

Minutes for Sunday, September 10, 2023

**AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Location: Embassy Suites,**

**Oklahoma City Downtown/Medical Center**

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

**Registration: District 40**

**Present: Total Attendance per Registration and Roll Call: 189 (which included 72 GSRs and 35 DCMs)**

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

**Opening: Serenity Prayer**

**Welcoming**

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

**Preview of Day's Events by Area Chair, Diane W.**

**Area Officer Reports:**

**Area Chair Report– Diane W.**

- June Area Meeting date has been changed to June 30, 2024, per hotel request
- Scheduled for trip to Southwest Regional Forum in El Paso, TX
- Plan to meet (Zoom) with the District Chairs to check in and see how their districts are.
- Attended all Area Chair Meetings once a month
- Attended District 70 picnic
- Attended workshops
- Attended joint meetings
- Worked with Secretary
- Expenses this quarter were \$1118.20

**Alternate Chair Report – Gary K.**

- Since last Area Meeting, there were three State Sponsored Workshops
  - June 10 in Grove, OK
  - July 22 in Guthrie, OK
  - July 29 on Zoom
- Two workshops have been scheduled
  - October 14 in District 60 – Three Legacies Panel
  - December 9 in District 40 – Fellowship Purpose
    - In cooperation with Ala-non, Gamblers Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous
  - Looking for those in the Fellowship that have been published in the Grapevine and who are communicating with inmates via writing (letters)

- Expenses this last quarter were \$228.84

**Delegate Report – Ryan F.**

- Attended Broken Bottle Group in McAlester and gave a Delegates Report
- Attended group conscience at the New Haven Group in Tulsa
- Attended International Native American Conference in OKC
- Attended District 30 and District 50 Meetings
- Attended the Red Dirt Round-up at the Northeast Central Service parking lot
- Attended the first delegates meeting with the General Service Board meeting that developed from an agenda item at the General Service Conference last year and are now scheduled every quarter
- Scheduled for trip to the Southwest Regional Forum in El Paso, TX
- In November, the District 50 Conference will be held
- The GSO budget shows an expected excess of \$500,000 by the end of the year but according to what we were presented with at the General Service Conference we were at that time running a little over \$200,000 deficit. We requested the Treasurer to provide correct numbers and so far, have not received them.
- The Grapevine app was released and can now be downloaded for Android and Apple
- Deadline for submitting proposed Agenda Items to the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference is this Wednesday
- Available here today is the Final Reports to include Spanish versions.
- Expenses this last quarter were \$2,399.38.

**Alternate Delegate Report – Bryan T.**

- Attended multiple Joint Service Meetings in both Tulsa and OKC
- Attended multiple North American Alternate Delegates (NAAD) meetings
- Attended Regional Delegate call with our new Trustee
- Attended State Sponsored Workshop in February
- Scheduled for trip to Southwest Regional Forum in El Paso, TX
- Expenses this last quarter were \$822.45

**Treasurer Report – Curt L.**

- Reviewed Cash Balance Reconciliation report, charts, and Contributions reports
- Beginning 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter bank balance was a total of \$39,798.52 to include Prudent Reserve (\$35,593.91) and ended with \$44,613.27 to include Prudent Reserve (\$35,772.18)
- Total year expenses were \$59,729.24 and total income was \$58,005.53
- 162 groups contributed during the fiscal year which represents 36% of all groups and a total of \$48,296.03

**Area Chair, Diane W.:** Performed DCM count (35) and asked for motion from DCMs to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion made by DCM Marina T. of District 60 and seconded. Opened for discussion. Motion approved.

**Reminded to pass the Tradition 7 Baskets.**

## Area Secretary Report – Novie H.

- Thank you to District 40 for their help at the Registration tables
- New Registered Groups this Quarter:
  - District 30 – Woman’s Way Group in Tahlequah
  - District 40 – Last Call Group (Zoom)
  - District 20 – Happy, Joyous, and Free (Women’s Group)
  - District 50 – The Shattuck Recovery Group in Shattuck
  - District 50 – Love and Fellowship Group in Ponca City
- Trusted Servants Phone List – A phone, email and mailing address will be distributed after some upcoming elections in a few weeks
  - Reminder to send all service position changes in as quickly as they happen
- Group and Service Forms – Reviewing forms to update and make current with what is needed. Working with Intergroup and NECS to coordinate so that all necessary information will be provided to those that need it
- DCM Access to Fellowship Connection (GSO) – Written guidance is being given to the DCMs on how to gain access
- Area Meeting Written Reports – Thank you to those that are providing them, and they are being attached to the minutes.

Area Chair, Diane W.: Motion made by Jared B., District 20 to approve the June 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Motion seconded, discussion, motion passed.

Break

Area Chair, Diane W.: Reconvened meeting

### Unfinished Old Business:

#### **1. Motion: DCM D40**

*Area 57 recommends that to help 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 the page, and the plain language translation on the right side of the page, with each paragraph corresponding. Th original page numbers should also be printed for easy reference.*

**DCMs voted to not take off the table, which effectively voided the motion. No action taken.**

#### **2. Motion: DCM D80**

**Motion made by DCM Jessica G. of District 80 and seconded by DCM Gene C. of District 70**

*Area 57 submits a Proposed Agenda Item to the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference that changes any iteration of the first 164 pages of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous cease. Therefore, leaving the new “plain language” book development, and/or print, a separate entity until no sooner than completion and release of the draft to the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.*

**Motion Passed**

**New Business:**

***Motion: DCM 30***

***Motion made by Austin R. – District 30 and seconded by PJ – District 40***

*Proposed Area 57 Policy and Procedure Change*

*Current Language*

*Page 7, Section A, Bullet A-5*

*Location: The General Assembly shall be held in Oklahoma City.*

*Proposed Change*

*The General Assembly shall be held at a location determined by the Area Chair.*

***Is open and will be voted on at the Area Meeting in December during (Old) Business.***

**2024 State Conference Chair Report – Given on behalf of Amy T. by Reggie L.**

- Conference is to be held May 17-19, 2024, in Broken Arrow, OK at Stoney Creek Conference Center
- Theme is “One More 24”
- Already have 132 registrations

**2023 FIF Conference Chair Report – Mary Beth H.**

- Every District participated
- Approximately 291 in attendance
- Started with \$1200.00 and after committing \$1,000.00 for the Cole Community Center we were only operating with \$200.00 until the districts came forward. Expenses including the facility were \$2,307.00 and total to date contributions were \$3,060.00. Will coordinate with Treasurer to ensure numbers are correct.

**Announcement of 2024 Fun in the Fellowship Chair – Alternate Delegate, Bryan T. announced that the chair was Reba H. from District 40.**

**OKC Intergroup – Cooperation Report – Jeff**

- Intergroup moving the weekend of November 3-4.
- Next event is “Take your Sponsor to Breakfast” on October 7 at the Kelley Club
- Next meeting is tomorrow night hosted by the Round Table Club at 8:00 pm
- Safety Workshop on October 14 at 1:15 pm at the Norman Original Group
- Open House has been postponed and instead a Grand Opening at the new location will be scheduled

**Tulsa Central Office (NECS) – Cooperation Report – Kelsey**

- Next Delegate’s meeting which is the Central Service Rep meeting will be held on October 14 at 10am at the Unanimity Club

- Need new contact information
- The group information form can be completed on the website
- Next event with October Fest on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Will have flyers out this week.

#### Area Service Committee Chair Reports

##### Area Accessibilities Chair Report – Maria E.

- Acknowledgement to District 20 for their work in Accessibilities
- District 90 is also working very hard
- Need information from all the districts
- Email is on the website

##### Area Archives Chair Report – Paige M. (Area Archives Committee Secretary)

- Completed new Deed of Gift Form
  - Added to the Archives page on the aaoklahoma.org website
  - Mirrors the form used by the GSO Archives
- Purchased 20 Archival boxes and 200 mylar sleeves for archiving documents in the state (Area) Office.
  - This is 50% of the boxes needed for the entire collection
  - The one time additional \$500.00 in the Archives budget is for the remaining boxes
- Archives Workshops
  - Archive workshop sponsored by Districts 30 and 40 will be held April 27, 2024
  - District 40 Archive Chair is coordinating the event
- Inventory Project at the State (Area) Office
  - Budget/Finance Committee and Districts 10 and District 20 have sorted through the organized inventory.
  - Grouping still to be reviewed for inventory includes State Conference documents, Area 57 Meeting Minutes, and numerous event fliers.
- Defining Archives Committee Mission Statement
  - New item on the Area Archives agenda
  - Goal is to create an Archive Committee Mission Statement that aligns with Area 57 Policies and Procedures and the GSO Archives methodology

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

- Workshops - Attended several wellness state sponsored workshops
- Confidential Cards - Available here today
- Committee is still under budget as the only expense has been the cards

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

- Sponsored a Zoom workshop where we showed a video from the GSO to sending the message to medical professionals
- Gave two presentations to Haskell County and Larimer County Local Service Coalition sending the message to Law Enforcement, hospitals and a variety of professionals.

- A Zoom workshop is scheduled to be announced in November and is going to be geared the Law Enforcement
- No monies spent this quarter of the \$500.00 budgeted but have spent \$222.00 total this fiscal year

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

- Corrections Workshop on July 15. 11 people applied for their badges.
- Secured meeting in Columbia County Jail
  - Bridge the Gap, Intergroup, and Grapevine were in attendance
- A youth meeting was held in Oklahoma County Juvenile Detention Center. Contact is Jennifer S. in OKC.
- Contributions for Coins go to Thornton S. (405-880-0739)

#### Area Grapevine Chair – Scott B.

- Grapevine app
  - Download for free from the Apple App Store or from Google Play for Android
  - Subscribe for a monthly subscription for \$2.99 per month or a yearly subscription for \$29.99
  - Subscription will allow you to read or listen (audio) to the stories in the magazine each month, send stories to friends and much more
- Corporate Board will have a position vacancy
- Participated in the Beta Testing
  - Still some bugs being worked on
  - If you have issues just call the help desk
- Attended the North America/Canadian Grapevine Chairs meetings
- Participated in Fun in the Fellowship
- Incarcerated individuals can access the Grapevine and other material on tablets
  - Depends on the vendor in the facility as to whether it is free or not
- Plan on attending the Southwest Region Forum in El Paso, TX
- Will be setting up a display at the National Corrections Conference in November
- This quarter expenses were \$228.00 of the total \$350.00 budget

#### Area Gratitude Chair – Joann D.

- Called for newly elected District Gratitude Chairs to make contact
- Encourage those individuals or groups making contributions to give adequate information so that it will be recorded correctly
- Gratitude Envelopes
  - Will be spending all the budget money for new envelopes to be printed

#### Area Newsletter Chair - Mary Beth H.

- Three or four printed Newsletters are on each table
- Printed approximately 100 each quarter
- If registered for emails online at [aaoklahoma.org](http://aaoklahoma.org) you will receive an electronic version via email each quarter

- This quarter spent \$3.60 each for 125 copies.
- This quarter had over 60 groups and individuals who participated.

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

- Asked for District Policy and Procedures Chairs to identify themselves
- Budget is \$50.00
- Gave a workshop
- Aaoklahoma.org under Policy and Procedures there is a QR code that will give you the updated policy and procedures manual
- Have had one motion sent in. It was well written. Have no opinion, just help with the writing when needed.

#### Area Public Information Chair Report – Dustin T. stepping down. Jorja S. gave the report

- Reached out to General Service Board about backlog on pamphlets
- Public Information cards were printed and distributed
- Out of the \$400.00 budgeted there is \$132.95 left leaving two weeks to spend \$32.95 before end of year rolls over.

#### Area Technologies Chair – Josh L.

- Technology Stack Assessment
  - Conducted a thorough investigation of the current technology stack
  - Formulated a strategic plan for technological advancements
    - Phase 1: Transfer the URL to Cloudflare for better collaboration and security
    - Phase 2: Transition the email servers to Microsoft 365
    - Phase 3: Migrate the area website to a more advanced server, identifying a slow week for minimal disruption
- State-Level Office Document Archiving:
  - We are actively working on enhancing the document archiving process at our single state-level office. A significant number of documents require archiving.
  - Plans are underway to set up a computer workstation in the office. This will open up opportunities for volunteers to come in and assist with the scanning.
- Secretary's Monitor Upgrade
  - Recognized the need for a larger monitor for the secretary due to challenges faced with database entry on certain sites.
  - Recommendation: Procure a larger monitor to enhance productivity.
- National Level Public Information Working Group
  - Attended multiple meetings, resulting in a double increase in website attendance due to provided insights and recommendations.
- Workshops:
  - Conducted workshops on "Anonymity in the Digital Age: at the YPAA convention in OKC and on technology at the "Fun in the Fellowship" event.

#### Area Treatment Chair – Josh A.

- Expenses this quarter: Hotel and mileage was \$281.40

- Workshops
  - July 15<sup>th</sup> a joint workshop with Treatment and Corrections in Districts 10 and 20 at the North Meridian Clubhouse in OKC.
    - Area Treatment Chair, Tony P. gave a talk on the Corrections Program and getting involved with taking meetings into jails and prisons.
      - Panel Members shared their experience.
    - Gave talk on applying the 12 Traditions to Treatment and Corrections work.
  - Any groups or districts that are interested in hosting a workshop please contact us
  - Committed to getting workshops in each district during the remaining months of my commitment.

Budget and Finance Chair – Curt L.

- Nothing to report

Break for Lunch

Area Committee Meeting reconvened

#### District and DCM Reports

*Please note: To save on time, District Chair reports were not given at the meeting, but written reports will be on file with the DCM reports as part of the Area Meeting Minutes.*

Announcements Made

Area Committee Meeting Adjourned

#### AREA ASSEMBLY CALLED TO ORDER

**Roll Call:** In lieu of roll call (to save time), Area Chair has all GSRs, or Bona Fide Subs stand and count off.

#### New Business:

- Special Order of Business – Approve 2023-2024 Proposed Area 57 Budget (\$65,762)
  - Area Chair, Diane W., gave brief outline of the budget approving process explaining roll of the DCMs and GSRs
  - GSR Countdown - 72 present (48 is the 2/3 number)
    - Area Chair – Called for Motion from GSRs to be entertained
      - GSR, Ralph of District 30 made motion
      - GSR, Austin R. of District 30 seconded motion
    - Discussion – Line Item 1 (General Service Conference)
      - Motion made and seconded to change from \$3,000 to \$2,000
      - Discussion
      - Motion amended to change from \$2,000 to \$1800
      - Discussion
      - Motion passed



- Discussion – Line Item 8a (Payroll Service – new)
  - No motion for change made
- Discussion – Line Item 28 (Fun in the Fellowship)
  - Motion made and seconded to change from \$500 to \$1500
  - Discussion
  - Motion amended from \$1500 to \$2000
  - Discussion
  - Motion made to vote on the motion
  - Motion made and seconded
  - Motion passed
- Discussion – Line Item 26 (Alternate Delegate’s Expense)
  - Motion made by and seconded to change from \$2,050 to \$1800
  - Discussion
  - Motion did not pass
- Motion made and seconded to change Line Item 2a (Meeting Taper) from \$1800 to \$250
  - Discussion
  - Motion did not pass
- Motion on the floor to approve the 2023-2024 Area 57 Budget (\$66,062).
  - Motion passed

Area Assembly Adjourned

Closing: The Lord’s Prayer