B	12
503597	Conscious Contact AFG	NoDR	020B	12
504020	Cordova Day AFG	NoDR	020B	12
30714376	Oakland AFG	NoDR	020C	12
30864619	Germantown AFG	NoDR	020C	12
39228	We Care AFG	NoDR	020C	12
47110	Courage AFG	NoDR	020C	12
65044	Cordova Hope AFG	NoDR	020C	12
28631	Central Adult Children AFG	NoDR	020A	13
30579324	Came to Believe AFG	NoDR	020A	13
30683126	Mid-Morning 11th Step AFG	NoDR	020A	13
30719359	The Way Forward AFG	NoDR	020A	13
30735699	Jump Start AFG	NoDR	020A	13
30786591	Paths to Hope AFG	NoDR	020A	13
43375	Acceptance AFG	NoDR	020A	13
43457	Pathfinders Step Study AFG	NoDR	020A	13
46008	Singleness of Purpose AFG	NoDR	020A	13
48587	Freedom AFG	NoDR	020A	13
61792	Downtown AFG	NoDR	020A	13
30806639	E-Grp Came To Believe Online Memphis AFG	NoDR	020A	13
30832345	E-Grp Muddy Memphis Men's Meeting AFG	NoDR	020A	13
38599	E-Grp Oak Court AFG	NoDR	020A	13
30831352	E-Grp Stepping Stones AFG	NoDR	020A	13
39227	Collierville Courage to Change AFG	NoDR	020C	14
30851843	Open Hearts AFG	NoDR	020C	14
30555012	Hernando Day AFG	Becca B	020D	14
30560584	Pleasant Hill Happy Hour AFG	Becca B	020D	14
43232	Greenbrook AFG	Becca B	020D	14
62392	Hernando Serenity AFG	Becca B	020D	14
64064	Desoto AFG	Becca B	020D	14
8133	Horn Lake AFG	Becca B	020D	14
30816705	E-Grp Courage to Change Online AFG	NoDR	020C	14

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