

**Minutes for Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Location: Embassy Suites,**

**Oklahoma City Downtown/Medical Center**

**741 North Phillips Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73104**

**Call to order by Area Chair, Diane W.**

**Roll call by Secretary, Novie H.**

**Registration: District 20**

**Present: Attendance per Registration and Roll Call: 201**

**Area Officers Reports:**

**Area Chair Report– Diane W.**

- **Went over the Agenda for the day (Mock Conference, General Sharing session)**
- **Break Out Sessions next area meeting in June.**
- **Attended Joint Service Meetings in OKC and Tulsa each month.**
- **Attended all budget and finance committee meetings. Appointed Mark H. to fill the last open position on the Budget and Finance Committee.**
- **Attended District 30 Winter Conference, a couple of workshops in February and March, District 30 District meeting, District 40 district meeting, District 20 district meeting, and District 80 District meeting. The goal is to attend 3-4 different district meetings every quarter.**
- **Attended Lawton Citywide Meeting.**
- **Al-anon reached and asked to find a liaison for the upcoming Al-anon Conference. Ed C. has volunteered to be the AA liaison.**
- **Been researching with many people's help possible new venues for 2024 Area meeting's location. Nothing locked in at this time but hoping to have before the next meeting for prebudget planning. So far, costs range from \$450.00 to \$3000.**
- **Worked with Novie H., Area Secretary, weekly on Area Office duties**
- **Worked with Amy T. on contract for 2024 State Conference. The venue has been booked.**
- **Introduced to the Budget and Finance Committee the idea of putting financial documents on the website. It is a work in progress and there is already some information on the website under the Area Treasures tab. It will make the financial more transparent and readily available to anyone looking for them.**
- **To receive Area emails, subscribe at [aaoklahoma.org](http://aaoklahoma.org).**

**Alternate Chair Report – Gary K.**

- **2023 kicked off with several online workshops and an in-person workshop.**

Online workshops included a presentation on Traditions 7 and two sessions covering material for upcoming agenda items for the 2023 General Service Conference. In-person workshop in Purcell, OK, covered Tradition 3 and the pamphlet "Problems Other than Alcohol".

The following workshops are scheduled and confirmed for this year

- April 15, 2023 – Ardmore, Oklahoma – Our 12 Traditions
- June 15, 2023 – Grove, Oklahoma – Preface and Forwards in the Big Book, Traditions 3, Traditions 5, and Chapter 7 Working with Others.
- October 14, 2023 – District 60 – More information to follow

Workshop slots still available for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter this year are July, August, or September. Do not hesitate to reach out if your district would like to host a State Sponsored Workshop either online or in person.

- Expenses incurred for this quarter were \$161.14 and receipts are available for review.

#### Delegate Report – Ryan F.

This past quarter...

- Attended the District 30, District 20, District 10, and District 80 district meetings
- Attended all the Joint Meetings in Tulsa and OKC
- Attended the Southwest Regional Delegate Conference (SWRDA)
- Great talk from Jimmy D., our Southwest Region Trustee. It was recorded. Check with our taper today as she may have some.
- Been Placed on "On Report and Charter Committee"
- Attended lots of Delegate meetings in preparation for the GS Conference
- Attended 2 meetings with General Service Board
- Travel expenses incurred were \$1,818.93 for this quarter but \$692.80 will be reimbursed.

#### Alternate Delegate Report – Bryan T.

- This past quarter attended the North American alternate delegate calls that happen on the first of every month.
- Because we are centrally located, we maintain the SWAARZA archives therefore, we are part of the conversation about potentially digitizing those records
- Plan to attend the forum in El Paso at the end of September

#### Treasurer Report – Curt L.

- Five pages of full report have been distributed to the fellowship and posted on the Treasurer's page of the Area website (password=sober).
- Monthly/Quarterly Reconciliation process verifies money movement during period. It is prepared by the Treasurer, verified independently by the Alternate Treasurer, and then presented to the Budget and Finance Committee (B&FC).
- Both Bank accounts are set up online now, with REAL TIME oversight capability by the B&FC.
- Quickly walked through report – explained headers, then went line by line.

- Reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> page to explain the main information box titles and that detail by group/district was included on page 4 and 5 respectively.
- Deposits were reported as being very strong for the quarter.
- No change in Prudent Reserve (PR) except for interest payments of \$55.43 for the quarter.
- Expenses are increasing therefore pushing the PR position.  
This will be a topic during budget planning.
- Stress that contributions reporting is only as good as the info provided with the contributions, for example, the group name, city, group number, and a contact if there are questions.

Area Chair, Diane W. : Opened for discussion

- Question 1 - Steve S: Do we have a security monitor at the office Area Office since the phone system was changed. Voiced concerns were for the valuable holdings that the Area office houses for the Archives. It was explained that the change did not alter the original security system and that alarms only respond in case the Area Office door has an unauthorized entry. There are no monitors inside of the area office but there are hall and door monitors to the building.
- Question 2 – Ken E.: Are financial records secure on the website? The chair explained that a password had been placed even though it is thought to have no confidentiality or anonymity to be protected.

Area Chair, Diane W. : Called again for further 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.

- Thanked District 20 for their registration desk support
- Thanks to all Committee and District Chairs who submitted their reports for inclusion to the Area Meeting Minutes. District 90 was the first to submit their report.
- Secretarial Hours continue: Thursday (Home office 10:00-6:00), Friday (Area Office 10:00-6:00), Saturday (Area Office 10:00-2:00)
- Four New Groups registered this Quarter.
- New GSRs and DCMs - When GSO/DCM packages are received, let the Area Office know.
- Attended monthly National Area Registrar Zoom meetings, Quarterly GSO/Registrars Zoom meetings and Budget and Finance Committee meetings.

Area Chair, Diane W. : Called for discussion and with no discussion, asked for motion from DCMs to approve the Minutes from the last Meeting. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Break

Area Chair- Diane W. – Meeting was reconvened.

General Mock Conference

- Area Chair, Diane W. – Introduction
- Delegate – Instructions/Guidelines
- Back to Delegate – Committee Report

## Area Service Committee Reports

### Area Technologies Chair – Josh L.

- Currently serving on a national level CPC Working Group
- Worked with Area Secretary to help expand email storage
- Need to link with Districts Technology people
- Helping troubleshoot areas wherever needed

### Area Policy and Procedures (P&P) Chair – Sharon S.

- First Policy and Procedure question came from District 20
- Policy and Procedures are on our website at [aaoklahoma.org](http://aaoklahoma.org).
- A review of the current policy and procedures is being made. There will be no changing of the policies themselves. Will email out as soon as possible before final.
- Ross D. has provided a wealth of information on the history of P&P.
- Explained procedure when the review is completed so that it is clear how it is to get approved.
- Policy and Procedure will have a table at the State Conference Service Fair.

### Area Newsletter Editor - Mary Beth H.

- Will take any article and short stories, any information about your home group or what is going on in your community.
- May 4 is the next deadline for submissions
- All submissions will be accepted.

### Area Archives Chair – Gabe S.

- The Archives Committee sponsored an Open House at the Area Office in January. Want to continue hosting on a yearly basis.
- Shown significant growth in participation with new committee members; all districts are represented except District 90
- Digitizing Archives (3 tier approach)
  - o Setting up the platform for storage; using the Area 57 SharePoint site
  - o Adding more items to the platform (largest task; a lot to add)
  - o Making it accessible to the Fellowship
- The committee meets twice a month; one meeting is for discussion of the new Archives Workbook published in 2022.
- Archives will be ready for the State Conference (Archives Room, Service Fair and Archives Table).
- Area 57 Archives will be setting up a display at the 2024 SWARZZA meeting in Dallas, TX.
- Making improvements to how we are storing the Archives at the State Office (shelving/boxes).
- Updating the Deed of Gift Form
- Setting up 2 workshops
  - o 2023 – Q4 – Location: To be determined
  - o 2024 – Q1 – Location: Districts 30-40

### Area Bridge-the-Gap Chair – Julie S.

- Have met with many Bridge the Gap and Corrections Chairs
- We have District Bridge-the-Gap Chairs for Districts 30, 40, 60, and 80. More are needed.
- Blue and yellow cards are available to take home.
- If you need contact information, please let me know during the break.
- With the Fellowship Approval, Cards will be ordered again soon. Will be asking to add a line for the district on the yellow cards as this will expedite the gap from correction and treatment centers to meetings and contacts.

#### **Area Cooperation with Professional Community Chair – Marina T.**

- Have reached out and made connections with many.
- Received a phone call from the General Service Office regarding an email from the Oklahoma State Attorneys. Was able to provide them with literature.
- Attended
- Chickasaw Nation is having a health fair ADA for the National Public Health minds.
- Received an invitation to have a booth and give a presentation at the Oklahoma Transformative Care Symposium which is about trauma, resilience, hope, and health equity. Attendees are medical and behavioral health providers and the Oklahoma State Department of Health.
- The CPC Committee currently has two doctors and a PA that are going to give a presentation on how to introduce AA to patients, how to send that and where.
- Will be giving a zoom workshop in July.
- Expenditures incurred this quarter are \$222.66.

#### **Area Corrections Chair – Tony P.**

- The committee consists of a District corrections chair in every district.
- Spoke with District 90 about doing a badge workshop for Hispanics.
- Making good progress with prison meetings.
- Conference turnout in District 30, Claremore was good.
- The National Corrections Conference moves from state to state each year. This will be Oklahoma's first year as a host. Go to the National Corrections Conference website to register. Dates are November 10-12 at the Northwest Expressway.
- There will be a workshop for both Treatment and Corrections in Enid, May 6

#### **Area Grapevine Chair – Scott B.**

- Prices went up on January 1<sup>st</sup>. There is about an additional \$2.49 on any item bought.
- Have been attending the weekly podcasts that include area reps and chairs.
- Carry the Message Project for 2023 is available, a U-Tube channel, and a Instagram photo contest.
- A new book is coming out this April called The Home Group, The Heartbeat of AA.
- Talking about putting together a workshop on how to write/submit articles in the Grapevine.
- Will be having a display at the Service Fair and giving away a Grapevine subscription.
- Can be reached at the AA website email address.

#### **Area Gratitude Chair – Joann D.**

- The gratitude committee met last month to review a new flyer that went out. Also looked at the website to clear up any confusion.
- Reminder – The State Gratitude Plan suggests that on your AA birthday to send a contribution to the Oklahoma State (Area) office of \$1 per year of sobriety. Now Venmo (Area Fifty-Seven@Area-57) is also available to help make contributions.
- Contributions help us carry the message.

#### Area Public Information Chair - Dustin T.

- Budget line for Public Information is \$400.00. Which is small considering printing, newspapers, and radio so made inquiries on how to mobilize different funds that might help districts in some of these endeavors.
- A group did a mail out using a GSO website template letter polling area churches for less than \$100. Out of 82 letters only two came back. Hoping this process can be shared with other groups and districts so that the public can be better informed about AA in their area.

#### Area Treatment Chair – Josh A.

- Questions have come about H&I. Area 57 does not have an H&I function within the structure.
- The Area Treatment Committee has met three times . Next meeting is two weeks from today. A breakdown of the meeting was given.
- Researched different treatment and detox centers, both inpatient and outpatient in the state. Attempted to break them down according to the Area district map.
- Intend to schedule workshops without the state.

#### Area Accessibilities Chair – Maria E.

- Will be working with all the other committees as the issue of access is part of every committee.
- SOS means Seniors in Sobriety
- Our committee will be exploring issues like children at meetings, remote communities, mental health challenges to just name a few.
- Have been attending meetings
- Very proud of the work that District 90 (Spanish speaking) is doing. Only 18 months ago there were only 3 people at the table (translation).
- From a workshop on Public Information came a workbook that I will be translating into English for use in PI presentations.
- The following are a couple of areas of concern: handicap access to meetings, staying in touch with the elderly, and how newcomers are being greeted.
- If you have a member that is handicap, please encourage them to submit their story to the Newsletter

#### Budget and Finance Committee Chair – Curtis L.

- Will be contacting all area chairs for their preliminary budget input.

#### 2023 State Conference Chair Report – Jason B.

- An outline of the events to come was provided.

The winner of 2023 State Conference Free Registration was drawn and announced.

Fun in the Fellowship Chair and Co-chair – Mary Beth H. and Julie S.

- Cole Center is reserved from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.
- The theme has not been established yet.
- District 90 has offered a special treat for all the districts.

OKC Intergroup – Cooperation Report – Liaison

- After elections in December, the board was restructured to make room for an additional liaison. Will enable to have more districts and better service to our Area.
- This past quarter Representatives attended the 10,20,50, and 70 district meetings to establish better relationships.
- Intergroup has a mobile bookstore so if a group or district event would like Intergroup to come and sell literature on site send an email to OKCIntergroup.org.
- Intergroup offers several workshops that we will bring to groups who would like to host.
- Need stories for Sooner Sobriety. We will see that it is edited if you need help. It can be your story or “aha” moments.
- Need updated meeting schedules.
- Always need volunteers for 12<sup>th</sup> step calls.
- Hybrid meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm.

Tulsa’s Central Office (NECS) – Cooperation Report – Kelsey

- GSO has raised prices, so we must do the same.
- Keeping Big Book and Twelve and Twelve (soft and hard cover) at cost.
- Next delegates meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.
- Several Board members visited District 60 for their quarterly meeting.
- Want more information and input from your groups.
- Have Zoom option to all the delegates meetings.
- The annual Parking Lot party will be June 10<sup>th</sup>, Founders Day.

District and DCM Reports

*Please note: The DCM reports are not included within the main body of these minutes, however, all reports, both written and oral, are kept on file at the Area Office.*

District 10 Chair Report – Tina B.

- At the District Meeting, last Sunday, the district voted to leave the Kelly Club. Now the District meetings will be hosted by our groups in different clusters. The Primary Purpose Group in Norman will be the first to host on May 7 at 2:00 pm, 226 West Gray Street. The DCM meeting will be at 1:00 pm.
- Working diligently to revamp our Clusters and we have quite a few “unknown meetings on the GSO listing that still need checking out.
- If you are in District 10, please come to our meetings, we want and need you there.
- Still have openings for CPC and Accessibilities Chair.
- We appreciate the flyers that Mary Beth has designed for our meetings.

#### **District 20 Chair Report – Jared B.**

- **Our District 20 Quarterly meeting was held on March 19.**
- **Both Chair and Alternate Chairs had to leave their positions and I was elected to be Interim Chair for the district.**
- **There are several housekeeping details that are in motion, such as: updating the signature on the banking account, updating the district trusted servant's information, and seeking to fill three committee chair positions.**
- **The Corrections Chair is chairing the registration committee for the Corrections Conference in November. Also, she is encouraging volunteers to participate in corrections correspondence.**
- **The treatment chairperson facilitated a joint workshop on March 18<sup>th</sup> with panelists participation under CPC and Accessibility.**
- **The Archives Chairperson is working on digitizing District 20 paper archives and collecting group histories from groups that formed around the COVID period.**
- **Gave details of various groups**

#### **District 90 Chair Report - Jose C.**

- **Gave thanks to fellow District 90 members for doing a fantastic job. Dedication is our pursuit.**
- **The second quarter District 90 elected new officers**
- **Details of groups were given**

#### **District 30 Chair Report – Patrice T.**

- **The Quarterly District meeting was held on March 3 of which about 75 were in attendance. There were several first-time attendees and was hosted by the Monkey Island group up by Grand Lake.**
- **Held an election for an alternate DCM, Cluster D-1 and still need to fill DCM/Alternate DCM for D3.**
- **All chair positions are full.**
- **Winter Conference was held January 20-22 with 200 Registrants. D30 won the infamous corn hold tournament against D40. The 2024 Winter conference is already booked for January 26-28 at the Claremore Conference Center. Talia P. is the new 2024 Winter Conference chair and already has a fully staffed committee.**
- **The district made the following contributions. \$1500 to the 2023 State Conference, \$500 to the State Conference hospitality room and \$1,000 to Corrections for literature or how they see fit.**

#### **District 40 Chair Report – Wayne A.**

- **Had 9 GSRs attend our last District Meeting**
- **Have a new Treatment Chair and Bridge-the-Gap Chair**
- **Contributed to the State Conference and have a liaison for the conference committee working for the hospitality room.**
- **The workshop for "Gift of Sponsorship" will be on June 24.**
- **Next District meeting will be on May 13.**



- Archives Chair is getting around everywhere.
- Website has been built by Josh, our District tech guy.
- Visited groups

#### **District 50 Chair Report – Chad S.**

- We appreciate that Intergroup put on two workshops in the district for this quarter. One workshop was in Ponca City on Group Structure and the other was in Stillwater on Sponsorship.
- The district will be hosting a state sponsored workshop covering Treatment and Corrections in Enid on May 6.
- The first quarter District meeting was held in Woodward on March 19 and was well attended with new service positions in the spirit of rotation.
- The 2nd quarter District meeting will be held in Ponca City at the Harmony House on May 7.

#### **District 60 Chair Report – Joe E.**

- District 60 Quarterly meeting was two weeks ago. Always trying to keep in front of this meeting so that we are ahead with information. We had visitors from outside of our district to include Area folks.
- The date is set for the district picnic in September.
- All service chairs are working hard to share the message and are growing strong.
- Our Archives chair, Marbet B., is continuing to work on getting our records digitized. She has a large archive display that she brings often to meetings and conferences.
- Next district meeting is on May 13<sup>th</sup>, and all are invited.

#### **District 70 Chair Report – Gene C. (Could not be present but wanted the following to be included.)**

- District 70 will be having their elections on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **District 80 Chair Report – Pete T.**

- The District Meeting was held two weeks ago. Had a large group of service members visiting to include the Intergroup representative, Fun-in-the-Fellowship chair, Area Chair and Area Delegate. It was really encouraging to get to know Ryan F., our Area Delegate, better even though we put him through the wringer.
- Three new GSRs now have all 6 DCM positions filled.
- Found a group in Cyril that we did not know existed.

#### **General Sharing Session**

##### **Area Chair – Diane W., provided guidance for General Sharing Session**

- Delegate will provide report on current events with the General Service Board  
Open mic discussion of Current Events at General Service Board
- Called for DCM motion to suspend Robert's Rule of Order so during discussion no motions were made. Motion to suspend was made, seconded, and approved.

#### **Unfinished Old Business: None**

**New Business: None**

**Announcements Made**

**Closing:**

**Area Chair – Diane W.**

- **Next meeting is on May 4, 2023**
- **Motion made and carried to adjourn**