

Minutes for Sunday, June 4, 2023

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: Embassy Suites,

Oklahoma City Downtown/Medical Center

741 North Phillips Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Registration: District 30

Present: Attendance per Registration and Roll Call: 121

Meeting called to order by Area Chair, Diane W.

Opening: Serenity Prayer

Welcoming

Rundown of Days' Activities

- Morning Break-Out-Sessions - Purpose is to learn about service positions and connect those serving across the state.
- Afternoon Pre-budget Planning – After DCMs vote, DCMs will then take to the groups and the GSRs will vote at the next Area Meeting.
- September meeting GSRs vote on Final Budget

Roll call by Secretary, Novie H.

Area Officer Reports:

Area Chair Report– Diane W.

- The State Conference was amazing.
- 2024 Area Meeting venue will be held at the Embassy Suites again: Dates are March 24, June 23, September 15, and December 8. Dates will also be on the website (aaoklahoma.org).
- Will start meeting with District Chairs (mid quarter) via zoom.
- Attending the monthly Area Chair meetings.
- District meetings attended: D50, D10, D30 and D60. Planning on visiting D70 and D90 next quarter.
- Attended Ardmore Traditions Panel Workshop. Thank you, past delegates, for being on the panel.
- Attended all Joint Service meetings.
- Working with the Secretary weekly on Area related matters.
- Expenses: This quarter \$995. Have credit card statements showing all charges.

Alternate Chair Report – Gary K.

State Sponsored Workshops:

May 6, 2023 – Held in Enid, OK

- Treatment and Corrections

June 10, 2023 – To be held in Grove, OK.

- Hosted by the We Care Group, District 30
- Preface, and Forwards in the Big Book, Traditions 3 and 5, Chapter 7

July 22, 2023 – To be held in Guthrie, OK

- Hosted by the 89er Group
- Sponsorship: Approaching the Newcomer
- Sponsorship: Freedom from Alcohol, Working the 12 Steps

Date To Be Determined (TBD) – Zoom Workshop Hosted by the Alcoholic Squad Group

- Online Group Autonomy

TBD – Hosted by a Group in District 20

- Power of the Pen – Writing Stories for the Grapevine, Correction Correspondence and Our 4th

October 14, 2023 – Hosted by District 60 – More Information to Follow.

- Our Three Legacies

Late Fall/Early 2024 – Hosted by District 40

- AA and Other 12 Step Programs – Cooperation not Affiliation

In-person workshop slots are full for 2023 but will work with any group or District that is interested in putting together an Online Zoom Workshop in 2023.

Quarter Expenses: \$448.46 (Have receipts available for review)

Delegate Report – Ryan F.

- General Service Conference – Brief overview of New York trip.
- State Conference – Delegate's Report. If you want a copy, contact me and it will be on the website as well.
- SW Regional Forum – Last weekend of September in El Paso. Gave description of what happens at the Forum.
- Agenda Items: Looking for better ways to get the agenda items back to the groups for their processing. Do we need to have more Zoom meetings or maybe have a 4–5-hour type workshop on a Saturday? The goal is to get groups better informed.
- Southwest Regional Delegate's Meeting – Coming next week.
- New Southwest Regional Trustee is Teresa Jacks from New Mexico. She is planning on attending our State Conference next year and also going to try to make it to our Area election.
- Expenses this quarter: \$2,017.41 with remaining \$658.45.

Alternate Delegate Report – Bryan T.

- Attended – Monthly North American Alternate Delegate calls that are held on the first of each month
- Attended – Oklahoma City Joint Service meetings. Work interfered with my ability to attend Tulsa Joint Service meetings.
- Will be attending the Southwest Regional Forum in El Paso in September.
- Attended – Traditions Workshop in Ardmore.
- Quarter Expenses : Not provided.

Treasurer Report – Curt L.

- Tradition 7 Baskets – Reminder to pass the basket. Placards are on the tables.
- Current quarterly report looks different from last quarter.
- Alternate Treasurer performs the monthly reconciliations
- Review of the quarterly report showed Banks beginning balance for the checking account was \$14,055.87 and the ending balance was \$4,204.00.
- Total Income/contributions for the quarter was \$13,068.00.
- Quarter expenses totaled \$18,427.79.
- For the year so far, total contributions are \$32,505.60.

Area Chair, Diane W. : Asked for motion from DCMs to approve Treasurer’s Report. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Area Secretary Report – Novie H.

- Registration Desk – Thank you District 30
- New Groups this Quarter – Three
- Total Groups Reported – 446
- Total Meetings Reported as of June 1st – 1525
- Attended: Quarterly GSO Member Services Zoom Meetings
- Quarterly Area Meeting Minutes: Thank you for the written reports that are provided. They will not all be included in the minutes, but they will be attached and scanned for the record.
- New GSO Report: Started in May. Groups that have GSRs rotating out after two years and there is no one put into the system to replace will go into an unknown status. Complete a Group change form and submit the information as quickly as possible.
- Area Office records – Groups of records (Financial, Group Files, and Policies/Procedures) are being reviewed and inventoried to determine retention. Help is needed.

Area Chair, Diane W. : Asked for motion from DCMs to approve the Minutes from the last Meeting. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Break

Area Chair- Diane W. – Meeting reconvened.

Area Service Reports:

2023 State Conference Final Chair Report – Jason B.

- State Conference Committee Recognized for their support
- Budgeted - \$34, 328
- Revenue - \$28, 998
- Returned \$854.00 to Area 57 Seed Fund

2023 Fun in the Fellowship (FIF) Chair Report – Mary Beth H.

- FIF will be held Saturday September 9th at the Cole Community Center on Northwest Expressway.
- Co-Chair – Julie S.
- Flyers are on the tables
- GSRs, DCMs, Ex-officios, and Area Committee Chairs will be contacted to serve for GSR and DCM school, breakouts, and workshops.
- Group Contributions (monetary or door prizes) – Contact via newsletter@aaoklahoma.org
- RSVP – Not necessary but just helpful for food headcount, prizes, and lanyards.
- Next Committee Member meeting is June 15 at 7:00.

OKC Intergroup – Cooperation Report – Jeff

- Push to expand footprint through liaison team – Attending district meetings to let them know what Intergroup has to offer, such as workshops.
- Hotline – Looking for volunteers.

Upcoming Events:

- Open House – Will be held next Saturday from 11:00-2:00. Food, discounts on store items and lots of fun and fellowship are offered.

Workshops:

- June 10th, 2:30, Sponsorship Workshop at the Western Club.
- June 24th, a Spirituality Workshop sponsored by the Cornerstone Group at North Meridian Group location.
- At 2:00 a Traditions Workshop in Enid.

Tulsa Central Office (NECS) – Cooperation Report – Amy

- Pandemic years were operating in the green and then last year normal events took place so now we are operating below the Prudent Reserve. Going back to having our regular events that are fundraisers.
- March 25th Cook-off - Over 100 were in attendance.
- Parking Lot Party (biggest yearly event) – June 10th (AA birthday)
- New board treasurer – QuickBooks expert.

Breakout Sessions

Area Archives Chair – Gabe S.

- The Breakout Session went well.
- State Conference-great attendance in the Archive Rooms
- Workshops – District 30-40 will be having an Archive workshop in April of next year.
- The National Archives AA Workshop will be held September 7-10 in Ontario this year on the same weekend as the Area 57 meeting.
- Two Archive Committee members, Marbet B. and Mark M. submitted two articles to the Newsletter. One on history of Intergroup and the other on history of workshop

Area Bridge-the-Gap Chair – Julie S.

- State Conference and Third Legacy Service Committee fair – New faces and lots of enthusiasm.
- Expenses for the quarter: \$246.72 (Purchase of blue and yellow cards).

Area Cooperation with Professional Community Chair – Marina T.

- State Conference - Made several contacts and scheduled some opportunities for CPC presentations.
- Requests for CPC literature – Two requests were made this quarter. One was to the Moore Police Department.
- Gave a presentation to the Pittsburg County Local Service Coalition. It is a group of people from different walks of life including Law Enforcement, Health departments and different non-profit organizations. Every Oklahoma county has this organization that meets monthly. So, if you want us to do a presentation in the county where you are, please call us.
- Assisted Living Facilities – Not really CPC nor treatment but they are requesting meetings at their facilities.

Area Corrections Chair Report– Tony P. (Robert from Dist. 30 gave Tony’s report in his absence

- Service Fair - Went well.
- Treatment and Corrections Workshop - Will be on July 16 for districts 10 and 20. Shawna C. and Angela T. helped to coordinate.
- Coins for Collections – Balance \$1,117.00
- National Conference – November 10.
- New Meeting at Vinita – District 30 will start a meeting there every third Tuesday of the month. Tony has already got the books.

Area Grapevine Chair Report – Scott B.

- Area State Conference and Service Fair – Well attended. Received a lot of good information on ideas for fundraising and giving away subscriptions in celebration for one-year anniversaries.
- North American Canadian Zoom Meeting – Will be attending on June 29.
- Norman was published in the May 2023 Grapevine.
- 30th Anniversary Edition of the Homegroup – The Heartbeat of AA is available for \$13.99.
- Fun in the Fellowship - We will be participating on September 9th.
- National Corrections Conference – Been invited to set up a display.

Callie H., Area Corrections Committee Secretary Substituted for Tony P.

- National Corrections Conference – Will be coming in November. This conference rotates every two years, so it is a privilege for Oklahoma to host. Several out of state registrations so far but not as many Oklahoma registrants yet. Please come out and support us. Several from GSO will be there.
- Assisted Living Facilities – Still working with the Greatest Health Corporation who has the living facilities. We have already started one center and are ready to move onto the remaining six. If there is a group or individual that is interested in taking meetings to them, they are all located in OKC.

Area Gratitude Chair Report – Joann D.

- Area State Conference and Service Fair – Could not attend due to family commitment and Katie R. from District 30 filled in for me.
- Gratitude Envelopes – Using up stock so no budgeted money has been spent.
- Big GSO Envelopes – They have the old address on them but they will get to the right place so we are using them up also. These are free to groups so they can order when needed.

Area Newsletter Editor Report – Mary Beth H.

- Thankful for all submissions
- A Special Edition was printed for handouts today and at the State Conference.
- Deadline of next quarter is July 28.
- Contact information is on the back of the newsletter.
- To receive the newsletter through email there is a flyer on each table with QR code and all you need to enter is just your email address.

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

- New QR code created for Oklahoma Policy and Procedures. If you have this QR code on your phone the Policy and Procedures can be downloaded.
- Updates to Policy and Procedures (PP) – Ross and I spent an hour long Zoom meeting every week to update the current PP. Updates, such as, reflecting the nine districts instead of just the previous eight, putting the addendums, updates, and revision history to the back, put the district map at the back.
- Spanish District (D-90) – Since D-90 covers the whole state a list of people to contact for Spanish speaking meetings has been provided.
- Procedures for submitting and approving Area PP changes were provided.
- Encouraging District Policy and Procedure chairs to coordinate.
- Budget – Asked for an increase so that we can provide everyone an opportunity to serve.

Area Public Information (PI) Chair Report– Dustin T. (Not Present-no report)

Area Technologies Chair Report – Josh L.

- Budget – Haven't developed a report that states expenses.
- Area Secretary Monitor – Determined that monitor needs to be replaced.
- Area Office Equipment –
 - Determined that the secretary monitor needs to be replaced.

- o Reviewed office capabilities for establishing a workstation (i.e. laptop/desktop, scanner) for volunteers to help upload scanned documents.
- District Technology Chairs – Contact Area Chair so that a working committee can be formed.

Area Treatment Chair Report – Josh A.

- 4-16-23 Committee Meeting
 - o D-10 – Joint effort with D-20 visiting groups bringing meetings into facilities
 - o D-20 – Workshop in Norman had over 30 people in attendance and are looking to put on another workshop with the Bridge the Gap Chair.
 - o D-30 – Working to get women approved to go into Safenet in Claremore (i.e., dates and times). Working with D-40 to get more members to speak. Met with Rogers County Drug and Alcohol Abuse program and they are currently not interested in having meetings brought in but maybe in the future.
 - o D-40 – Working with GSRs to see which groups are taking meetings into facilities and if there are groups that would like to get involved.
 - o D-50 – Groups from Harmony House in Ponca City, Sleepy Hollow, and the Daily Reprieve Group in Stillwater are taking meetings to Valley Hope in Cushing. The Full Measures Group and the Lost and Found Group are holding meetings in Catalyst in Enid.
 - o D-60 – The Oaks has three rooms for meetings on Thursday nights. One with men only, another is women with children, and a third is women without children. Five men and three women in rotation are carrying meetings to the facility.
- Carrying the message into treatment centers or detox – If interested contact your District Treatment Chair.
- Joint Workshop with Area Corrections – District 50 in Enid. Talks focused on Corrections Program and the 12 Traditions. Was well attended. Eleven people got registered for DOC badges.
- District 60 Quarterly Meeting in McAlester – Talk was that they would consider putting on a workshop in their District.
- Goal – As Chair to visit every district meeting at least once and would like to put on a workshop in each during the two year term.
- Expenditures:
 - 5-5-23 \$132.92 Hotel (Enid Workshop)
 - 5-6-23 \$ 64.19 Mileage (Enid Workshop)
 - 5-13-23 \$100.00 Mileage (District 60 Meeting)
 - Total: \$297.11

Budget and Finance Committee Chair Report – Curt L.

- Question concerning Quarter Financials on the Regular Group Contributions – On far-right hand column where it says, “Dollars per Group” it is dollars per contributing group, not for all groups. The header will be changed to ensure clarity.

District Chair Reports:

(DCM reports will not be included in the minutes but will be held on file at the Area Office)

District 10 Chair Report – Tina B. (not present but report was provided).

- DCMs have been busy checking out new groups from the GSO list provided by the Secretary. Trying to determine if they are active or not. Will provide a report back to the Area Office when completed.
- GSRs voted to change the Policy and Procedures to reflect no longer meeting at the Kelly Club for District meetings but instead begin having the groups hosting in the clusters.
- All the committee chairs are actively working with the Area Committee chairs.
- Next meeting will be August 27 and is being hosted by the Free Life Group in Shawnee.

District 20 Chair Report – Jared B.

- All committee chair positions have been filled.
- Nominated and affirmed a new DCM and three Alternates. As of now, only two DCMs do not have alternates.
- Last District meeting –
 - Changes to our Policy and Procedures were discussed that would move our district elections to correspond with Area elections occurring on even years.
 - Voted to correct names on the district checking account to reflect the current district service servants and get an extra key to the Post Office Box.

District 90 Chair Report – Jose C. (Caesar gave report.)

- New DCM - Eduardo T.
- Literature Committee – Having a speaker meeting in celebration for AA's 88th Anniversary on June 10th. Topics are Back to Fundamentals with Alvaro M and The Importance of Literature with Jose J. Meeting will take place in the District 90's location.
- Number of Groups in Oklahoma City – Seven
- Going to inventory the Tulsa Groups

District 30 Chair Report – Patrice T.

- Last District Meeting – Was held on May 13 at the Altruistic Group in Tulsa and was well attended.
 - New DCMs Elected for D3
 - Will hold election in August for Alternate DCM for D2
 - Voted to approve the Ice Cream/Dessert Social for the Ala-non State Conference in Claremore in October. Word on the street is that Jimmy D. is their AA speaker.
 - Voted to approve a contribution of \$2,000.00 to the Winter Conference for 2024.
- Registration Desk Volunteers – Thank you

District 40 Chair Report – Wayne A. (Not present but report was given)

- Last District Meeting – Was held on May 13 at Willing to Go to Any Length Group.
 - Thirteen groups were represented.
- Next District Meeting – Will be held on August 26 and hosted by The Common Solutions Group.
 - Elections will be held.
- Workshop – District is giving a workshop entitled The Gift of Sponsorship on June 24. It will be hosted by the Desire Group in Tulsa.

District 50 Chair Report – Chad S.

- Last District Meeting – Was held on May 7 in Ponca City
- Hosted a state sponsored workshop (Treatment and Corrections)
 - Several people signed up for badges.
- New Group – Shattuck, OK
- District Conference – Coming on November 3-5. Good speakers and entertainment lined up. Will place flyers on each table.
- Next District Meeting – Will be held August 27th.

District 60 Chair Report – Joe E.

- Last District Meeting – Held before coming to the Conference.
 - Workshops – Working on several to include Corrections and PI. Also discussed having a Third Legacy workshop also.
 - Attendance – Was good with 24-25 people and 7 GSRs. The District has only 14 groups and not all the groups have GSRs.
- District 60 Picnic – Being held on September 25th at Robbers Cave.

District 70 Chair Report – Gene C. (Not present – no report)

District 80 Chair Report – Pete T.

- Last Meeting – A few weeks ago.
 - Committee Members – filled positions (all DCMs are filled)
 - Financially – Good
- State Conference Hospitality – The whole District became involved.

Unfinished (Old) Business: – None

New Business:

1. Area 57 Preliminary Budget – Treasurer, Curt L. – Area 57 2023-2024 Budget

-Motion made and seconded by a DCM to open up for discussion.

(1) Line item 2a (Taper) - Motion made by Josh A. DCM- District 40, change amount from \$800.00 to \$280.00

Motion seconded by Joann D. DCM- District 10.

-Discussion

-Vote taken. Motion did not pass.

(2) Line item 6 (Post Office Box) - Motion made by Joann D. DCM- District 10 to remove the line item which would take the \$220.00 to \$0.00.

-Motion seconded by Ed C. DCM- District 10.

-Discussion

-Vote taken. Motion did not pass.

(3) Line item 20 (Treatment Committee) – Motion made by Patrice, DCM- District 30 to change the amount from \$1,000.00 to \$1,250.00.

-Motion seconded by Brandee R. DCM- District 20.

-No Discussion.

-Vote taken. Motion passed.

No other discussion on remaining line items.

-Called to vote. Motion to approve Preliminary budget passed.

2. Area Delegate, Ryan F. Proposes the Area to submit an Agenda Item to the next General Service Conference to combine the “Plain and Simple Language” Book and the 4th Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Motion made by Josh L. DCM from District 40, as follows:

Area 57 recommends to ensure unity within our fellowship we create a unified edition that physically binds the original AA Big Book text and the plain language translation into one volume, with the current AA Big Book text on the left side of page, and the plain language translation on the right side of page, with each paragraph corresponding. The original page numbers should also be printed for easy reference.

-Motion seconded by Brandee R; DCM- District 20.

-Discussion

-Motion made by PJ T; DCM- District 40 to table the motion.

-Motion seconded. Vote taken. Motion passed to table the motion.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closing: The Lord’s Prayer

Meeting adjourned by the Area Chair, Diane W.

