

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2023

Members Present: Amy B. Chairperson, Wayne H. CO-Chairperson, Sandy J. Treasurer, Robert H. Co-Treasurer, Michelle M. Recording Secretary, Wayne T. Central Office Manager, Volunteer Coordinator Jo B., Keren D. Events Coordinator, Cathy M. Co-Events Coordinator, Randy S. Member at Large 1, Mark L. Member At Large 2, Group Representative Cheryl F.

Members Absent: Nick J. Website, Mickey N. Literature, Winslow C. Newsletter Editor

Members present did represent a quorum as defined by our Central Office Bylaws.

Guests: Gay

Meeting was opened by Amy B. at 0900.

A moment of silence was observed.

The Serenity Prayer was recited.

Minutes: The minutes from March 2023 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Since the monthly meeting took place on April 1, 2023 Sandy was unable to get a statement. These numbers will change greatly since our Annual Fundraising Breakfast takes place tomorrow April 2, 2023.

Total Income: \$7,341.08

Total expenses: \$2,235.12 **These Numbers Are From Last Month**

Checking Balance: \$8,420.77

Savings Balance: \$5,309.24

Treasurer reports literature is being purchased but there is no accounting system in place to make sure we are getting complete orders. Sandy does not want it to appear. She has any idea if we are getting what we have paid for

although we are paying for it. Wayne felt the volunteers could empty the boxes and put the invoices in Mickey's box. Wayne was not aware of any system Mickey had in place and felt asking that Mickey implement some form of record keeping might be too much. The assumption was if it's not broken don't fix it and a comment was made that we don't know if it's broken or not. As of April 1st, 2023 Sandy officially no longer has to worry about the book inventory.

Office Manager: Wayne reports we are out of the 20 Questions flier and would like to order 4,000.00 we use them in the Newcomer Packet. Wayne reported AA had been invited to participate in a Health and Wellness Fair at Phoenix Grammar School on April 15th from 2:00 to 4:00. The Committee was happy to be included in the event and we will put up a table with some helpful literature and books. The question was raised if that might not be a District responsibility. Our Chairperson felt we had the supplies and the volunteers to make it work. We will be certain to bring Spanish literature as well.

Volunteer Coordinator: Jo B. was there having just celebrated her AA Birthday. Jo reported the office is fully staffed and Jo is getting ready to train a new woman volunteer.

Literature Report: Mic was not there but sent a report with Wayne, Mic reports he just ordered 100 Big Books both portable and hard back. "Do we still want to stock Grapevine literature? Doesn't seem to sell." Committee voted yes we need to keep ordering Grapevine Literature. There will be a rate hike of 20% on literature from the World Service Office beginning April 3. Sandy also brought up that what Mic did ordering 100 books before the rate hike felt wrong to her. "We are supposed to support the World Service". "Nothing really can be done about it but that's how the Central Office is doing business". Wayne referenced a letter from World Service dated February 15 2023 asking that the fellowship not do just what Mic had just done. This letter is hanging in the Central Office and can be found on the Central Office Web Site. Since Sandy is the Treasurer she is the only other person that knows when this kind of thing happens but this really bothered her and she wanted to put it out there letting the Committee know that this is how Central Office is conducting itself. The duties of the Central Office Board of Directors are outlined in the Bylaws, Article 4, Section b., and specifically the Literature Director is in roman numeral VI.

Newsletter: Winslow not here Amy has seen and he looked fine.

Web Site: Wayne reported the Web Site is going well and always up to date.

District 16 Liaison: Vacant Position

Group Representatives: These service members are only required to attend Steering Committee meetings the months of March, June, September and December, when the Group Representatives are in attendance they are voting members of the committee.

Cheryl F. was Present: Reported her GSR presented the many issues being discussed and voted on or not at the Assembly, and the group has set a time during their business meeting to allow Cheryl to give her report from Central Office Steering Committee

Special Events: Big Book for the Newcomer everyone usually signs and the member with the most Sobriety presents the book to the newcomer. Bank for raffle tickets, 50\50. Cathay ran through a quick schedule of events. A few words to the fellowship from our lovely Chairperson. Raffle prizes have been pouring in yayayay District 16 fellowship. Cathy has put together a wonderful Step by Step Book of How to Put On Fundraiser Breakfast. Discussion ensued regarding what kind of donation we can make to St. Vincents.

Member At Large 1: Mark reports he is getting excited and available for service when needed. Mark was donating a kitchen sink with faucet and 2 hours labor for the C.O. Breakfast raffle yay Great Job!!!!!!

Member At Large 2: Randy reports he and his wife are going out to several meetings. He continues to go to his old meetings and is checking out new meetings as well sharing information and passing out fliers and information wherever he goes.

Chairperson: Amy reports she has found a bilingual person to help her with developing a flier letting the Spanish AA Community know we now stock Spanish literature on the shelves, Big Book, 12x12, Living Sober and Daily Reflections.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Tabled Issue: PayPal is an ongoing source of confusion with documenting incoming funds. Robert H. The Co-Treasurer made a few recommendations. Wayne, Sandy, Robert, Nick and Terry will get together and brainstorm a solution.

Motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made at 1000.

The Responsibility Statement was recited and the meeting was adjourned by Amy B.

Remember May Meeting will be May 13th due to Rogue Round Up