

Area 39 Committee Reports January 15, 2011

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee members met with each of the committees. Budgets were edited and request for advances were made pending passing of the budget. Although one committee member was not in attendance, his assignments were handled by others.

Western Area Convention: Jack Q opened with the Serenity Prayer. The goal of the conference is to promote unity within Area 39.

- The guidelines for the WAMO Convention were distributed.
- Amy W read minutes from last Area Conference and they were accepted
- Our treasurer reported the profit of 1344.81 which was turned in to area treasury. This report was also accepted.
- Jack Q stepped down from chair and Mark S, co-chair stepped into position as chair.
- After qualifying Marjorie H was elected by acclamation as co-chair.
- Rick K. by acclamation will remain in the position of hospitality chair.
- Jeff D (our P.I.) will be making our save the date flyers to help with getting info out ASAP
- The WAMO convention theme will change from "Back to Basic" to "Colors of Fall in the Ozarks"
- Mark S. closed on time with the Lord's Prayer Yours in service, Mark S.

Missouri State Convention: We opened the meeting and got straight to business. Last Missouri State Convention profits were split equally to both Areas \$1142.70 was given to each Area. The need for a new P.I. chair at the State level was needed Dave F. Area Chair was asked to do the election. Danny D. from Hillcrest meeting of District 14 was voted in by acclamation. Commitments to service positions were stressed. And our new goal for this next convention to make the Western Area the most visibly enthusiastic part of the whole process. Jenny A. was also voted in as the new ex-officio Yours in service, Danny D.

Treatment Committee: Meeting opened with Serenity prayer, statement of purpose read, attendance sheet passed with 20 present that signed in. Chairman welcomed everyone and introduced the new officers. Announced that district reports to be given verbally and written copy to secretary for the minutes. Minutes, treasury report and literature reports given with \$31.60 returned. All were approved Chairman Report given with focus on broadening scope of Treatment Committee service to outside organizations. Alt Chair absent, BTG, BTGWW, and Institutions Weekend reports all given and approved,

District reports from 12 districts were given. New webmaster election held: Steve P. from District 2 – sobriety date 03-01-06 was approved.

Recap from Janine to review and/or compile committee guidelines tabled to march for discussion of TFC Duties & Responsibilities dated June 2006.

2011 budget review for cutting back unnecessary spending. Discussion and decision was made at a new balance of 2937.50 approved. Pending approved of the Area budget. Our 1st quarter BTG request of 32.50 was made.

Correspondence from GSO re: Renaissance West @ 5840 Swope in K.C. requesting meetings District 6 handled.

Corrections Committee: Opened with serenity prayer, read statement of purpose, secretary minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report given and approved. I gave my report and explained Norma's resignation and we opened the floor for nominations and after a majority election Tamika B. from Paseo Group is our new Alt Chair, Janine B. was acclimated as Corrections webmaster, there was no literature report, we had updates on BTGWW and Institutions Weekend we then went into District reports with 10 of 17 districts reporting. We had 4 districts requesting literature after lengthy discussion it was approved. My apologies to treatment comm. For running over our allotted time we are requesting 954.64 for literature 500.00 seed money for Institutions Weekend and 32.50 for BTG hotel expense for a total of 1486.14 we closed with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Kirby H. Corrections Chair

Bridge The Gap: The BTGWW was a wonderful experiences my 3rd and fruitful contacts made w/corrections & BTG in CA, Florida and Minneapolis.

We had a great turnout at the January Area meeting and several items brought to the table. As so co-chair I have been busy 1—item of misaddressed contacts between districts 12 & 13 2 – Dave H dist 7 is readdressing old and new confidential contacts (thx Dave) there was some confusion about the appropriate use of the confidential list (we probably need a workshop for BTG)

We had been found to working prudently w/in our budget for area & AA. We have made successful bridges with our area and area's 38, 41, 6 and 25.

I have made contacts/bridges for DOC Moberly thru personal contact Michael O and I are looking forward to panels for institutions weekend – May 7th with corrections & institutions chair Kirby H.

Leo W. has asked for room re-imbusement

Institutions Weekend: Respectfully submitted by Janine B.

District 2 – local host reported the location and date for the 2011 IW will be at the Savannah Ave Baptist Church in St. Joseph on May 7, 2011. Registration starts at noon, there are fliers updated available here today and a table in the assembly room to pre-register. We've worked on getting the AA and professional panels set. We ask if anyone has a facility or professional they want an invite letter sent to contact us to get them on the mailing list.

We encourage everyone to register and attend. We encourage donations for the dinner and auction items we'll take anything that's not titled or living. We'll sort out items that are not acceptable and only

AA produced and GV produced when donating literature We need a taper or someone with microphones/p.a. system with taping device. The next local committee meeting will be Feb 13th at 28th & Sacramento St (the Sober Skirts location) then March 13th at 2pm same location if anyone wants to attend and help us with planning of IW

Grapevine: GV meeting had 39 present at the common meeting Comm. voted to reduced yearly budget from 2400.00 for grapevine literature to 1700.00 for the year 2011 and left the budget of 200.00 per year for office supplies and mileage making the budget for 2011 1900.00 we reduced the budget by 700.00 District reports were given.

Comm. Held an election to elect a new chair. The candidates were Jay M., Key W., Ray T., Jay M. was elected by 3rd legacy procedure on 3rd ballot. Natasha P. was elected as webmaster for GV. John A. (Past Delegate)

Special Needs: Meeting opened in the usual manner with 15-20 in attendance. Six districts were represented. Minutes were approved. Treasurer reports no expenses for the quarter. We began reviewing the proposed committee guidelines and approved the revised statement of purpose. The committee also discussed and decided to shave 105 off the 2011 proposed budget to help the Area build a balanced budget. Joann R. was elected committee webmaster. I handed out volunteer sign-up sheets to the committee members our first goal is to inventory our manpower resources so we can assess how best to carry the message to those with special needs. More goal-setting exercises will be conducted in March. In Service Amy W.

Archives: Bob R opened the meeting with prayer, 18 people attended including all officers. Minutes of previous meeting were amended to include the Adopt-a-District Project and approved as amended.

Archives Chairs from districts 7, 11, and 13 were present and submitted reports.

Bob presented his goal as Chair of the Archives Committee for 2011-2012; to get more information about AA history, in order to identify their recovery with Alcoholics Anonymous (rather than a treatment program or another 12-step program). They would be more likely to keep coming back assuring that AA will be there for our children and grandchildren.

Chris asked that we elect a new webmaster, as she does not have the time for this service. We elected Peggy L-T by acclamation.

Response to request for budget cuts: Carl C. noted we were going to request 100.00 per quarter for the adopt-a-district project, but we do not currently have the materials ready for such a project, and it may take two quarters to get organized. Therefore Carl C. proposed that the Archives Committee cut the Adopt-a-district allocation of 100.00 from the budget for each of the first two quarters; this would result in a savings of 200.00 this year. Motion made second and passed Meeting closed with prayer. Respectfully submitted Chris K, recording secretary/ Bob R, Archives Committee Chair

Public Information: Debbie H, Chairman, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer. Deb H, Secretary was unable to attend, Cheryl H. Dist 7 took the minutes in her place. There were no minutes from the September meeting to approve,

The P.I. statement of purpose was read from the AA Guidelines

Debbie S, Treasurer, held the treasurers report so we could revisit the budget to see if there were areas to save costs. It was moved/seconded/passed to keep budget as approved in September. The supply of Area information post cards is depleted. It was motioned seconded and passed to place a new order before March meeting.

John E. gave the website report. He discussed the committee taking a long look at the website and making changes in graphics

Debbie H, Chairman, expressed the importance of giving the reports verbally, so it can give other districts ideas

Districts giving reports 1,2,3,4,6,7,9,11,12,14,15,16,17. 33 total people in attendance
Mark S., had to step down as alternate chair. Debby W. was nominated and voted in unanimously as new Alternate chair

Tony B (Dist 14) and Debby W (Dist 2) discussed that she will be receiving PowerPoint presentation on using social media from New Mexico Area.

Future agenda items were discussed briefly. The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted Debbie H., Chairman

Cooperation with the Professional Community: The CPC committee met at 1:00 p.m. Saturday 1-15-11. There were 27 in attendance 9/district reps. We went over the budget and agreed to keep it the amount we approved in September 2010. We had already it by 450.00

We have volunteers from the Kansas City groups to man the tables at the American Academy of Family Physicians in July.

We will also be going to Tan-Tar-A to Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals in April

I also handed out literature and have more available for those districts that have projects they might need literature for.

We discussed ways to get literature into Hospitals and Doctors offices. There were many good ideas. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 with the Lord's Prayer, Yours in Service, Lorita C,

More district reports are needed even if you have a combined title of PI/CPC. Please give report in both committees. Thank you Lorita C., CPC Chair

WAMO Website: The website committee opened their meeting with the serenity prayer.... We the heard from our Webmaster the statistics for our website for the year 2010... Of note that there were 161,681 individual hits to our website for the year 2010. The meeting schedule of the website was the most visited.

This certainly demonstrates just how important our website is to a whole range of people for several different purposes. For example, as mentioned, the most hits were the meeting schedule page but also there were hits for Area events, translations and committee information

The greatest part of our meeting centered on a need to upgrade our website and specifically the home page... new graphics and a more modern look is our goal

In order to accomplish this it was suggested that we open up this project to the members of the entire Western Area.

Therefore, we are asking each District Website representative to encourage their groups within the district to ponder this need and submit a thumbnail presentation/sketch as to how home page can be updated and what it might look like

We are thing the "Walking Camel" might be part of the home page but it certainly does not need to be and we are open to all proposals that members would care to suggest.

To make this an attractive proposition to the person submitting the winning proposal we'll have that person's name on the home page to acknowledge who provided the selected design.

We will go over all proposals at our next meeting in March and report further to the assembly as this project continues along its path.

Also there are some forms that we use at the district and area levels that need to be filled out from time to time. The Alt chair would like some forms placed on the website for GSR reporting. In addition some other forms such as Group GSR ID information that goes to GSO or the Group Information form would also be placed on the website for use. The intent is to have the ability to fill out a form online and then submit it electronically to the Area Officer that needs to receive the filled out form.

Therefore webmaster will prepare the necessary format and coding that will accommodate this suggestion and if all goes well we should be able to announce the finished project at the March assembly. Sincerely John E. Website Chair

Literature: Opened with Serenity Prayer

Sign-in and introductions – 23 present representing eight districts, the recording secretary was absent Dottie took notes.

Minutes of previous meeting were dispensed with

Literature Chair report – called and registered with GSO. Service package is in the mail. “AA Comes of Age” 75 year commemorative souvenir book is still available from GSO for 7.00. FYI BB is translated into 63 languages. Four more are pending. We might try and get a display board with AA pamphlets and a synopsis of meeting topics from that. Also use other books for topics “AA Comes of Age”, “Dr, Bob and the Good Old Timers”, etc

Alternate Chair report – new in this position and plans on working closely with the chairperson

Webmaster report – Andrea received a CD with instructions on how to handle web Page

District literature reports – Districts 1, 2, 6,7,11,12,15,17 all gave reports. A general overview is that many districts have problems find literature reps. Trouble filling any positions. Try using AA Pamphlets for meeting discussions. Also Grapevine Books the newest being Spiritual Awakenings II. Some districts use and make newcomer packets it is done more at the Group level. A group Literature report was handed in.

Old Business – finance committee suggested budget be cut 100.00 after much discussion the committee passed a motion to leave the budget as is.

New business – committee approved report forms to be used by literature representatives

Goals for this year – make sure both Missouri area literature committee work together to have literature display at the institutions weekend and State Convention. The committee is able to have its display at the WAMO Convention.

Adopt a District – The district in need of assistance/help ie Literature display, workshops, etc would ask a neighboring district for moral and spiritual support.

Any new business not aware of – Thoughts to ponder for next assembly – area we a Goal Oriented Committee? What is our committee actually doing to “carry the message?”

Meeting adjourned Respectfully submitted Pat L. Literature chair Dottie G., Alternate Literature Chair