

Area 23 Southern Indiana  
Area Assembly Minutes  
August 22nd, 2010

**I. Opening and Welcome**

**Chuck Beller**

The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer by the Area Chair. The long form of the Traditions was read by the hosting District 8 Alternate DCM Steven Hauca.

**II. Secretary Report**

**Mary O'Hara**

A roll call was taken with approximately 73 in attendance. There were 8 Area Officers; 11 Committee Chairs including the Archivist; 19 DCMs or Alternates; 4 Past Delegates; 31 others including GSRs or alternates; or other interested A.A. members.

Minutes from the May 22<sup>nd</sup> were approved and recorded with the correction of adding the word Minutes to the title.

**III. Treasurer's Report**

**Charlotte Crabtree**

Beginning Balance \$ 21,641.46

Total Revenue \$ 26,707.78

Total Expenses \$32,079.00

Ending Balance \$30,385.52

Operating Cash \$ 19,885.52 Treasurer's report approved.

**IV. Area 23 Finance Chair Report:**

**Raam Pershard**

The area Finance Committee would like to thank the groups in our districts, our AA membership and committees for their service and 7<sup>th</sup> tradition donations so far this year. We started off the year having faith in knowing that our membership would once again come through as they did in 2009. In 2009 the economy faced many challenges but our membership proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that the spiritual nature of our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition works.

- In August of 2009 our year to date income was \$11,229.13 compared to August 2010 year to date income of \$11,246.69. Based on what has been received and booked we are not seeing much increase compared to the same period last year. In our November budget meeting we took a very conservative approach in projecting a modest 5% increase and so far this year we are not there as yet.
- In August of 2009 our year to date expenses were \$14,485.66 compared to August 2010 year to date expenses of \$9,725.44. A major portion of this \$4,760.22 reduction was related to the delegate's expense to New York that was cut by \$4,200.00. Assuming that the delegate's expense for 2009 was the same as 2010 we can see that our variable cost of carrying the message locally was actually reduced by \$560 which is trending at 5% lower for this year.

These improvements in our spending are being realized by the fiscal responsibility, leadership and creativity of our committee members in reducing their expenditures.

We also believe that the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition workshops are driving home the importance of the spiritual nature of giving and will be a big factor in the increase in revenue that we will see for the remainder of the year.

Our committees are actively carrying the message as we have seen a number of workshops being held throughout our area. We have also been represented at the Black Expo and will be at the upcoming Mexican Expo "Fiesta Indianapolis".

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The Treatment committee has also successfully launched the bridging the gap program which has been assisting individuals transition into the AA program.

In closing I would like to ask for every-ones patience and tolerance as our treasurer will be going through some medical procedures and I please keep her in your prayers.

Discussion ensued regarding the delay of checks being deposited

**V. 2012 State Convention Site Selection Committee  
Steven Rowell**

**Michalene Reilly and**

**2012 State Convention Site Selection Grid**

Town Hotel	Indpls. Marriott 21 <sup>st</sup> & Shadeland	Indpls. Wyndham Hotel (Adam's Mark)	Nashville Season's Lodge	Columbus Holiday Inn	Evansville Holiday Inn
Room Rate	\$ 94 \$69 (La Quinta next door)	\$ 92	99.00 plus tax	\$95 plus tax	\$72 \$82 \$112
Occupancy	1-4	1-4	1-4	1-4	1-4
# of rooms available	310	310	52 at Season's Lodge 69 at Brown Country Inn (1/4 mile) 60 at Comfort Inn (across street)	253	198
Coffee/gal.	26.50	26.95	\$15.00/gal +16% + 6%	\$27 inclusive	\$12.00 ++
Banquet \$	35.04 (inclusive)	\$31.00 inclusive	\$24.73 (inc)	\$32.95 buffet	\$25.00 (inc)
Comp. Room#	1 per 50	1 per 40	NA	1 - 40	1 - 40
Other fees	A/V Banquet com. 200 Room nite 310 100% Attrition	None Banquet com. 200 Room nite 310 70% Attrition	\$900.00 for wkend for meeting area	No charge if meets 250 nites over 2 days Banquet - 200-250	Large Pavilion \$1400 Banquet Room \$500 Additional room(s) \$300
Dates available					
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice March 2,3,4			Yes	Yes	Yes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice March 9, 10, 11			No	Yes	Yes
3 <sup>rd</sup> Choice March 16, 17, 18	Available		Yes	Yes	Yes
4 <sup>th</sup> Choice March 23, 24, 25	Available	Available	Yes	No	Yes
Other info.	Sliding Fee of up to \$2,500 if we do not meet our rooms & banquets (Comm. Meetings - \$75.00)	Flat Fee of \$1,000 if we do not meet our rooms. Banquets - pay difference			

The above chart was handed out. We are not going far enough out on dates to book hotels. One of the discussions of the locations was years in advance. We need to look further ahead. We have 5 hotels to look at. One hotel no longer exists. The Adams Mark is now the Wyndham Hotel. We have to accommodate 1000 people. We have 3 excellent locations. The Marriott, Wyndham and Holiday Inn Columbus.

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Holiday Inn in Evansville has only 198 rooms. Coffee per gallon is \$12 a gallon ++. ++ Means not a total cost. It is also a Large Pavilion lay out. It is very open. No privacy.

Columbus Holiday Inn has only 253 rooms. Coffee per gallon is \$27 all inclusive.

Nashville Season's Lodge in conjunction with 2 other hotels. 18.50 gallon for coffee. Meeting space \$900 for the entire weekend.

Indianapolis Marriott 310 rooms have to be used. We did not make that in 2010. We have to pay the difference if we don't make this. It also makes a difference in the meeting room cost. \$800 if we get 310 rooms . Coffee per gallon is \$26.50 1 comp room for every 50 rooms we book. 1 Microphone is \$30. A wireless microphone is \$100. The banquet must meet 200. We did not make the room count at the Marriott in 2010. They did lower the room rate.

Wyndham Hotel wants 310 rooms. Coffee \$26.95 We must pay 70% of rooms. If we don't meet the 310 rooms they charge a flat fee of \$1000 for meeting rooms.

Comp rooms bring down the overall cost of the Convention. Mike Weaver from Evansville does not believe that the Holiday Inn in Evansville is big enough for the Convention. Ron Schmitt said that the Holiday Inn Evansville is an open floor plan and not conducive to our meetings. Martha Rigby, if we do get 400 rooms. Describe the small conference rooms and hotel rooms that we used as hospitality rooms where we brought in food. The rooms are in room nights not number of rooms. Staying at the hotels is very important for the fees as well as for the fellowship. We have filled up Columbus.

Motion that we eliminate Evansville due to inadequacy—Passed by 2/3

Motion to eliminate Nashville due to inadequacy—Passed by 2/3

Motion to eliminate the Marriott—Vote was even. The Marriott stays as an option

Motion that Columbus be our primary choice and the Wyndham be our second choice. Passed

Motion to allow the committee to make decision for date of 2012 convention. Passed.

#### **VI. Elections: 2012 Convention Committee:**

**Jennie Beller**

Coffee Chair: Jim Culbertson

Decorations Chair: Marge Miller

Entertainment Chair: Chris Abert

Hospitality Committee: Cathi Clark

Printing: Ron Schmitt

Public Information/Mailing: Julie Kleimann

Registration: Mary Ott

Voice/Taping: Marco Garcia

Program: Martha Rigby

Hotel Coordinator: Gary Gramman

Alcathon: Chuck Enright

#### **VII. Report: Feasibility of Combining State Convention Areas 22 & 23**

**Ron Schmitt**

This is the second report from your ad-hoc committee for plans to combine the Indiana State Convention, with Area's 22 and 23 working together.

Area 22 has recently appointed a new ad-hoc committee chairperson who is in the process of forming a committee. We have been in communication with him, and look forward to working with his committee.

Our committee has met and formulated some ideas to share with Area 22. We anticipate meeting with them in the very near future and will be making a progress report at our week-end Assembly in October. Meanwhile, if anyone has any suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact any of our committee members. Committee Members: Butch Chastain (317)299-4568; Carolyn Chamberlain (765)832-7250; Sue Felgenauer (765)828-0601; Ron Schmitt (317)848-0579; Jim Wilson (317)784-2092.

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**VIII. Report: State Convention Guidelines Ad-Hoc Committee**

**Michalene Reilly**

We decided not to meet for now –will meet with the Current Committee and will report when we have something to report.

**IX. CPC Committee Chair Election:** Sharon Eifenbaum elected.

**X. Treatment Facilities Chair Election:** Jason Padgett elected.

**XI. Delegate’s Report..2010 General Service Conference**

**Virginia Rogers**

The Conference Reports will be out in the end of August-you will get them at Clifty Falls. Last week I attended the Hispanic Convention. They had people from Kentucky, Tennessee and Chicago. They did a great job.

**GRAPEVINE** For the six months ending June 30, 2010, the GV lost \$286,223. GV had a drawdown from the reserve fund of \$50,000 in Nov. 2009, a \$138,000 drawdown in Feb. 2010 and \$100,000 drawdown in June 2010.

GV states they will need further drawdowns (essentially permanent loans from Reserve Fund) of \$50,000 - \$100,000 in the third quarter of this year to fund operations. GV is projecting a year-end loss of at least \$350,000.

Even though subscriptions have increased by 1,600, the magazine has lost \$60,000 more than they expected in the first six months. Part of this is due to their increased spending and part is due to the fact that many re-subscriptions were made before the price increase and were made for two years.

**LA VINA** The pattern remains constant in that the magazine continues to lose money. Losses through June are \$26,420 with a projected loss of \$52,000 at year-end. We are not unique and they are doing their best to rectify this.

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**This is what I reported in February 2010 based on GV projections:**

**For 2010**

Publication	Grapevine	La Vina	From Reserve	Total Deficeit
Anticipated circulation	92,000	(not given)		
Anticipated loss	-\$250,860*	-\$78,964	-\$138,000	-\$467,824

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**THE GRAPEVINE SURVEY RESULTS**

Total responses: 175

Do you currently subscribe to The AA Grapevine? YES 52 NO 123

If the GV offers digital delivery in addition to the print version, will you subscribe? YES 48 NO 37

Do you think it is important for The AA Grapevine to continue? YES 109 NO 7

Average age: 49

Average length of sobriety: 8 years

What specific changes would you like to see?

Don’t need the glossy paper, color inside

More articles about service

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More humor  
Stories should be more in depth  
More about early AA from old timers  
Show fewer extremes, more everyday AA  
More about steps, less about fellowship  
Insert a catalogue page to order other Grapevine materials  
Make specials offers such as get a fourth year free with a three-year subscription  
Make it bigger and quarterly rather than monthly  
Let it die like all the other magazines... change is good

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of A.A. in San Antonio, July 1-3, was an all-around success with attendance just under 53,000. We won't have final figures until next quarterly board meeting because bills are still in the process of being paid. 437 people with more than 40 years of sobriety. The person with the most sobriety had 63 years. 2020 will be in Detroit.

**CORRECTIONS** The waiting list of inmates wishing to correspond to AA members has been cut in half, but GSO receives new requests on a daily basis. Review has begun on the 89 stories received for the pamphlet "It sure beats sitting in a cell." The committee has requested sharing from area correction committee chairs (via e-mail) of local solutions AA members may use to resolve differences between facility rules/regulations and what AA is and is not.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION** Subcommittees are looking at the following items (1) develop a draft policy regarding the use of full faces of actors in videos, (2) develop draft text on topic of anonymity in the digital age for pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" (3) Answer the question: "What should I tell my loved ones about protecting the anonymity of the AA members they may meet?" At Clifty Falls we will have a workshop on Anonymity.

**TREATMENT FACILITIES/SPECIAL NEEDS-ACCESSIBILITIES** At the October board meeting the Committee will review a draft pamphlet of the Special Needs Recovery Pamphlet. They are looking for stories from AA members with special needs who developed barriers after becoming sober.

**AA WORLD SERVICES** Net literature sales for six months were \$6,225,150 approx. \$905,300 (13%) less than budgeted. We are still experiencing losses due to stockpiling of literature at reduced cost prior to last year's price increase. In speaking with Hazelden and major intergroups around the country, they indicate their sales are basically flat also. Another contributing factor is the vast number of members downloading our Big Book and other literature for free from other entities. An e-tech committee is working furiously to develop e-publishing capabilities ASAP. After subtracting various production, warehousing and distribution costs, we have **gross profit from literature sales of \$4,019,800** (down about 39% from last year).

A.A. purchases for the first six months of **2010** amounted to 738,064 units with **non-A.A.s** accounting for purchases of 126,097 units or **14.6% of total** unit distribution. In **2009**, **non-A.A.** purchases represented **30.6%** of total units distributed based on large non-A.A. orders prior to the July 1, 2009 price increase. In **2007 and 2008**, non-A.A. purchases represented **19%** of total units distributed.

Through June 2010, we distributed 440,167 Big Books (all editions) compared to 863,574 Big Books distributed during the same period in 2009. This comparison is affected by the high volume of literature sales in the months preceding the July 1, 2009, price increases.

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**Contributions through June were \$2,964,400** which is \$56,000 more than budgeted. GSO is doing a lot to cut expenses like the board members staying at the Seminary. How many of you have your home groups donating online?

Total revenue for the six-month period was \$6,984,658 with expenses of \$6,305,621 leaving a **net profit of \$679,000**. This is remarkable given the literature losses and is due to across-the-board cost savings by GSO manager Phyllis H., publications director Valerie O. and the entire AAWS staff. Total operating costs were \$554,600 less than budgeted.

Reminder: groups can send contributions to GSO online now, another operations cost-cutting measure.

**Reserve Fund (prudent reserve):** Currently at \$12,136,278. or approximately 9-1/2 months of combined operating expenses which is the figure mandated by conference advisory action. One concern is that the Grapevine is taking from the General Service Reserve Fund.

And finally... handing out e-technology survey... only four questions. Return to me by September 30 so I can tally and give to GSO by mid October. Will also be posted on area 23 website.

Michalene: Please go back to your groups and sponsees, we are to give in the spirit of sacrifice.

## **XII. Service Weekend Update/Preview:**

**Jennie Beller, Pam Carter, Martha Rigby**

Theme: Service of Vital Importance

\$5.50 Each for the Ice Cream Social, Workshops, GSR School, Vital Anonymity On and Off the Web, Campfire Meetings, \$5.50 Ice Cream Social, Did we mention \$5.50 each for the Ice Cream Social?

## **XIII. District Reports:**

**District 2: Les Leary:** No report

**District 6: Martha Rigby:** District 6 continues to grow with two new GSRs joining us from groups that have not been represented on the District Committee before.

We now have a PI Chair, Suzanne, from North Vernon who is coordinating our efforts to carry the message to high schools. We had a booth at the Ivy Tech Resource Fair in Madison and valuable contacts were made with organizations that come in to contact with alcoholics and their families. We have been invited to speak to the nursing classes at Ivy Tech this September. CEASE – Citizens Against Alcohol and Substance Abuse, has asked if we could speak to one of their meetings. Our workshop on Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> in North Vernon is geared to help groups carry the message, including the topics of sponsorship, working with the court ordered, learning how to do outreach to probation officers and how to speak to non-AA groups.

We have been successful in carrying monthly speaker meetings into the Juvenile Facility for Girls in Madison. Thank you many times over to Audry W. for being our very first speaker. The event went spectacularly, thanks to her knowledge and expertise of working with this population. Please contact me if you know of any young women who would like to speak.

Hanover Group hosted a wonderful meeting where Virginia R., our Area Delegate, spoke of her experiences at the General Service Conference and the benefits of service. Thank you, Virginia, for lighting the fire under several folks in Hanover to pursue this valuable work.

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Our District is blessed with many hard-working people who go above and beyond to volunteer their time to carry the message, host workshops, fulfill service positions at the group and district level, and persist in efforts to involve more of our members in service work. They give without stint of their time and energy, and for that we are truly grateful.

**District 8 : Alternate: Steven Hauca:** We continue to have an active and involved district with 23 meetings held throughout our 4 counties on a weekly basis. District meetings are held bi-monthly and are well attended by 16-18 GSRs as well as numerous committee chairs and others within our district. Our work is always focused primarily, in keeping with AA's 5<sup>th</sup> Tradition, on bringing our message to the alcoholic who still suffers. To that end our; jail and institution meetings, district hotline, and public information activities remain strong.

In July, we organized our annual district picnic. The event was, by all accounts, a rousing success. Fun was had by all, the fellowship was incredible and our speaker's message was inspiring. A special thanks to Sue T. who chaired the event.

This year's district service workshop will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> in Greendale, IN at the Greendale Cabin. Our district DCM, Rob S., is chairing the workshop this year. We are looking forward to an informative and productive day. All members of our fellowship are encouraged to attend.

Finally, District 8 would like to thank all of Area 23 for extending to us the privilege of hosting today's Area Assembly. It is always a pleasure to serve our fellowship. Our host chair is Larry S., please take a moment to thank him when you see him, he has done a great job!

**District 10: Alternate: Stacy Lindskog-Riley:** We are in the process of updating the Website. The meeting list is updated. The Phone Committee activity is testing the new system which eliminates the beeper. We have changed to a system that does not use a beeper and researching another system, possibilities that will not rely on a beeper.

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Potluck on Service. The flyer is available on the table.

Thank you Mike for the Special Needs presentation and Rich for Corrections presentation at District 10 meetings. Next Meeting: Sept. 12 at 12/24 Club.

**District 12: Charlie Hillman:** District 12 has decided to start a Founders Day dinner that will be held at different sites in District 12 each year. Jasper/ Huntingburg will host the first one next year on the 11th of June. Details are currently being worked out for this event. The Perry County Group held their dinner meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended and had an excellent speaker and fellowship among all. Dubois County is holding their Dinner Meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church in Huntingburg IN. The speaker will be announced. Doors will open at 6 Eastern Time, dinner at 7, and speaker at 8 Eastern Time. All are welcomed to attend. Chicken will be provided and attendees are asked to bring a covered dish and a friend.

A big thank you goes out to all in District 12 that participate in taking meetings into prisons, jails and work release centers throughout all of District 12. Also, a big thank you to our PI/ CPC representatives in District 12. They have been working very hard at spreading the message in courthouses, hospitals, and schools in the District 12 Area.

**District 14: Mike Weaver:** Our District has made a concerted effort to help financially support Area 23 and World Services. The Corrections Committee continues to take meetings into the safe house with returning to the jail in our sights.

The Tri-State Convention is forthcoming in November with a wide array of speakers slated.

**District 16A: Carol Kiser:** Groups are reporting steady to increasing attendance. We are proposing a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Workshop as well as a separate Men and Women's 12 Step Workshop. We are still taking men and women's meetings into the Sullivan County Jail.

**District 18A: Michael Patton:** District 18A is doing financially well. We are holding our 2nd annual 12 Step work shop on Sept 18 in Greencastle from 10 am to 3 pm. Bring big book 12 n 12 and brown bag lunch. We have been asked to stop taking meetings into the county jail and will re-approach the new Sheriff later this year after the elections.

**District 18C: Jeff Shew GSR:** Over the last couple of months, our district has been announcing at meetings our need for attendance and financial support for our district. Flyers were distributed with descriptions of service positions and what the district does.

This month there were 9 people in attendance at our meeting, including 2 new people to help form committees. We now have CPC, Treatment, PI and Corrections Committees. Though these Committees are small, we look forward to learning and growing with the help of "oldtimers" and area committee chairs.

Our Corrections Committee is working on getting literature into the Vermillion County Jail and the PI committee has distributed meeting lists to local hotels and motels and is taking steps to take speakers into local high schools.

**District 22: Nick Robison:** District 22 meets monthly at Orchard Park Church in Carmel. Our attendance is typically in the low 20's. We currently have approximately 60% of groups in our district represented.

We have four standing committees; Literature, Corrections, Treatment Facilities and Workshops. We have three workshops pending; a Co-Ed 12 & 12 in Zionsville on September 25<sup>th</sup>, an 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop in Noblesville on October 16<sup>th</sup> and a Pre-Conference Workshop in Fishers on March 5, 2011.

**District 24: Chuck Enright:** July 17<sup>th</sup>, District 24 hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Primary Purpose Day with AA & AI Anon speakers and a cookout. In spite of the heat, this event was successful in carrying the message, and celebrating unity and community.

During the past couple of months the district has sought and found individuals through the home group the transition of this service project.

**District 26: Sharon Elfenbaum:** No report submitted.

**District 28: Sheila Kearney:** We continue to meet at 10:30-12 the last Sunday of the month at Pathways in Indianapolis. We helped District 30 host a GSR School in June. There was a good turnout. Thanks to the Area for presenting.

A new GSR just started with our district and it is exciting to see growth, however small with group representation.

A proposal has been made from our district to help bring a new meeting to Hope Academy Charter School at Fairbanks and we will be discussing this opportunity at our district meeting next week.

We discuss a Traditon at each meeting and we will be discussing a Concept at each meeting next year.

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**District 30: Sonnet Harris:** not present

**District 32: Marcus Case:** not present

**District 34: Alternate Jim Myers:** Our district will be having its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Picnic with Marco G. as our speaker; next Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 12 o'clock noon. Marco will speak at 4pm. We would like to invite all of you to come help us celebrate a day of recovery, service and unity. It will be held at the Northeast Park in Greenwood, Indiana. There are flyers on the table and we would love to see all of you there.

Our district has made 4 grapevine subscriptions available to local recovery homes in our district as well as sending 1 bundle each of older grapevines to the boys and girls correctional facilities in Johnson County. We discussed this and felt that this was certainly a way to use 7<sup>th</sup> tradition money responsibly as well as contribute to the Grapevine which is currently in great need. This suggestion came from an anonymous member in our district and we would like to thank them for reminding us of ways we can continue to be of service in our district.

Our PI Committee continues to distribute directories, AA literature and contact information to hotels and truck stops in our district for folks traveling that may be in need of an AA meeting. We would like to thank Joyce M. along with several other GSR's from our district who have continued to be of great service to this need. We have also discussed and decided that due to the large number of meetings in our district we will create a directory specific to the district; listing meetings near the major highways in our area as well as contact information for District 34 a/b, Area 23 and the Indianapolis Intergroup. Thanks Brad C. for volunteering to create this directory.

Area 23 Public Information Chair; Julie K. attended our meeting this past month with information on what their committee does. We will be contributing to their committee's presence at the Native American Heritage Day going on next weekend at Garfield Park in Indianapolis.

We will be discussing plans on hosting a Homegroup Inventory Workshop in late 2010 or early 2011 at our September meeting as well as setting a date for our districts inventory.

District 34 a/b meets on the first Saturday of each month at the Southport United Methodist Church at 9am with approximately 20-25 General Service Representatives in attendance each month; this is approximately 50% of groups represented in our district. This is a wonderful example that AA is alive and well in our district. We would like to thank all our GSR's for their continued service.

We would also like to thank all Area 23 officers for their service to Alcoholics Anonymous in southern Indiana.

**District 36 A/B: Cathi Clark, Alternate Stephen Rowell:** Things have been quiet around our district for the past couple of months, and that can mean only one thing- we're planning something!

We are grateful to be hosting a GSR School on September 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the Free Methodist Church on West Morris Street in Indianapolis from 9AM until noon. Please spread the word and plan

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to attend. Pre-registration is suggested so we can get an approximate head count, but of course walk-ins are welcome.

We are going ahead with Octsoberfest this year. After much discussion about the proper and intended use of Seventh Tradition Funds, we have come to a sort of compromise for this year's event. Our group conscience is that Octsoberfest is a valuable celebration of sobriety that AA members and their families look forward to each year. It is also our group conscience that we can do a better job of watching our expenses. Thus far we have been able to cut our costs for the Eagle Creek facility by over \$100, and expect further savings as we trim down on some other expenses, while still maintaining the tradition of the event. Octsoberfest will take place on October 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-9PM at Eagle Creek Park, Shelter D. Please attend and bring friends and family. And a covered dish, lawn chairs, and blankets. We will have at least 2 speakers this year, maybe more. Thank you to Chris K. and Marvin R. for volunteering to chair & co-chair.

**District 38: Marge Miller:** On June 19, 2010 our District sponsored a successful workshop on the history of A.A. spirituality conducted by Jay Stinnett, an A.A. historian from California. District 26, the Digs and the Saturday Morning Promises Group also donated money to help with the cost of this event. We are grateful!

Virginia Rogers, our Delegate attended our District meeting on August 14, 2010 to acquaint us with her responsibilities and stress the importance of the GSR to the group.

At least three groups that had not previously subscribed to the Grapevine are now doing so. We continue to study the 12 Concepts and have currently covered the first five Concepts.

**District 40 A: Lowell Brandenburg:** I attend several groups each month. Each group is doing well. I drive over forty miles to get to two groups. I am the chief cook for both District picnics. The first had about 75 people. The second had about 40 people.

**District 40B: Jeannie Langan:** Richmond's 64<sup>th</sup> Breakfast had Michalene R. as the speaker and was a big success. We continue to carry the message to corrections, treatment, and detox facilities. We also build fellowship with workshops, picnics and campfire meetings.

**Distrito Hispano 42: Antonio Castrejon:** not present

**Carolyn C: Oct 30 1 day Conference. Rockville Women's prison. Sign up sheet.**

## **IX. Committee Reports:**

**Archives: Chris Abert gave report :** The Workshop on July 24th was a smashing success. The main Speaker was Bob S. from Muncie. About twenty people attended and enjoyed Bob's enthusiastic and informative presentation on the origins and ideas that lay at the foundation of our fellowship and program. This year the Workshop was held in Bloomington at the 12-24 hour club. Next year the Workshop will be held in Indianapolis and we hope everyone will be able to attend.

**Corrections Facilities: Rick Pore:** Gave an overview of the July Workshop in Columbus. Covered our Singleness of Purpose and format of basic Volunteer Requirements Guide. Presented draft of Volunteer Requirements Guide. Requested the formulation of an Area 23 CFC Active Facilities, Requirements library. (To be maintained and offered as a guide, Reference point of start up facility meetings.)per: Fred Newell. Bring "Known facilities" to Clifty Falls Assembly. Discuss letter from GSO-NY-CFC concerning AA contacts. Do we know the source of the letter? Will check with CPC and Treatment. Need contact for Federal Facility, Terre Haute, IN. As per letter from GSO-NY-CFC,

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no outside AA's at this time. Update on Area CFC—PO Box (Area CFC –Pre-release, PO Box 343, Booneville, IN 47601). Ask for updates to Area 23 CFC list (current 45 members).

**Cooperation with the Professional Community: Submitted by Alex Necker:** The CPC committee continues to be very busy finding many ways to carry the message of AA to a wide variety of professionals.

After a somewhat slow Summer of 2010, we are preparing for a very busy Fall. On June 7<sup>th</sup> we made a presentation to Probation Officers at the Marion County Department—Southside Office. Also, on June 10<sup>th</sup> we made the CPC Presentation to the Lutheran Ministers of Indianapolis at their monthly meeting.

September 15<sup>th</sup> has us making a third Marion County Probation Office presentation, this time to the Juvenile Probation Officers!

Also, on September 15<sup>th</sup> we will participate in the Indiana Addiction Recovery Month Symposium with our exhibit and a panel discussion.

October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> we will again have a booth at the Indiana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Conference, "Social Workers Inspire."

The final item scheduled for 2010 is the Lawyer Assistance Program (CoLAP) 2010 National Conference October 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in Indianapolis.

We continue to work with the CPC committee of the Indianapolis Intergroup helping them with their robust agenda.

So, please let us know if we may be helpful in any way to you in your CPC endeavors. Also, if you have any ideas or suggestions to help us in our work .... Please contact me ... Email me at: [alex@alexnecker.com](mailto:alex@alexnecker.com) Or call me at: 317.828.1642

**Finance: Raam Pershard:** Budgets for Committees for 2011. I will be sending out reminders to start thinking about your budget requests. DCMs, I will be sending an email to DCMs to filter information about information on checks for donations, ie: Group name, group number, return address.

**Grapevine: Sandy Kleine:** Things are happening. An anonymous donor dropped off almost 10 years of back issues of Grapevines at my home group to be shared with others. Many groups are purchasing subscriptions and making the Grapevine available in meetings. My own group has purchased five subscriptions and all sold quickly. Several of the districts have purchased Grapevine subscriptions for recovery houses, treatment facilities, and correctional centers. One district has even purchased a packet of 50 back issues to be distributed to a juvenile center.

The Committee has two events scheduled, one in September and another in October. We encourage you to take Grapevines to your meetings and conferences. It is more important than ever to give a gift Grapevine or La Vina subscription to a newcomer, a sponsee, someone in your group who may be struggling, a correctional facility, or recovery house.

Just a reminder that the General Service Conference approved the new format for the La Vina. The page count will increase from 48 to 64. The magazine will be staple free and will continue to have a black and white interior. These changes will take place at the beginning of the next year.

It's time to step up and subscribe. It could make a huge difference in the life of a suffering alcoholic and help the Grapevine and the La Vina at the same time.

**Intergroup Liaison: Dave Rogers:** Our committee has at least one person attending each of the Intergroups in Area 23.

We have the intergroup reports from all of the Intergroups except the Wabash Valley Intergroup. As the committee chair I plan to attend their next meeting (WBV).

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I attended another Intergroup meeting at the South East Intergroup in Columbus and purchased a years subscription to their newsletter. The SEIG is really enthusiastic in co sponsoring a workshop in there region for a workshop dealing with understanding need for co-operation between the area & Intergroups.

This will be discussed more at the August assembly.

**Literature: Sheila Kearney gave report:** If you would like literature at your event, contact Kevin.

**Newsletter/Handout: Ron Schmitt:** Thank you for the response to my request for Articles. A special thanks to District 36 Stephen R., Alternate DCM for being the first District to provide an article in years. As always, it is your message to the groups that is important. What Area 23 is doing to help the still suffering alcoholic and tending to AA business needs to be told.

**Public Information: Julie Kleiman:** It has been an exciting and interesting year for the Public Information Committee since May.

We were invited by Indianapolis Intergroup to help put on a booth at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Gay Pride event in downtown Indianapolis. This was very exciting, as it was our first time to be here! We were well received, even thanked more than once, for being present.

July 15<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> the Public Information committee took part the 2010 IN Shape Black and Minority Heath fair held annually at Indianapolis's Convention Center. This required many days of volunteers and was deemed a success by the many questions and pamphlets given out during the four days. We had approximately seven mailing labels filled out for requests to GSO for more information.

Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be partnering with District 34a/b to be present at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Native American Heritage Days" event from 9am-6pm. This will, again, be a first for us. This event is held at Garfield Park, just south of Indianapolis.

September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 is "FIESTA," a Spanish festival sponsored by La Plaza, at downtown Indianapolis's American Legion Mall. The Public Information committee has asked District 42 to partner with us in hosting a booth at that event. District 42 will be providing the Spanish pamphlets and we will be providing the English literature. We will both take part in manning the booth, although the Area Public Information committee will be paying the registration cost here.

We are very grateful to both of these districts in partnering with us, and with all of the volunteers who were willing to bear the hot soggy days of summer to present to the public who Alcoholics Anonymous is and how we may be of help to the alcoholic who still stumbles in the dark.

At the start of this year, the PI committee found it necessary to purchase a significant amount of literature as we had very little in stock. This amounted to almost a quarter of what our said budget was. Therefore, recently, we found it necessary to request more from the area (\$250) to cover the cost of our booth rental at Fiesta. The Fiesta is something that the PI committee had participated in the previous year; and they had requested that we do so again this year. After doing some research on the event, I discovered that it was indeed an event where we would make a good fit as there is a great deal of social and health services which are intended for this event. We are grateful for the support to carry the message, and are grateful to the districts that are willing and able to partner with us to help defer the costliness.

We have more ideas in the works and are grateful for the opportunity to serve you!

**Registrar/Group Services: Pam Carter:** I am pleased to say that we have several new meetings in the Area. If you are a DCM or GSR, please get hold of me with your information so that I can pass it on to GSO. I can get your packets within a few weeks.

**Special Needs: Mike Jajuja:** We have a real concern in our Area of awareness of our Committee. We had a presentation at the District 10 meeting and most were unaware of our services. Our committee will contact the DCM's in the Area for possible presentations to carry our message to the A.A. members.

**Treatment Facilities: Jason Padgett:** If you would like to be on a committee, please see me. Keeping a line between Corrections and Treatment will be maintained.

**Website: Chris Abert:** The committee is working towards creating a new website which we hope will be both more aesthetically pleasing and offer more information that is easier to access. The address will continue to be [area23aa.org](http://area23aa.org).

If you would like a mailing list created, please contact [chrisa@area23.com](mailto:chrisa@area23.com).

To join our committee mailing list, send an email to [web-subscribe@area23aa.org](mailto:web-subscribe@area23aa.org).

We will meet again on Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm at the Indianapolis Central Library.

X. **Closing**

**Chuck Beller**

**Next Agenda Meeting-October 9, 2010 at 2:00 PM (E.T.)**

**Poe's Cafeteria in Mooresville**

**Next Area Meeting-November 21, 2010 Indianapolis, IN-Hosted by District 34**

**This is a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous**