

Alcoholics Anonymous – Area 75

Winter Service Assembly

Meeting Minutes

January 18th, 2015 • Madison Senior Center • 330 West Mifflin Street • Madison, WI 53703

Officers Present:

Drew A. – Delegate, Barb W. – Alt. Delegate/Literature, Kristi K. – Chair, Katherine G. – Alt. Chair, Bob S. – Secretary, Vanessa L. – Alt. Secretary, Peter W. – Treasurer, Ted B. – Alt. Treasurer

Standing Committee Chairpersons Present:

Brent H. – Archives, Nancy S. – Archivist, Tara H. – Corrections, Bart V. – CPC, Randy R. – Grapevine, Mike G. – PI, Wendy B. – Special Needs, Sean M. – Treatment, Chris D. – Registrar, Al B. – Webmaster, Nancy H. - Conference Advisory Committee Chair, Chris S. – 2015 Conference, Karen B. – 2016 Fall Conference

DCMs Present:

D01 – Rosalie H.T.; D02 – Camela S.; D03 – Mary M.; D06 – Cynthia S.; D08 – Wanda F.; D10 – Noe V.; D11 – Dona C.; D12 – Diana K.; D13 – Terry H.; D14 – Frank S.; D16 – Mark V.; D17 – Rebecca B.; D20 – Lindsay P.; D22 & 4 – Mark M.; D25 – Zach L., Sandy M.; D27 – Jay R.; D28/ - Karen M.; D29 – Connie S.; D31 – Thomas W.; D34 – Jim F.; D35 – Anne S.; D36 – Pam See

GSRs, Alternate GSRs, District Committee Chairs, and Others Present:

D01 – John M., Lynsu T., Jasmine S., Liz N., Rob R., Jay A.; D02 – Fred K.; D03 – Karen B., D04 – Bob B., Jenny P.; D06 – Jim M.; D08 – Curt S., Judy R., Denise M., Betsy L.; D10 – Luis H., Jesus G.; D12 – Patty S.; D13 – Melisa R., Curt M., Jess G., Laura K., Shawn W., Mary Beth B., Paul H., Robin S., D16 – Terry W., Jacob R.; D17 – John H., Ted B., Steve N., Kimberly D.; D20 – Manny H., Travis E., Justin P., Sid R., Jason B., Krissy C., Gavin M., Zack O., Eric H., Jimmy M.; D22 – Jim L., Rachel L.; D24 – Matt K., Jenni K.; D25 – Jeff Z., Thomas B., George B., Les M., Joe M., Steph M., Mike M.; D27 – Bobbie M.; D28 – LeRoy J.; D29 – Tom M., Jerome S.; D31 – Thom, Laurie M., Lucas Z.; D32 – Jason K.; D34 – Nealy R., Brad D., Scott S., Todd U.; D35 – Shirley C., David A.; D36 – Chris W.

Past Delegates Present:

John B., Ken G., Nancy G., George P., Nancy H., Randy R.

Kristi C., Area Chairperson, opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer on Sunday, , 2014.

Barb W. read the Twelve Concepts.

Bob S., Area Secretary, took Roll Call.

Secretary's Report – Bob S.

Treasurer's Report – Peter W.

Income and Expenses		Income and Expenses	
01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014		01/01/2013 - 12/31/2013	
Account	2014	Account	2013
INCOME		INCOME	
Conference Proceeds	\$756.00		
Corrections Literature Fund - In	\$3,223.29	Corrections Literature Fund - In	\$3,229.16
General Contributions	\$24,362.96	General Contributions	\$26,442.58
INCOME - TOTAL	\$28,342.25	INCOME - TOTAL	\$29,671.74
EXPENSES		EXPENSES	
Alternate Delegate - TOTAL	\$1,106.69	Alternate Delegate - TOTAL	\$2,645.91
Alternate Secretary - TOTAL	\$202.52	Alternate Secretary - TOTAL	\$380.58
Alternate Treasurer - TOTAL	\$229.91	Alternate Treasurer - TOTAL	\$325.01
Archives Chair - TOTAL	\$1,817.82	Archives Chair - TOTAL	\$1,366.98
Archivist - TOTAL	\$3,024.58	Archivist - TOTAL	\$2,821.87
Area Chair - TOTAL	\$1,711.80	Area Chair - TOTAL	\$2,598.01
CPC Chair - TOTAL	\$1,464.58	CPC Chair - TOTAL	\$1,599.10
		Conference Advisory Chair - TOTAL	\$86.60
Corrections Chair - TOTAL	\$1,516.29	Corrections Chair - TOTAL	\$1,759.35
Corrections Literature Fund - Out	\$3,810.06	Corrections Literature Fund - Out	\$2,616.96
Delegate - TOTAL	\$3,037.31	Delegate - TOTAL	\$3,766.47
General Service Conference - TOTAL	\$1,600.00	General Service Conference - TOTAL	\$5,600.00
Grapevine Chair - TOTAL	\$1,043.64	Grapevine Chair - TOTAL	\$1,606.01
Overhead - TOTAL	\$3,956.77	Overhead - TOTAL	\$3,401.22
PI Chair - TOTAL	\$941.16	PI Chair - TOTAL	\$1,065.30
Secretary - TOTAL	\$1,335.70	Secretary - TOTAL	\$619.38

Special Needs Chair - TOTAL	\$313.32		Special Needs Chair - TOTAL	\$914.21
Treasurer - TOTAL	\$1,045.71		Treasurer - TOTAL	\$1,110.44
Treatment - TOTAL	\$1,134.32		Treatment - TOTAL	\$1,334.00
EXPENSES - TOTAL	\$29,292.18		EXPENSES - TOTAL	\$35,617.40
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(\$949.93)		TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	(\$5,945.66)

Budget: Area Chair

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,770.00	\$1,711.80	1058.2	61.80%

Budget: Archivist

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$3,250.00	\$3,024.58	225.42	93.06%

Budget: Archives Chair

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,169.00	\$1,817.82	351.18	83.81%

Budget: CPC Chair

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$2,669.00	\$1,464.58	1204.42	54.87%

Budget: Conf Advisory Chair

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$499.40	\$0.00	499.4	0.00%

Budget: Corrections Chair

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$3,660.00	\$1,516.29	2,143.71	41.43%

Budget: Grapevine

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,757.00	1043.64	713.36	59.40%

Budget: Overhead

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$5,231.50	\$3,956.77	1274.73	75.63%

Budget: PI Chair

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,538.00	\$941.16	596.84	61.19%

Budget: Secretary

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$2,227	1335.7	891.3	59.98%

Budget: Alternate Secretary

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Expenses				
Total Expenses	\$525	202.52	322.48	38.58%

Budget: Special Needs Chair

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,419	313.32	1105.68	22.08%

Budget: Delegate

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$4,095.00	\$3,037.31	1057.69	74.17%

Budget: Alternate Delegate

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$2,730.00	\$1,106.69	1623.31	40.54%

Budget: General Service Conference

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$5,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	28.57%

Budget: Treasurer

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,729	1045.71	683.29	60.48%

Budget: Alternate Treasurer

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$480.00	\$229.91	250.09	47.90%

Budget: Treatment Chair

01/01/2014 - 12/31/2014

				Percentage
Category	Budgeted	Actual	Difference	Actual / Budget
Total Expenses	\$1,164	1134.32	29.68	97.45%

Corrections Literature Fund Out		3810.06		
Grand Totals	\$43,512.90	\$29,292.18		

Actual vs Budget 2014

58.56%

Account Balances		Account Balances	
As of: 12/31/2014		As of: 12/31/2013	
Account	Current Balance	Account	Current Balance
Bank Accounts		Bank Accounts	
Conference Funds	\$10,502.31	Conference Funds	\$9,746.31
Operations Account		Operations Account	
Corrections Literature	\$1,427.26	Corrections Literature	\$2,014.03
General Funds	\$2,009.49	General Funds	\$378.65
Prudent Reserve	\$3,000.00	Prudent Reserve	\$5,750.00
Operations Account - Total	\$6,436.75	Operations Account - Total	\$8,142.68
Bank Accounts - Total	\$16,939.06	Bank Accounts - Total	\$17,888.99
Assets		Assets	
Area Conferences		Area Conferences	
		2014 Conference	\$2,500.00
2015 Conference	\$1,500.00		
2016 Conference	\$2,000.00	2016 Conference	\$1,000.00
Area Conferences - Total	\$3,500.00	Area Conferences - Total	\$3,500.00
Assets - Total	\$3,500.00	Assets - Total	\$3,500.00
Total	\$20,439.06	Total	\$21,388.99

Delegate's Report – Drew A.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as Area 75's Panel 65 Delegate. My term began on January 1st but I began receiving materials from GSO prior to that date. I have received my communications package and my committee assignment background material. I will be serving on the Trustees' Committee.

The theme of the 65th General Service Conference, April 19-25, 2015, is "Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service – The Foundation for Our Future" and presentation/discussion topics will include:

Our Common Welfare Through Gratitude in Action:

- a) Diversity in A.A. - Our Heritage of Inclusion
- b) Safety and Respect – Practicing the Principles Begins in our Home Group
- c) Safeguarding our Traditions through the Evolution of Technology

d) Inventory – Looking Back to Move Ahead

I expect to receive the background materials on all of the agenda items on approximately February 13th. While it is not practical to distribute all of this information to everyone I will be doing the following:

- Send specific committee information to the person who will be facilitating the discussion for that committee at the Delegate's Workshop which will be held March 15th in Madison.
- Send a complete set of information to the Alternate Delegate, Area Chair and Alternate Area Chair.
- Send a complete set or specific committee information to any Area Committee member upon request.

Please remember that this information is confidential as it contains last names of AA members. Therefore it cannot be posted to any public or insecure web site. It should be destroyed if printed out. Due to the volume of paper and expense of printing, distribution will be made via secured electronic transmission or via CD.

The Delegate's Workshop will be held on March 15th at the Madison Senior Center. This will be your opportunity to give me your feedback on the General Service Conference agenda items. I encourage you to attend this event – it is your opportunity to have your voice heard.

Since our last meeting, I attended the Area 75 Rotation meeting and met with Barb W. to handoff my duties as Alternate Delegate & Literature Chair. I met separately with Randy R. to go over my new duties as Delegate. In addition, I met with past delegates Nancy H., Nancy G., and Ken G. to gain their perspective on my new duties.

I have several District visits scheduled. If you would like me to participate in a District meeting or at a District event, please contact me so that I can put you on my schedule.

News from G.S.O.

- Phyllis H., G.S.O. General Manager, has announced her wish to retire by October, 2015, and the Board has begun a search for a successor. Candidate resumes should be submitted by April 15, 2015.
- East Central Regional Forum will be held in Milwaukee WI, November 13-15, 2015, Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel, Milwaukee WI
- A.A.W.S. is seeking *Seventh Tradition in Action* stories to use in the future. Currently, they are requesting articles specific to the birthday envelope.
- The 23rd World Service Meeting (WSM) was held October 12-16, 2014 in Warsaw Poland.

- The International Convention will be held in Atlanta GA, July 2 – 5, 2015. Downtown rooms are sold out but rooms in outlying areas are still available.
- Doug R., Director of Staff Services, and Mary D., who most recently served on the Literature assignment, have announced their retirements.

Drew A., Area 75 Delegate, Panel 65

Chairperson's Report – Kristi C.

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Chairperson Report

Good afternoon to all. Welcome to our Area 75 Winter Service Assembly. My name is Kris C. I am always going to be an alcoholic and I am very grateful to know that today. I want to thank-you for the honor and privilege to serve as your Chairperson. I am also grateful that we practice patience and tolerance here, because this is a new experience for me. I will do the best job I am able to do and I hope to learn as we go.

It is my intention to keep this report brief not only because there is a special football team playing this afternoon but mainly because I don't yet have a lot to report.

Immediately after our last assembly on Oct 18, I received a packet of resumes, submitted by those of you interested in continued service work. I reviewed those resumes and contacted the people I believed to be the best fit for the positions available. As a result, I believe we have a group of committee chair people that will do a fantastic job. Their experience at the home group and district level, as well as their commitment to our program of recovery, will serve us well. I thank them all for accepting the appointments offered.

On Nov 23 we met at the Central Office in Milwaukee for our hand-off meeting with officers and Standing Committee Chairs. Those unable to attend arranged to meet with their corresponding chairperson or officer at a later time convenient to both. Information was exchanged, questions asked and hopefully answered, and experience shared.

Another point of business was putting together the Agenda Planning Committee. I have asked our new Alt Chairperson Katherine, Alt Secretary Vanessa, former chairperson Todd, and Delegate Drew to serve on this committee.

I have had some computer trouble recently-not sure if it's me or the machine-so I apologize for getting today's Agenda out rather late. Bob is going to be helping me with this issue this afternoon so you can expect the next agenda to be out in a more-timely manner.

In the next year I hope to attend as many district meetings and events as I can schedule. Please, please invite me!! Given enough notice to plan for travel time, I could reasonably make it anywhere in

Area 75 if asked, so please do. My first engagement will be to speak at a potluck speaker meeting in Montello Fri., Jan 30th. I hope to see some of you there.

In closing I want to thank-you again for this opportunity to serve. Thank you for being here today, so that we can insure that Alcoholics Anonymous will be here tomorrow, and all those tomorrows yet to come.

In Grateful Service,

Kristi C

Alternate Chair/Dark District Report – Katherine G.

Katherine G. Alternate Chair/Dark District Chair

January 2015

My first job as the Area Alternate Chair/Dark District Chair is to update the assembly actions. I would offer to provide copies of the assembly actions, but they have not been updated since May 2012 so I ask that the area bear with me as we update the actions to include all proposals that have been passed since May 2012. The agenda planning committee is meeting to determine the best format for integrating 2+ years of assembly actions into the current format.

After the assembly actions are updated, the updated version will be posted on the Area 75 website and I will provide paper copies to any chairs or DCMs who request a copy.

My next job is to take the updated directory information from this Assembly and begin contacting Area DCMs to find where I can be of service in helping districts who are not currently attending Area Assembly meetings.

From my readings of the last 2 years minutes, it appears that the dark districts are District 37 and District 23. So if anyone has information on any contact people in any of these districts, please see me.

District 15 is not technically dark yet but has little participation and the district members are thinking about the options of combining with another local district. There is no DCM right now. I will be discussing this with the area officers and district 15 members.

Thank you.

Archive Report – Brent H..

Area 75 Archives Chair Report
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January 18, 2015

My name is Brent H and I'm an alcoholic. I believe the history of A.A. is very important and I am excited and ready to be your new Archives chair. I am available to bring the Archives display to any functions within Area 75. Call or E-mail our Archivist Nancy S. or myself to arrange the date.

On January 3rd I took the Archives display to District's 34,32, & 13's workshop in Oconomowoc. On February 1st I'll be taking the display to the 9th annual "Where the Heck is Waldo"

There are flyers on the back table with the dates the Archives room is open this year.

Brent H.

Area 75 Archives Chair

Archivist Report – Nancy S.

Area 75 Archivist Report
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My name is Nancy S. I am an alcoholic and your Area 75 Archivist. After much thought and prayer I have made a very difficult decision but one that I believe God has guided me to make. It's hard to believe that I am beginning my 17th year as your Archivist but it is more difficult to comprehend that I am about to tell you that this will be my last term. It is time to pass the torch. I will continue to be your Archivist and do my best until December of 2016.

It may seem early to report this considering we just had elections but the years go fast. Please inform your Districts, Groups, and all A.A. members so that anyone who has any interest in becoming the Archivist of Area 75 is given the opportunity. Tell them to call or E-mail me for more information about the position. The Archivist is elected according to the 3rd legacy procedure and is a non-rotating position. It is important that the next Archivist has a passion for our history, is a good organizer, likes tedious projects, and is willing to take the necessary time involved to preserve our materials.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you

Nancy S.

Corrections Report – Tara H.

No Written Report

CPC Report – Bart V..

January 18, 2015

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CPC Committee Report

Hello everyone, my name is Bart VanVoorhis and I am an alcoholic.

I am humbled and honored to have been selected to serve as your Area 75 CPC Chair for the 2015 rotation. I look forward to learning as I go along, and for serving Area 75 and our districts to the best of my ability.

I would like to ask that DCMs please provide to me contact information for your District CPC chairs. If any Districts need a CPC kit please let me know.

Yours in AA Service,

Bart

PI Report –Mike G..

Good morning or Afternoon

My name is Mike G. I have been chosen to be your new Public Information Chair Person for the Area. I am to help whenever I can be of service to you. I am very grateful that I have been given the job of serving you here.

To start this year off right I went to my first conference in Eau Claire, Wis. I know the area does not recognize this as part of our area. I along with others went. It was WICYPAA XX11. It was a lot of Excitement and sharing with all ages of recovering. It was a great experience. You are missing the part of the program that states. We are not a Glum lot. Next year this will be held in Madison.

The next step is to get here for this assembly and see where I am needed. I do like to talk and also ask questions. So if you need me to share, were you are and I will try to be there.

I talked with Al B. and he has shared that our area calendar has been out of service since sometime in November of 2014. Google has changed to a new program and put ours out dated in November. We

Hope to have it back on line by the end of the month.

I have looked at AA.Org and do not at this time see any new information to share today. I Have found that they do have a lot of information on the web site for AA. Some include meetings in person and on line meetings, area intergroup locations and more. Go there and check it out.

I will work with anyone who needs help with the web site. I am not the greatest at this. I have sign up for computer classes to improve my skills.

Yours in service Mike G.

I met with my committee and learned they are doing some exciting things. Madison is working on New PSA and others are working with schools and nursing homes to bring and share the recovering Program of AA. This is all I have to share as of right now. As I have also stated that I am willing to go Where I am needed and share about AA.

Special Needs Report – Wendy B.

Winter Assembly-Special Needs Report

In an attempt to familiarize myself with my responsibilities as your new Area 75 Special Needs Chairperson I have been reading information on the AA.org website and in the Special Needs Workbook.

Today I will have met with the district special needs chairs to gather their contact information, provide my contact information, literature, and the A.A Guidelines for Serving Alcoholics with Special Needs. We will have exchanged information about any special needs activities in their respective districts and discussed one or two possible activities for our Special Needs Committee. Any new district Special Needs Chairs were asked to register with GSO.

Today I provided my first service to the Area as your Special Needs Chair by bringing the translation equipment. Randy R. had contacted me, indicating that several AA members from District 10 would be attending the Assembly today.

I have one special needs activity to report from District 13. A few months ago the District 13 chair had received a call that an AA member who is a resident in a local nursing home had been requesting an AA meeting, she has not been able to attend meetings for several years after suffering a stroke. The GSR's in the district carried this information to their meetings, the nursing home provides a room for the meeting, and on Tuesdays at 6:30 she can now attend an

AA meeting. I had an opportunity to attend this meeting and the Carol AA is very grateful for this meeting.

If any of you have questions, concerns, or need assistance related to special needs please contact me for assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy B.

Treatment Report – Sean M..

Treatment

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In December, I was contacted by the former Corrections chair Jim M with a B.T.G. Request from Rogers Memorial, on an individual releasing to the Beaver Dam area, district 23. This has prompted the action of “outreach” to those facilities within our Area falling under Treatment, to ensure they've the most recent contact information.

I've started to review the “Treatment kit” handed down from the past chair, as I've not yet received anything from G.S.O. I plan to refurbish the current tri-fold display which accompanies me to events and is available upon request.

“We” as a committee met for the first time this morning. In attendance :

Travis E. *d-20 BTG chair*, Gavin M. *BTG committee, former d-20 treatment*,

Carolyn G. *BTG/enthusiastic service worker*, Patrick S. *d-20 Treatment chair*, Ken Y. *Past Area 75 BTG chair* and myself. While we had a good discussion, we'll likely have much more, at the Spring conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean M. - Area 75 Treatment chair

Grapevine Report – Randy R.

Grapevine Report

Term for Grapevine Chair January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016

Greetings to All:

Once again I come before you humbled at being of service to all the members of Area 75. Time goes so quickly when involved in the Concepts of AA. It will be my pleasure once again to fulfill the role of a service position.

A side note first should be mentioned that Jack Ostrem Past Delegate Panel 34 Area 20 (Northern Illinois), also a Past Trustee for the East Central Region past away on January 12th, 2014. I was fortunate enough to be able to make the journey to Joliet, Ill on January 17th 2014 to pay respect for not only myself but to also include all of Area 75 especially all those that knew him personally. Emmie (wife of 65 years) was very touched at our display of sympathy and condolence expressed to her and her daughter (Dawn).

Area 75 needs to actively engage in trying to find translators who will volunteer their time for our Assemblies and other AA Events. I called the translator two weeks prior to our last Assembly and she told me she would be there, with that I confirmed with District 10 at Large so they could bring members who could not speak or understand English. Our translator did not show up to this Assembly, which puts us all on the spot and quite frankly makes us look incompetent. Thank goodness that Noe Vega DCM for

D-10 At-Large was able to step up to the plate and help. **Thank you Noe.** I am asking all of you to be on the lookout for Latino/Spanish speaking translator's who will be responsible enough to not only **"step up"** but to **"show up"** when called upon. Area 75 needs more than one translator as you can imagine.

I have with the permission of Wendy B. (Special Needs Chair) taken over the responsibility of making sure the translation equipment gets to every AA event that requires such usage, that is, as long as we have translators. As you can deduce no translators makes this equipment worthless. Please do not forget that our brothers and sister who have a "desire to stop drinking" come in ***all*** colors and languages. Let all of us get busy by taking care of our Latino speaking friends who want to be member (VOICE) in/of Area 75.

The A.A. Grapevine web page (AAGrapevine.org) has everything in place and is very easy to maneuver through out the web page. Subscriptions, Stories, Share, LaVina, Store, My account & Resources/GVR and much more. Check It Out, AAGrapevine.org.

Gift subscriptions for sponsee's, sponsor's, friends, nursing homes and people who are incarcerated, etc. These subscriptions are available electronically also. You can sign up for the free daily email Grapevine quote of the day at AAGrapevine.org.

If you are interested in becoming a Grapevine Representative (GVR) for your Group or District please call me any time or email me.

Thank you for the privilege to serve.

Randy R.

Alternate Delegate/Literature Report – Barb W.

Literature Report - January 18, 2015

Hi, My name is Barb W., Literature Chair, alcoholic.

I have been the Literature chair for 18 days, so not a lot has happened. I met with Drew in December at the hand off meeting, where he explained to me a bit about being the Literature Chair. He gave me a literature display, literature rack, lots of literature, plus enough materials to create a new display.

What's new? Box 459 had an article about the book Experience Strength and Hope. In case you have not heard of it, it is a book that has the stories from the first, second and third editions of the Big Books that are no longer present in the fourth edition. We have at least one group in District 36 that reads out of this book in their meetings. Check it out at your local intergroup, central office, or on line.

The December 12, 2014 issue of *Highlights From A.A.W.S* reports that for the first 11 months of 2014, total gross sales were 5.8% over estimate, year to date. For the month of October, after the implementation of the literature price increase, gross sales were 18% over budget for the month.

49,098 electronic books have been sold from January through mid-November.

Through October 175,148 units of the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of the Big Book have been sold. A second printing was ordered, resulting in an overstock, which further led to the decision to extend sales of the Anniversary Edition beyond the original end date of July 2015.

The A.A.W.S. Board also approved the following recommendations brought forth by the Publishing Committee:

1. To forward to the 2015 Conference Committee on Literature, background documents for an agenda item regarding A.A.W.S.' Policy on Publication of Literature, with minor editorial changes.

2. That ten-packs of the trilingual booklet, "A Brief History of the Big Book" be priced at \$10.00
3. That a complimentary copy of "A Brief History of the Big Book" accompany each sold copy of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book, for the duration of the commemorative edition's availability."

We had our first committee meeting. Melisa from District 13 (Waukesha) joined me. We talked and read about a Literature chair at the group, district and area level and how important it is to keep the fellowship up to date on all the literature available to help carrier the message. We though there were only 4 books available in electronic media, the *Big Book*, *The 12 x 12*, *Daily Reflections* and *Living Sober*. After checking on the web site (www.aa.org) we found that *Came to Believe*, *AA Comes of Age* and *As Bill Sees It* are also available for Kindle, Nook & Apple devices.

We reviewed the pamphlet *Problems Other Than Alcohol* and started reviewing another pamphlet, *Do You Think You're Different* with no changes recommended.

I have the Literature Display available to bring to your District and events. I have scheduled one event so far, the Area 75 Conference this Spring. Please let me know if you'd like me to come to your event.

Respectfully submitted by me, Barbara M. W., Area 75 Literature Chair

MAICO –

No Written Report

Winnebago Land Central Office –

No Written Report

La Cross Central Office –

No Written Report

Milwaukee Central Office –

Milwaukee Central Office Report

01/18/2015

1. The board has begun the process of Strategic Planning. This process will determine the overall direction and goals of our organization. We are looking at where we want to be in the future and how we will get there. We are identifying the liabilities and assets of Central Office. We are concentrating on plans to improve communication with the AA groups as well as the individual AA's.

-We have been trying to make the office a more welcoming and helpful resource for the AA community.

-Our meeting room is available to groups for special meetings on request and subject to availability.

Central Offices is one of the only ways for the “still suffering” newcomer to find the various AA Groups and Meetings (24 hr. helpline, paper copy of the When & Where Directory and the Website with its online meeting directory)

2. Central office typically loses around \$1300 a month, however that will change when the Gratitude boxes are counted and deposited. The Gratitude boxes are what generally help balance at the end of the year.

This past fiscal year, 2013-2014) the office lost \$5290.24.

We are currently down \$2,267 for the three-month period of Oct thru Dec 2014 (Oct is the beginning of our fiscal year).

Of the approx. 775 group listings we keep on record, in last fiscal year we received 7th Tradition contributions from only 285 Groups. The other 490 groups did not contribute to Central Office.

The difficult decision to cancel this year’s Jamboree was made earlier this month. This is impart due to the lack of interest, the inability to sell 400 tickets to break even, and the declining ticket sales over the last several years. The Jamboree lost approximately \$200 this past year. In the past years we just broke even.

Several board members are looking at the possibility of a different, possibly smaller more frequent speaker dinner/meeting.

Yours in Service,

Bobbie M.

Board of Directors, Milwaukee Central Office

Racine Area Central Office –

Have moved upstairs, same building, front of building.

No Written Report

Conference Advisory Report - Nancy H.

Winter Service Assembly

January 18, 2015

Conference Advisory Committee Report

The Conference Advisory Committee met this morning with 9 members present. H. was elected the Committee Chair for the 2015-2016 panel 65 rotation. The importance of DCM's and GSR's to bring back information on up-coming conferences was discussed. Flyers for the upcoming conference are available on the area website area75.org.

2015, May 15-17 in Fond du Lac. Nancy G. & George B. are the advisors.

2016, May 20-22 in Oconomowoc. Nancy H. & Nancy G. are the advisors.

2016, October 21-23 in Manitowoc. Nancy G. & George B. are the advisors.

2017, October 27-29 in Greenlake. Nancy G. & Ken G. are the advisors.

A host district, or districts, is needed for the 2018 conference. Districts interested in submitting a bid can find bid forms on the area website.

The committee will hold a meeting at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 11th in Hartford, to review the Conference Guidelines and the Conference Advisory Committee Guidelines. Please contact me if you wish to be notified of the location for this meeting.

Nancy H.

Conference Advisory Committee Chair

2015 Conference Report – Chris S.

Area 75 2015 Conference report

Everything is currently on schedule. We are somewhat on hold for getting the program together due to the hotel renovations. We have the panels just not the rooms yet. Our next meeting is February 8th at 1pm at the Gratitude Club in Fond Du Lac.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris S.

2015 Conference chair

2016 Spring Conference Report

See additional reports.

2016 Fall Conference Report

No Written Report

2017 Conference Report

See additional reports

Finance Committee Report

2015 Area 75 Finance Committee

Peter W., Treasurer, Ted B., Alternate Treasurer

Nancy G., Past Treasurer, George P., Past Delegate

Les M., Past DCM, Rebecca B., Current DCM District 17

New Business:

Approval of Area budget: Some small increases due mostly to mileage.
The budget was approved without any adjustments.

District 6 has volunteered to make coffee for the Pre Conference Assembly.
Randy R. and Fred K. have volunteered to be the greeters.

Announcements:

Group 48 Anniversary meeting Feb. 21, 2015. Al-anon speaker – Paul,
AA speaker – Drew A. Tickets are \$15.00 ea.

Upcoming dates:

Conference of Delegates Past and Present – Feb, 12 – 15, 2015
Delegates Workshop – Mar. 15, 2015, at Madison Senior Center
Pre-Conference Assembly – Apr. 12, 2015, at Madison Senior Center
General Service Conference – Apr. 19 – 25, 2015
Area 75 Conference – May 15 – 17, 2015, at Holiday Inn Holidome, Fon du Lac
Summer Service Assembly – June 21, 2015, at Madison Senior Center
International Convention – July 3 – 5, 2015, Atlanta, Georgia
Fall Service Assembly – Oct. 18, 2015, at Madison Senior Center
East Central Regional Forum – Nov. 13 – 15, 2015
Area 75 Conference, Spring – May 20 – 22, 2016, Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc
Area 75 Conference, Fall – Oct 21 – 23, 2016, Holiday Inn, Sheboygan
Area 75 Conference, Oct. 27 – 29, 2017, Heidel House, Green Lake

Closed with Responsibility Declaration.