District 28 of SW Ohio Area 56

Saturday, July 17, 2021

**Agenda**

Serenity Prayer

Tradition 7 – Reading: Read by Herb T.

Concept 7 - Reading: Read by Jason T.

Who can vote? GSR. Alt GSR if GSR is not present, DCM, Alt DCM, Secretary, Treasurer, Standing Committee Chairs

Number of voting members: 3

In attendance: Kevin J., Shane, Jason T., Margret B., Herb. T.,

New GSR’s: Introduce themselves

Secretary Minutes: (Motion, second, discussion, vote)

Treasurer Report: Patti, (Questions or corrections on the treasurer’s report):

Patty was not present for the treasurer report but Herb was able to fill in. Two checks received ($10.00 and $13.00) but not deposited yet. Herb is going to give them to Patti. These are in addition to the previous balance.

DCM Report

* Area will be holding the election for Officers at the Area Assembly, September 25, 2021.
	+ The assembly will be face to face and may be ran hybrid
	+ If interested, read officer / chairperson responsibilities in the area handbook.
* Some results from the 2021 General Service Conference:
	+ Agenda Committee:
		- The following theme for the 2022 GSC will be “AA Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service”
	+ Corrections:
		- Revisions be made to A.A.W.S literature directed to members behind the walls and that the terms “inmate” and “offender” be replaced with “person in custody”.
	+ Literature
		- A Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be developed, including an update to better reflect current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Action that: “The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forwards, The Doctors Opinion, Dr. Bob’s Nightmare, and the Appendices remain as is”, and that a progress report be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature.
		- Pending its development, the draft Fifth Edition of the Big Book would include a new forward, an updated preface and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V.
		- A revision be made to page 117 in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, replacing the phrase “opposite sex” with the word “partner”
			* + To be revised to read: “Nearly every sound human being, experiences at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a partner sex with whom the fullest possible union can be made…”
		- The sentence which includes the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “step six” of the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be revised to refer to the Seven Deadly Sins without specific mention of examples that are severe in nature as follows, and that a footnote be added to provide context as to the basis for change:
			* + Be revised to read: “No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust, or gluttony.”
		- The pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic” be updated to include the fresh stories and a new title that is respectful and inclusive and that a progress report or draft pamphlet be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature.
		- The existing version of the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” not be retired.
		- The draft update of the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” be approved with the working title, “Experience Has Taught Us: Our Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”
		- The pamphlet, “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.” be revised by omitting the text on page 17 “…including coffee, sandwiches, cakes or whatever else may be served,” as follows:
			* + Be revised to read: “…to defray the cost of renting a meeting place and other meeting expenses.”
		- The paragraph containing the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex on page 12 in the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” be revised as follows:
			* + Be revised to read: A.A. custom does suggest one limitation: sponsorship should be avoided whenever a romantic entanglement might arise between sponsor and sponsee. we A.A. members, no matter how long we have been sober, remain thoroughly human, subject to emotions that might divert us from “our primary purpose.”
		- A draft version of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous (Forth Edition), be translated into plain and simple language and be developed in a way that is accessible and relatable to as wide of an audience as possible and that a progress report be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature.
		- Will be translated from 11th grade level to 5th grade level.
		- It will be translated, not interpreted.
		- The simplified version dates are:
			1. Draft version within the next year.
			2. Approx. 3 years to publish.
			3. Stories will also be translated over.
		- The “A.A.W.S. Policy on Conversion of Written Conference-approved Literature and Service Material into Video Format,” approved by A.A. World Services, Inc. Board of Directors in January 2020, be acknowledged abd accepted by the General Service Committee.
	+ Public Information
		- Podcasts providing sharing within the Fellowship and information about A.A. to the public be produced and distributed by G.S.O. in cooperation with the Grapevine Office. The committee requested that a progress report on the development and implementation of podcast be forwarded to the 2022 Conference Committee on Public Information.
		- The committee noted that the podcast would serve as a new format to produce “service material” to communicate on topics with similar sharing that can be found in Box 4-5-9, About AA, aa.org, and sharing from Grapevine and La Vina.
	+ Report and Charter:
		- Compilation and printing of the A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern US and Western US) be discontinued.

Standing Committee Reports:

* Corrections & Treatment: Herb T. gave a corrections report

District 28 Corrections & Treatment Report by Herb T based on emails from Mark B and Bryan B.

Mark B. is doing a great job on the Warren County-based corrections facilities.

Bryan B. is doing a great job on the Clermont County-based corrections facilities.

Warren County-based facilities:

* Lebanon Correctional Institution is now open for Monday and Thursday meetings.
* Warren Correctional Institution is now open for meetings, Mark has given applications to two interested volunteers, and he recently delivered 200 pamphlets to the facility.
* Warren County Jail is now open for men’s and women’s meetings.
* Community Correctional Center (CCC) and Turtle Creek Center (TCC), both operated by Talbert House, are not yet open; Mark is keeping in contact with both facilities.

Clermont County-based facilities:

* Clermont County Jail will open August 1st with the same schedule of meetings as before the pandemic shutdown — two Monday night men’s meetings, one Wednesday morning men’s meeting and one Wednesday night women’s meeting. Only previously approved volunteers will be allowed back in; they do need to re-apply; and no new applications for totally new volunteers will be accepted at this time.
* Community Alternative Sentencing Center (inside Clermont County Jail) was allowing a men’s ZOOM meeting during the shutdown; Herb guesses they’ll be open to in-person meetings too if the jail’s open, but he doesn’t know for sure.

Clermont County Residential Drivers Intervention Program (per Herb T):

* Should restart in September; the supervisor for the program is changing; Herb will advise when he learns more.

Behavioral Health Institute at Mercy Clermont Hospital (per Kevin J):

* Things are going great, we have a new volunteer applying, and we have a healthy group of volunteers going in on a rotating basis.

Old Business:

* PI/CPC
* Grapevine/Literature

New Business:

* Discussion and vote on whether we should return to face to face district meeting
	+ Discussion was made and voted on to stay with Zoom for our district meetings
* P.O. Box in Loveland, which only Herb and Patti have keys/access to will need someone to step up in January to check it weekly.

GSR Reports:

Announcements:

* Camelstock July 23 thru 25, Loveland
* “CPC Train the Trainer” Virtual Workshop Area Committee meeting August 8, 2021 Noon to 2pm (Virtual) – District 13, area 36
* Rule 62 is August 6-8, 2021 in Hebren, KY
* Our next District 28 meeting is August 21, 2021.
* Ohio State Convention August 20-22, 2021 (Virtual)
* Buckeye Roundup November 5 thru 7, 2021.

**Motion to close by Herb T. and second by Sean**

Close: Responsibility Statement

**I am responsible…**

**When anyone, anywhere,**

**reaches out for help, I want**

**The hand of A.A. always to be there.**

**And for that: I am responsible.**