

Minutes for Sunday, December 4, 2022

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Call to order by Area Chair, Bryan T.

Roll call by Secretary, Novie H.

Registration: District 10

Present: Attendance per Registration: 191, Area Officers: 7, Area Committee Chairs: 11, Ex-officios: 5, District Chairs: 7

Area Officers Reports:

Area Chair Report– Bryan T.

- Reviewed the past two years
- Worked with Secretary and Incoming Chair

Alternate Chair Report – Diane W.

- No workshops this quarter
- SWRAASA preparation
- Reviewed the past two years

Delegate Report – Sharon S.

- Lack of paper for Big Book jackets created a distribution disconnect but now are available. GSO encourages to buy from Central Service or the Intergroup because of the valuable service they provide.
- Big Book and 12 and 12 sales are on the rise since meetings have returned in person.
- Grapevine ordering is going to be all online and combined to make easier.
- Bob W., General Manager, sent letter accidentally stating that we contribute to the GSO which was untrue. Our contributions go to the General Service Board and that board allows GSO operations and what they spend their money on. He followed with an apology letter.
- Literature prices are going up. With 10.7 million in contributions and 50% book sale profits we need to look at how our money is being spent. It takes \$17-\$18 million to run the General Service office for our groups so we need to pay attention. The financial report can be reviewed at aa.org.
- Over 100 items related to the 12 & 12, Plain Language Book, and preamble were submitted. Currently ten preliminary agenda items have been forwarded to the Conference.
- There will be a Reading Room for the Plain Language Book which will consist of the 4th Edition Big Book translated into 'plain and simple' language. The Reading Room will

enable delegates to review what has currently been done (a few chapters). There will be no cell phones/cameras allowed into Reading Room to avoid being placed on the web before it can be reviewed and approved internally.

- Conference delegates will be discussing the advisory action that states that changes were never to be made to Bill W.'s writings. This is initiated by some wanting changes to be made to the 12 & 12, page 117 (also possibly page 111). It is important that our opinion be stated at the Mock conference held at the next Area 57 meeting so that the Delegate can carry our message to the Conference.

Alternate Delegate Report – Ryan F.

- North American Alternate Delegates Meeting (Zoom) included:
 - How the new incoming Alternate Delegates are to be supported to help ensure success.
 - Responsibility of Delegate is to represent the State of Oklahoma for the North American continent
 - Responsibility of Alternate Delegate is to represent the State of Oklahoma at the Southwest Region
 - The Southwest Region consists of 11 Areas

Treasurer Report – Dennis C.

- Corrections to Financial Statements
 - Page 1, Contributions Year-to-Date number should have been the same as the quarterly number, \$9,554.66. The total at the bottom, \$16,816.05, for income is correct.
 - Last fiscal quarter in 1st column, total income \$1,568 but it should have been \$14,969.31.
- Income is higher than last quarter largely due to conferences return of seed money and overages.
- Expenses show Fun in the Fellowship as \$1,690.00 in September. Misleading number as a deposit was credited in the previous quarter therefore is not reflected in this quarter report.
- Register balance was approximately \$13,400.00 on the Operating Account and \$35,386.00 on Prudent Reserve making a HEALTHY near \$50,000.00 ending balance for December.

Area Chair, Bryan Thompson: Opened for discussion and with no discussion, asked for motion from DCMs to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Area Secretary Report – Novie H.

- Office hours remain Thursday-Friday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm.

- Emailed each district a Fellowship Connection report listing their respective registered groups and asking for changes to be returned.
- Five new groups have been registered this last quarter. Will continue to make new groups registering as part of the quarterly report.
- Attended monthly National Area Registrar Zoom meetings.
- Spoke at different District meetings explaining how Districts, the Area Office and GSO work together.
- Reminder: To include Group's name, District and Group number when sending contributions.
- Invitation to attend the Area Office Open House, January 14, 2023, 10:00 – 2:00.

Area Chair, Bryan Thompson: Opened for discussion and with no discussion, asked for motion from DCMs to approve Treasure Report. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

SWRAASA 2022 Report – Stephanie B.

- Preregistration was 400 but final registration was 785
- Districts contributed \$11,632.00
- 6,942 groups contributed
- Total collections to include registration was \$39,130.00
- Total expenses were \$37,130.00
- Next conference registration fee will be raised from \$15.00 to \$20.00
- Next SWRAASA will be October 11-13, 2024, at the Renaissance in Richardson, TX and hosted by Area 65 (Northeast Texas)
- Final report is on the 2022 SWRAASA website
- Encouraged to attend the 2023 Southwest Regional Forum. It will be September 29, 2023, in El Paso and hosted by Area 66.

10 Minute Break

Area Service Committee Breakout Sessions

Area Service Committee Reports

Area Technologies Chair – Laura T.

- Helped with districts in rural areas
- Encouraged districts/groups to ask for technology help (i.e. creating a website)
- Transitioning into Webmaster

Area Policies and Procedures Chair – Steve S.

- Nothing filed for new business this last quarter
- Topics of discussion that was brought forward:
 - Concern for workload distribution of secretarial duties

- o Incoming Chair will give more information
- o Plan has been developed so as not to modify the budget
- o Guidelines for Fun in the Fellowship Funding
 - o Concern relates to Policy and Procedures, Page 17, a and b that gives vague guidelines for Fun in the Fellowship funding.
 - o Budget line items of \$1200.00 historically were not used to secure room(s) for the event but only for the event itself.
 - o New Policies and Procedures Chair will need to move forward on getting clarification for the future.

Area Newsletter Editor – Cari H.

Thank you to the technologies Chair for developing a pop-up on the area website that enables individuals to register directly. No longer will requests need to be sent to the area office.

Area Archives Chair – Ken E.

- Acknowledged contributions made by individuals serving on the Archives Committee
- Group and Long-timer Histories were launched at the four District Archive workshops
 - o Last workshop, the first Hispanic woman to sober up in the state of Oklahoma (District 90) was interviewed.
 - o Forms can be downloaded at archives.aaoklahoma.org
- Attended National Archives Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas

Area Bridge-the-Gap Chair – David Y.

Thanked everyone for their participation and expressed the willingness to help in the upcoming year.

Area Cooperation with Professional Community Chair – Mary Beth H.

Announced on December 12th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Zoom workshop for new incoming CPC chairs and PI chairs to receive basics.

Area Corrections Chair – Tommy F.

- District 20 gave a workshop yesterday, Dec. 3rd
- The National Corrections Conference will be in Oklahoma City on November 10-12.
- State Corrections Conference will be at Claremore Conference Center
- Coins for Corrections has \$2,600.00 and lots of books to take into jails. A District Attorney donated \$500.00 for Coins for Corrections and another \$500.00 to the Corrections Committee.
- Getting applications for entering facilities approved is a slow process.
- A group at the Lexington facility registered today.

Area Grapevine Chair – Laura T.

- Quarterly Grapevine call
 - Transitioning to a new company that will integrate better with our mission.
 - Unifying the Grapevine Website and the Grapevine store will streamline logins.
 - January 1 prices of books will increase. No price increase for 5 years.
 - Updating the Home Group Home book to update changes over the last few years giving a more accurate description of what a home group is.
 - Developing a new app that will hopefully be out by the end of the year. App will enable reading books, reading digital subscriptions.

Area Gratitude Chair (Incoming)– Joann D.

- Explained how a small percentage of Fellowship at both the National and Area level actually do contribute. Every Area member needs to contribute \$7.00 each to maintain but if only 10% contributes then those contributions need to go up.
- Emphasized that contributions need their respective registered group number submitted with each contribution. If unknown, these numbers can be obtained from the Area Office.

Area Public Information Chair – Jennifer N.

- Thanked everyone for their support.

Area Treatment Chair – Callie H.

- Reported that books were delivered to groups
- Responded to a request for meetings to be held at Assisted Living Facilities. The request was from a corporation that will involve 8 facilities.
 - Two groups (Live and Let Live and the Rockwell Group) stepped in to take meetings into the first one

Area Accessibilities Chair – Gene E.

- Translation equipment was used at the Archive workshop
- Thanked everyone for their support

Budget and Finance Committee Chair – Denny C.

- Training of incoming Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
- Thanked everyone for their support

Lunch Break

Reconvened – Area Chair, Diane W.

- The Area has opened a Venmo account for Groups and Districts to start using for an online option for contributions and gratitude. Venmo account is @Area-57
- Announced Area Meetings for 2023 are April 2, June 4, Sept 10, and Dec 3

- Checking into hotels and cost for Area meeting for 2024
- Bringing back 30 minute break out sessions at Area meetings starting in June.
- The Area secretary will be working 28-30 hours a week through Jan to get caught up
- Confirmed Fred R from District 40 for Budget and Finance Committee

2023 Fun in the Fellowship Report – Mary Beth

- In the process of getting committee members and meetings scheduled.

2023 State Conference Chair Report – Jason B.

- The State Conference is scheduled for May 19-21, 2023. It will be held at Embassy Suites on Northwest Expressway.
- Registration as of this morning is 200.
- Attended District Committee meetings resulting in District contributions to the conference.
- Registration team announced a free drawing for the whole weekend.

Confirm 2024 State Conference Chair – Area Chair, Diane W.

- Motion was made, no discussion, passed appointing Amy T. to the 2024 State Conference Chair

OKC Intergroup – Cooperation Report – Intergroup Liaison (Jared)

- Flyers are on each table to take back to your groups.
- Annual Fundraising Event will be held on January 1 at the Kelley Club in Oklahoma City to include Black-eyed peas contest and raffle of a 65-inch Samsung TV.
- Hotline/12 Step Workshop will be held during the Winter Conference on January 21st at 11:30 and 4:30.
- Intergroup Manager wanted to ask if home groups had Intergroup Reps. There are monthly meetings held on the 4th Thursday of each month. Outlying groups that can't make it to the monthly meeting can attend on Zoom.
- Intergroup provides chairperson, sponsorship, hotline/12 step, anonymity, technology, and safety workshops. These workshops can be brought to groups that agree to host.
- Always needing volunteers for the Hotline and 12th Step lists. Applications can be submitted online or by completing a form in the office.
- Sooner Sobriety is a monthly newsletter that is published by the Intergroup. It can be subscribed by emailing admin@okcintergroup.org

Tulsa's Central Office – Cooperation Report – NECS staff (Kelsey)

- Annual Open House is this Saturday, 9:00 –1:00 with snacks, beverages, and door prizes
 - Drawing at the end of day.
 - Everything is 20% off.
- Central Service Delegates meeting on January 14 at the Unanimity club at 9:00am. Will be electing members for the Board of Trustees.

District and DCM Reports

District 10 – 90 Reports were inaudible

Unfinished Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements Made

Area Chair – Diane W.

Next meeting on April 2.

Meeting adjourned

