

Sunday, June 30, 2024

AREA 57 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Location: Embassy Suites

Oklahoma City Downtown/Medical Center

741 North Phillips Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73104

Registration: District 60

Present: Total Attendance per Registration and Roll Call: 166 to include 25 DCMs

Call to Order – Area 57 Chair, Diane W.

Opening: Serenity Prayer

Welcoming

Roll Call – Novie H., Area Secretary

Preview of Days Events – Diane W., Area Chair

- Service Committee Breakout Sessions
- 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget and Discussion

Area Officers Reports

Area Chair – Diane W.

- State Conference - Served on panel for Service Fair
- 2025 Area Meeting location will be here at the Embassy again
 - Dates are set for March 23, June 22, and September 14.
 - The December meeting will have to be somewhere else as renovations will be taking place here.
 - Received the same rate.
- Did not meet with District Chairs this quarter
- Attended the Joint Service Meeting in OKC this past quarter
- Attended monthly all Area Chair Meetings.
 - Meeting the new Panel 74 Area Chairs. Able to help them as I was helped by Panel 72s.
- Attended Districts 10, 30 and 50. Will visit 60,70 and 80 in the next quarter.
- Served on a panel for the Archives Workshop held in Tulsa.
- Every other Friday, we have been having zoom meetings for the ad hoc committee regarding the Area Inventory.

- Expenses this quarter were \$595.00.

Alternate Area Chair – Gary K.

- State Sponsored Workshops
 - April 13 hosted by 89er Group. Subject was Traditions 1-4 and Policy and Procedure bylaws
 - April 27, Archives Workshop in Tulsa. Tulsa celebrated 80 years of AA
 - Upcoming Workshops
 - August 17, Bottoms Up Group of Tahlequah will host. The topic is “Leadership and Sponsorship”.
 - Panelists will speak on Chapter 7, “Working with Others”. Pot-luck dinner and float trip will follow.
 - September 7, Love and Fellowship Group of Ponca City at Woodlands Christian Church will host a state sponsored workshop.
 - Other Activities
 - May 1, attended District 10 and 20 Joint Service Meeting
 - May, attended the State Conference in Tulsa
 - June 8, spoke at the Lost and Found Group in Enid
 - June 15, attended District 30 meeting
 - June 28, spoke at the Broken Bottle Group in McAlester
 - Expenses this quarter
 - \$223.77

Area Delegate – Ryan F.

- General Service Conference was held in New York
 - If you were unable to attend the State Conference, the Delegate Report is posted on aaoklahoma.org in the password (sober) protected section under the Delegate tab
 - Also posted the digital versions of the report outs for each of the committees
 - Highlights were:
 - Plain language book passed by 2/3 vote
 - 8 hours of debated over the two-day conference
 - Voted on by supermajority
 - All outlined in my Delegate Report
 - Should be out in the fall
 - Individual annual contributions can now be made up to \$7,000
 - Pamphlets
 - Approved
 - One for Asian

- One for Transgender
 - Disapproved
 - Homeless due to inability to distribute
 - Using Lord's Prayer as a closing option at the International Convention
 - Voted out
 - Reasons
 - Can't use organized religious prayers in public gatherings without a permit
 - The Lord's Prayer is considered Catholic (The Serenity Prayer is not considered an organized religion-based prayer.)
 - Voted in was an extended moment of silence
 - Budget
 - No plan to replenish the Prudent Reserve so currently we should be at 9-10 months in prudent reserve
 - Currently at 6 months operating expenses
 - Final Report – been reviewing draft version
 - New Service Manual
 - Committee did rewrites of Chapters 8,9,10,11, and 12
- Attended 10 and 20 Joint Service Meeting
- Attended 10 and 20 District Meetings
- Reminder of 2024 SWRAASA will be held in Richardson, TX on October 11-13
- Expenses this quarter
 - \$3,924.96 and have a remaining \$94.64

Alternate Delegate – Bryan T.

- Attended State Conference
- Attended Joint Service Meeting in OKC
- Attended two of the three Alternate Delegate Zoom Meetings
 - All Alternate Delegates are part of the SWRAASA committee
 - Been busy getting ready for that conference
- Expenses this quarter
 - \$830.49 of the budget \$562.50

Area Treasurer – Curt L.

- Provided a review of the attached 3rd Quarter Financial Report

Area Chair, Diane W.:

- Count off for DCMs present: 28 were present
- Called for motion from DCMs to approve 3rd Quarter Treasurer' Report

- Andy D., District 10 DCM , made a motion to approve, motion seconded, no discussion, motion approved

Area Secretary – Novie H.

- Thank you for District 60 staffing the Registration tables this morning
- Elections/changes coming
 - Please confirm with me if your District is changing their election years (odd to even, even to odd)
 - Group and District Change forms (available at registration table, website (PDF), and online)
- Fellowship Connection
 - Do not know how many DCMs have read-only access
 - If you are a DCM having issues, please contact me.
- New Gratitude envelopes
 - No place for amount so please mark somewhere on the envelope or enclose information on how you want you or your group want funds credited
- Thank you for Jeff Z, of the Duncan Group for getting the big office printer working

Area Chair, Diane W.:

- Called for motion from DCMs to approve the March 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes
 - Michael C., DCM, District 30, Cluster A, made motion to approve, motion was seconded, no discussion, motion approved

2024 State Conference Chair Final Report – Amy T.

- Committee was amazing
- Venue was substantially cheaper than the past
- Registration 115 at the door (2023), 305 early bird registration (2023). 554 pre-registrations(2024), total 369 at the door (2024) for a total of 923 total registrations.
- Returned seed money with overage amounts returning to the Area the total of \$12,300.00

2025 State Conference Chair – Laura T.

- Dates May 16-18
- Venue will be the Embassy Suites at 2501 Conference Drive, Norman
- Current registration will be \$30.00, \$35.00 at the door
- Currently have 96 registrations
- First committee meeting will be held July 21, 2024, at 2:00 pm at the Western Club

2024 Fun in the Fellowship Report – Reba H.

- September 14, 2024

OKC Intergroup – Cooperation Report – Jeff, Intergroup Liaison

- Attended all the District Meetings
- Asking for support and help
- Flyers are out showing different ways you can give your time and money
- Upcoming event:
 - July 27th, 3:00-4:00 pm – Hotline/12th Step Workshop will be held at the Intergroup Office

NE Central Office – Cooperation Report – Fred R., NECS Treasurer

- Reporting in Barbara's absence
- Parking Lot Event Fundraiser was successful
- Upcoming Telephone Hotline Workshop

Break

Area Service Committee Breakout Sessions

Area Service Committee Chair Reports

Area Accessibilities Chair – Maria E.

- State Conference
 - 6-7 members participated
 - Out of the box because they were set up in the hallway which made it challenging.
- Just gave a little media workshop at the breakout
- Need Cherokee translators
- Tolerance needed for those that need help

Area Archives Chair – Gabe S.

- District 3-/40 Workshop in Tulsa
 - Gave the history of AA both in Oklahoma City and Tulsa
 - Provided archive displays for the Archive Room
- State Conference
 - Provided the archive displays for the Archive Room
- Expenses this quarter
 - \$86.85
- Inventory Project
 - People met at the office yesterday to go through stuff
 - Translating all the old minutes, bulletins

- Trying to get information ready for digital format takes review and organizing
- Trying to determine how we are to get the information out to the Fellowship
 - Format of access process with protection
- Monies spent before FY end will be for a scanner that can do 3-dimensional type (i.e., books)
- Policies and Procedures – Updating
 - Accessioning (how we bring into the archives) and deaccessioning (how we take out)
 - At last committee meeting a decision to not do a plain language version of our P&P but use instead the archive words
- Group Interviews and histories are ongoing
- Flyers – please put dates on them

Area Bridge-the-Gap Chair – Julie S.

- State Conference brought us back to over 200 volunteers
- We have new cards (Blue and Yellow Cards)
 - Mary Beth has done a wonderful job getting them on the website
- Expenses this quarter
 - None

Area Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) Chair – Marina T.

- Attended State Conference
 - Service Fair
 - Gave out literature
- District 10 CPC/PI Workshop
 - In August
- Received a request from a member who was meeting with the chaplain at Great Plains Correctional Center
- Several requests have been made this quarter for literature
- Expenses this quarter
 - Spent \$124.20 on literature

Area Corrections Chair – Tony P.

- District 10 Corrections Chair, Shawna C will be meeting with Oklahoma County Juvenile Probation
 - July 11
 - Trying to set up panels and workshops for juveniles on probation
- District 20 Corrections Chair – New corrections chair, Mark H.
- District 30 Workshop – Josh A. and I gave a workshop on May 11, in Grove about carrying the message to county jails

- Topic, “Carrying the Message to county jails”
 - Grove has started a new meeting in Delaware County jail.
- Attendance was approximately 40
- District 40 – Corrections Chair, PJ T. and I met with Tulsa County administration.
 - Men contact PJ T. and women contact Talia P.
- District 50 – Nothing to report
- District 60 – July 20th Workshop at The Cherokee Club
 - 100 N. “A” St, McAlester, OK
 - Bring a side or dessert
- District 70 – Workshop/picnic
 - August 25
 - Foss State Park, 10252 Hwy 44
- Prison Re-entry Fair Committee
 - Looking for helpers. Do not have to have a badge but do have to submit information to facility and communicate in advance who is attending.
- Coins for Corrections
 - A fund set aside that you can contribute to that goes directly for buying Big Books for those behind bars (jail or DOC)
 - Explained how to contribute.

Area Grapevine Chair – Scott B.

- Break out session this morning was great
- Grapevine/LaVina apps rolled out Sept 1, 2023. \$2.99 a month of \$29.99 per year
 - Download app – it is free
- Area 57 State Conference – Set up display table and gave away books/other information and participated in the Service Fair
- Visit the Grapevine You Tube Channel www.youtube.com/aagrapevinr
- Grapevine is not operating in the black – need Fellowship’s help
- Will be at the Fun in the Fellowship events on September 14, at the Cole Community Center

Area Gratitude Plan Chair – Joann D.

- The Breakout session had lots of good discussion and questions.
- Will be making suggestion to the next Area Gratitude Chair to have the amounts placed there.
 - Take envelopes back to your home group and your district meetings
- The Gratitude contributions support all the service activities that happen in the state of Oklahoma (Area).
- Mary Beth, Area Newsletter Chair, has asked members to send in three things they are grateful for, and she will see that they are published.

- Former Area 57 delegate, Harold Casey, has a book that can be purchased on Amazon titled Three Ways Today.
- Expenses for this Quarter - none

Area Newsletter Editor – Mary Beth H.

- Budget
 - Was \$34.00 in hole after the last quarterly meeting
 - After printing again additionally \$474.00 we are now \$508.00 in the hole
- This quarter's newsletter is small as submissions went from 55-70 to average of 30
- Next deadline is September 1
- Interest in being the Newsletter chair for the next two years, please see Diane

Area Policy & Procedures Chair – Steve S. (Substituting for Sharon S.)

- New QR code is available to download the new Policy and Procedures
- Can also go onto aaoklahoma.org and see the new Policy and Procedures
- Break out session we outlined how the process of establishing policy and procedures from a group conscience

Area Public Information (PI) Chair – April W.

- Outline of the last 9 months of expenditures
- Wallet cards have been passed out to all district chairs and groups that requested them
 - 200 left in English and 100 left in Spanish
- Shared literature with District 10, 20, 30, 40, 60, and 80 chairs
- Provided literature, pamphlets, and public information for a three-day health fair
- Provided literature directly to the Chickasaw Nation
 - Their plan was to distribute at their casinos as they have recognized the need
- Have had requests from the Delaware Nation and the Caddo Nation for literature
 - Set up pamphlet stands in both of those tribal complexes and in the health complex in Anadarko
 - Gave out the QR code and wallet cards so individuals can find out where Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are.
- Workshop planned with District 90 at the Western Club
- Expenses this quarter
 - Spent \$126.00 on additional Spanish literature which allowed us to furnish Spanish literature that has been requested.

Area Technologies Chair – Josh L.

- Site went down for 12 days

- Made the domain main server run separately and are now using Cloud players to help the website run faster and take stress off the old server that Tulsa Connect has been using
- Still trying to get Connect to release the ownership of the name
- We have 200 people a day going to the site so we cannot afford to let this continue
- National Technology Workshop
 - Being held in St. Louis in the next couple of months
 - If you would like for me to attend, will have to add to my budget as the cost would be \$400-\$500 and currently budget is only \$250
- Redesigning the Website
 - Looking at WordPress

Area Treatment Chair – Josh A.

- This Quarter expenses
 - \$69.62
- Workshops
 - Tony P. and I put on a workshop in Grove on May 11.
 - Joint workshop with Correction and Treatment on July 20 in McAlester. Will be hosted by District 60 at the Cherokee Club
 - A Workshop will be held on July 27 in Chickasha, OK. Will be hosted by District 80 at the Epworth United Methodist Church
 - Will be sharing on August 25 at the District 70 Picnic at Foss State Park
 - Thank you to Districts 60,70, and 80 for helping to make these workshops possible
 - Will be putting together workshops in Districts 30, 40, and 90 this fall

Budget and Finance Committee Chair – No Report

Area Inventory – Bryan T.

- Diane asked me to chair
- Recognized those serving on the Area Inventory Committee
 - Met about 6 times over the last couple of months
 - Trying to be thoughtful, thorough and intentional with how we approach
- Area 57 has never performed an inventory before
- A chance to get a cross-section of thoughts and opinions
- August 3, at noon at the Western Club
- Questions were sent out to the Fellowship the 1st of this month
 - Answers will be consolidated and posted to the Area website for transparency as well as reference

- Summary will be given at the Area Meeting in September
- Committee will give a more thorough summary report at the December meeting

Lunch

District /DCM Service Reports

Please note: The District Chairs and DCMs reports are not included within the main body, however, all audio and written reports are kept on file as part of the Area Meeting Minutes.

Unfinished (Old) Business

None

New Business

Proposed Area 2024-2025 Budget approved by DCM's. GSRs, Alt GSRs or bona fide subs will be back at the September Area Assembly to vote on the Proposed Area Budget.

Open Mic/Announcements

Meeting adjourned – Diane W., Area 57 Chair

Closing: The Lord's prayer

Attachments:

1. Approved Treasurer Report
2. Approved Area Meeting Minutes
3. District Chairs and DCMs Reports