

Southern Indiana Area 23 Assembly Minutes -Draft
Mitchell, Indiana
May 15, 2016

Opening and Welcome: Area Chair Mike Weave opened the assembly with a moment of silence - followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Mike Weaver, Chairperson, announced two agenda changes 1. We would be doing a treatment chairperson election today instead of the committee selection proposal. 2. Advised group that 2016 State Convention wrap-up report would be given by Jay Groves, due to the passing of Marco Garcia, 2016 State Convention Chairperson and Panel 52 Past Delegate.

Mike Weaver, Chairperson, asked that we edit the new structure booklets – inside cover where is said districts 30 and 32 – cross out district 32 – it is all district 30 now (change occurred in 2009) also on page 11 – host committee in August - cross out 32 and also on back cover – cross out 32 - everything now is just district 30.

Reading –Allison Bundy, District 10 DCM –read from service manual - page S 48 - Chapter 6 – “The Delegate”

Roll Call and Secretary's Report: Area 23 Secretary Sonnet Harris conducted roll call. There were approximately 80 attendees, including GSR's, Alternate GSR's, and other interested members. 7 Officers, 10 Committee Chairs or Co-chairs, 17 DCM's or Alternate DCM's, and 5 Past Delegates.

Sonnet Harris, Area 23 Secretary presented the minutes from April 21,2016 Pre Conference Assembly – Danville, IN .- asked if there any questions or changes - presented for approval. By motion, second, and vote they were accepted.

2016 Treasurer's Report: Area 23 -Alt. Treasurer, Randy Braun - presented the following Treasurer's Report:

AREA 23 APPROVED 2016 BUDGET Jan 1 - Apr 30, 2016

Income

7 th Tradition	23,000	10,446.19	45.4%
interest Income	2	0.68	34.0%
Lit. income	500	750.00	150.0%
Total income	23,502	11,196.87	47.6%

Operating Expenses

Travel	7,500.00	1,710.18	22.8%
General Service Conference	4,420.00	4,420.00	100.0%
Delegate	580.00	203.21	35.0%
Alt. Delegate	50.00	0.00	0.0%
Area Chair	50.00	28.00	56.0%
DCM Workshops	400.00		0.0%
GSR Schools	450.00	113.28	25.2%
Secretary	925.00	455.43	49.2%
Printing Area Structure & Guidelines	1,500.00	160.00	10.7%
Treasurer	2,208.82	1,505.88	68.2%
ECR Conference	0.00		
ECR Forum	900m		0.0%
Delegat@/Past Delegate Conference	800.00	341,53	42.7%
Meeting Facilities	1,500.00	1,53S.89	102.4%
intl. Convention Hosp. Ste	0.00		
AV Equip-	100.00		0.0%
Total Operating Expenses	21,383.82	10,473.40	49.0%

Committee Expenses			
Archives	500-00	59-34	11.9%
Archives Storage	855.00	427.50	50.0%
Archivist	300.00		0.0%
	1,200.00	125.00	10.4%
Corrections	150.00		0.0%
Corrections literature/Tape	1,500.00		0.0%
Finance	500.00	40.93	8.2%
Grapevine	200.00	10.00	5.0%
Group Services	456.18	391.18	85.8%
Intergroup Liaison	100.00		
Literature Expenses	500.00	61.52	12.3%
Handout	800.00	180.00	.225%
Public Information	800.00		
Public Information Literature	200.00		0.0%
Special Needs	1,300.00	25.00	1.9%
Treatment Facilities	1050.00	92.90	8.8%
Website	720.00	391.18	54.3%
Ad Hoc Committees (3)		75.00	0.0%
Note: Grapevine Increased 400 for Anniv.			
Total Committee Expenses	11,206.18	1,804.55	16.1%
Total Area 23 Budget/Expenses	32,590.00	12,277.95	37.7%

Questions was asked from the floor regarding Treasure Report – Ron Braun, Alt, Treasure was unable to answer question so Treasure report was tabled for next assembly.

Delegate's Report

Charlotte Crabtree, Delegate -Panel 66 -Area 23

DELEGATE REPORT - 66TH ANNUAL MEETING GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE Our Spiritual Way of Life:

Steps, Traditions and Concepts

Delegates Impressions of the General Service Conference

The 2016 Sixty Sixth General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous was held at the Crown Plaza Times Square Hotel in New York City starting April 7 and ending on Saturday the 23rd. The weeks leading up to the conference I received lots of information from GSO. I received the agenda items, all 826 pages. I received at large envelope from The Committee on Trustees. It contained resumes of candidates for the two Regional Trustee positions along with the committee conference history and other information. I begin to read and read and read. I told myself, you don't know what you are doing. Why are you going to conference? The thought came to me that my name came out of the hat. God wanted me to be the delegate. He had work for me to do. I read all the information and on April 16, 2016 I was off to New York.

I have met and been very favorably impressed with our Chairman of the Board (COB) Terry Bedient. He is a fine man, nonalcoholic, faith based, and warm, honest and unafraid. He welcomes input from the Fellowship and asked me to invite it from you- General Manager (GM) Greg Tobin is also capable, kind and devoted in his job and to Alcoholics Anonymous. I found our Staff at GSO to be of the highest caliber and the Offices there to be highly professional. The facilities are neat and clean, well equipped and staffed with helpful capable workers and assistants. The new arrangements of having Grapevine and GSO on the same floor seems ideal.

The opening session on Sunday morning was taken up entirely by a discussion about an email vote that was taken prior to the Conference to replace the scheduled workshop on anonymity with a workshop on Feasibility. Since an email' vote has no discussion or minority opinion it is new territory and is more akin to voting in secret by Ballot, absentee, or mail voting which is used in the business world mostly in elections. The Policy and Admissions proposed an advisory action to have the General Service Board (GSB) develop guidelines of the use of this type of vote only in extreme circumstances so as not to create confusion and controversy. There were problems with the vote being a quorum, which was also addressed in the measure by tying it to our Conference Charter.

I can report that the fellowship is not in financial trouble at this time, However, things are in motion that could make that a reality sooner than we wish. The feasibility Study that was released was no false alarm, merely a heads up. Each Conference adds to the growing demands on the contributions from our Fellowship, we will soon see our Prudent reserve shrink if not for a response in increased Contributions. If we see a sharp spike in the next year we will need to interpret that at the next Conference, however, it is certain that the GSB will need more income to maintain the current level of services in the future. The Theme for the 2017 GSC is "Supporting our Future", a timely theme for sure.

I served on the Conference Committee on Trustees. Our committee was made up of five panel 66 delegates and four panel 66 delegates. We discussed and accepted the Trustees' Committee report. Reviewed resumes of candidates for the West Central Regional and Western Canada Regional Trustees. Reviewed slates of Trustees' and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc. Reviewed slate of directors of World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. Reviewed the report from the trustees' Committee on Nominating on expending the pool if candidates to set up the General Service Board and the Corporate Boards. Considered options presented by the Committee on Nominating regarding the unexpected The committee work was very detailed as we proceeded through our tasks. Much like our committee meetings we had different opinions and suggestions, here was the issue of how do we seek pool of candidates that is inclusive and diverse and still be politically correct. Should there be a boxes to check? i.e. race, national origin, sexual orientation etc,. When will we discuss this subject on the conference floor? What is the fear around saying AA is broadly made up of white men? How can we attract alcoholics from all walks to life to reflect inclusiveness and diversity of AA? I felt someone had to speak up concerning this matter. So at the mike on the floor of the General Service Conference, I shared my experience with AA. I shared the racist remarks have encountered, I shared a question that is of great concern to me, "Where are the black women? Know we are out here drunk. Why are we not in the rooms of AA?" I was embraced by the fellowship. We must start with the groups. We must sponsor members into service. We must have that hard conversation.

Our task was to elect a chair for the Committee on Trustees to serve for a year staffing at the close of the conference, the vote was a tie so it went to the hat. My name came out of the hat. God has more work for me to do.

The conference floor was a lively place. Agenda items that were passed in committee were sent to the full body for a vote. There were friendly and not so friendly amendments made. There was wordsmithing all over the place. People going to the mike to area's group conscience was heard and considered. There were no scheduled breaks* We kept working and reworking each item. There was voting, minority opinions, votes changed and reconsiderations. There were eleven floor actions. Four passed, five failed and one was withdrawn. Yes, it was lively and I just loved it. I saw AA at its' finest moment.

I was told by those that went before me that my life was changed forever, I do not have the words to express the overwhelming feeling of gratitude and humility feel being of service closer to the bottom of the triangle. It is true,' I have changed and for that am truly grateful.

I took my son to conference with me. Eleven years ago, he could hardly even look at me. I raised him drunk and he suffered greatly. To share' such a wonderful experience with him is a testament of the many blessings my Higher Power has bestowed upon me. It is a testament the overall power of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. My son is supportive and proud of his mother. He is a true friend of AA I will be forever indebted to AA for my new life and I must continue to give away what has been so freely given to me.

I will never forget all the Delegates, Directors, Trustees and Staff from all walks of life. There was no way to get to know all 134 of them but I enjoyed those I did and made some friends. It's been said that alcoholics are just like everybody else except only more so. We insist on enjoying life. had fun and learned a lot about the Conference process, human nature and about myself.

Thanks to all of you for the well wishes, emails, cards and letters of encouragement I discovered that was ready. I discovered that the, primary purpose was the work of the conference. After putting in over seventy hours of work totally focused over six days, I walked away totally exhausted and extremely fulfilled. Being part of the 66^m meeting of the General Service Conference and becoming a small part of the history of Alcoholics Anonymous will forever live in my' heart.

Thank you all for allowing me to carry the message of fellowship, love and caring as your Area 23 Delegate.

A Power Point presentation was given by Charlotte Crabtree, Panel 66 – Area 23 Delegate – on Conference Reports highlights and answered questions about conference and decisions made.

Janet Flikke, Area 23 Alt. Chairperson –Read what voting requirements are and the qualifications for treatment chairperson - floor was for nominations for a treatment chairperson - Bruce Jones, stood for position and was elected by acclamation.

Committees Meetings

Lunch 12 to 1

Ronald Parker, EACYPAA service chair - requesting the support of Area 23 to bid on hosting Young Peoples International Convention in Indiana Area.

Virginia Rogers, Past Area 23 Delegate – Panel 60–has been appointed to lead an adhoc committee to take a look at our structure booklet. Virginia has requested that everyone take a look at Area 23 Structure Booklet and email or bring suggestions to next area assembly in August as to what works or doesn't work in the structure booklet.

Jay Groves 2016 State Convention C0-Chairperson - 2016 State convention wrap up report

I would like to thank the members of our committee for the way they came together to host a successful State Convention. My goal of this report it to let the members of Area 23 understand the time and financial sacrifice required to stand as a Committee Chairperson. Along with the things we learned through our successes and mistakes.

Time commitment, Chair, Co-chair, Secretary and Treasurer we meet two times prior to the August elections to put together three sites to vote on.

I would suggest that the Executive committee make copies of the invoices from French Lick to present to the locations so they can provide comparable quotes. (Blackout all figures for equal playing field). When presenting all options include all taxes and gratuity. Committee members start meeting once a month starting in September. Our kick off meeting was held in French Lick. The committee voted to allow conference calling if members were unable to attend. This was problematic as the club does not have the internet access or equipment need to facilitate this. I would suggest that this not be as attempted. I understand that a lot of the meetings especially early on seem meaningless, however this is the time that we build our family to pull together in those last few meetings and onsite at the convention. Our regular meetings were held the first Saturday of the month in Bloomington at the 12/24 club. I would suggest that the guidelines be followed and if you have issues with members missing meetings that this be addressed promptly. We meet in French Lick two more times. As you can see there is a significant time and financial commitment. Each individual committee chair had their own committees that meet to facilitate their duties. (I would suggest that each committee chair give a brief statement of their time commitment prior to each vote in August) I would ask that each member of the 2016 convention meet with the 2018 convention member that is filling your position in August to exchange personal information and insight.

I believe the Area 23 needs to review the financial commitment required to serve on the State Convention Committee and consider if all or part of the travel along with their registration; as the committee is working most of the convention and not participating.

Our committee members were very good stewards of their budgets. The only budget that went over was coffee, however we collected \$1,034.00 in coffee donations which offset this. The reason we went over budget is due to the number of registrants. We budgeted for 650 people and we had 749 register. We will gladly take this problem. We also had initially set our banquet guest at 130. We had 243 banquet registration. These are good problems to have but they do cause issues for the Registration and Hotel Coordinators jobs. This is detailed in their individual reports. All committee reports are packaged and are in the secretary's binder.

We made an error in our printing of the flyers. We printed all the flyers at one time which does not allow for any changes that might need to happen. (See Registration report) I have two suggestions; 1. Split the printing up into at least two different printings. 2. If your responsibility is layout and printing and this is not your strong suite ask for assistance. (I would suggest that the committee develop a theme and/or logo that carry throughout all required printings.

We placed the budget for all of the audio visual equipment under the Hotel coordinator. I think the next committee should review this and confirm or move to appropriate committee.

We tipped the wait staff for the banquet. This was a last minute decision that was not made by the complete committee's knowledge. I feel this was the right thing to do, however the next committee should decide this up front and budget for this expense.

We were given a certain number of VIP status rooms due to the number of room nights that were booked. The hotel designated certain committee members. Some of us ended up with suites and/or chocolate covered strawberries. This is standard procedure for the hotel/convention industry. (FYI for the next Hotel coordinator or Chair and Co-chair. Let the facility know that we have no VIP's but thank you.) I was the initial contact with the hotel during the selection process and received some promotional items, again industry standard.

We approached the coffee refill a little different this year and seemed to work quite well. We set a max number of gallons that the hotel could refill without the coffee chairs request. After that level is reached the Coffee Chair/Co-chair would then authorize the refill. I would suggest incorporating this practice into the guidelines.

We held the 2014 State Convention so they were familiar with what our needs were. This made things a little easier. The facility is absolutely beautiful and staff are wonderful to work with. I have major but, the cost. I think the Area really needs to spend some time

in reflection and study to the reason we are hosting a State Convention. Are we trying to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic? The cost of the facility and the rooms cause a financial strain that several people cannot afford. I think that Area 23 needs to inventory the State Convention. The number one issue for the selection should be the financial impact on its members.

As stated earlier, we projected 650 registrants when we set the budget which in turn sets the registration fees. We had 749 registrants. Not all registrants pay for their registration i.e. the speakers. You will be getting a complete and accurate financial update in August, however we ended up in the black and will have about \$3,500.00 above our \$5,000.00. The Area will need determine how to use the extra funds. I feel that the Area should have a set formula to distribute the extra funds so that does not take up time with this.

By all accounts we had a successful State Convention and I was truly blessed to be a part of it. The major complaint was the distance from the rooms to the convention area. I was taught and shown several great lessons and watched and participated in the 12 steps, traditions and concepts. I mostly want to pass along a couple insights. 1. As Chair/Co-chair allow the chairs fulfill their duties. You are there to support and encourage not do. Secondly and most importantly, to the best of your ability. Place principals before personalities. Thank you for allowing me to serve you. Respectfully submitted - Jay R Groves Co-chair for the 2016 State Convention

Elections for 2018 State Convention - Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasure

Mike Weaver – Read duties for State Convention Chairperson – Floor was opened for nominations - Jay Groves, was nominated and elected by acclamation

Mike Weaver – Read duties for State Convention Co-Chairperson - Floor was opened for nominations - Joe Timber, Todd Nagy and Randal Nelson were nominated. Randal Nelson, was elected as 2018 State Convention Co-Chair.

Mike Weaver – Read duties of State Convention Secretary – Floor was opened for nominations – Bruce Jones was nominated for position and elected by acclamation as 2018 State Convention Secretary

Mike Weaver – Read duties of State Convention Treasurer -Floor was opened for nominations – Joe Timber, Todd Kowinski, Rose A were nominated. Rose A was elected as 2018 State Convention Treasurer.

District Reports

District 2 – John Schreiner, DCM

We had a workshop and Bob from Richmond, In. spoke on AA History in Indianapolis and nationwide. 37 people attended – was a way out club in Greenfield, IN., good response and lots of information shared. District 2 meets last sunday of month at Blue Bird Café in Morristown, IN. We also have been having good luck at getting out grapevines to doctors and attorney offices in our area. Having a workshop in September at Dry Dock Club in Shelbyville, IN. – will have flyers as soon as exact date is known.

District 4 a & b – Michelle Bishop, DCM

District 4 continues to strive –I have visited other meetings in Bartholomew & Decature counties along with various district chairs and GSR to continue to help share on what the service structure is and does. We have also checked on pamphlets and literature stock at these meetings to continue to help spread the message to the next suffering alcoholic. We are still looking for treatment center chairperson and intergroup district liaison. I look forward to taking our delegates report back to my district – thank you for letting me serve.

District 8- Jack Benham, DCM – Mark F. GSR, represented DCM

District 8 Working on getting AA literature in different county jails, such as pamphlets and booklets. Also in July we have a district picnic. We will host the August area 23 General Assembly

District 10 – Alison Bundy, DCM

Our last district meeting was held on Sunday March 13. There were a total of 23 members present including 6 new GSRs,. The main focus of the meeting was to present and discuss the 4 agenda items that were forwarded to us from our delegate- We elected a chairperson for the district hotline phone committee Steve B. Steve is planning a training session at out next. district meeting in June for all who volunteer to carry the phone. The corrections chair Tom G gave a presentation and dedicated members continue to take meeting into the Monroe, Martin and Lawrence county jails. We plan to launch a PI project in the very near future, some suggestions have been made such as placing AA pamphlets and meeting scheduling ER waiting rooms, and making sure that the local libraries contain copies of the Big Book and the 12 & IX. We thank you for the opportunity to host this May assembly

District 12 – Mike Luttrell, DCM

District 12 consists of Warrick, Pike, Dubois, Spencer, Perry, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, and Clark counties.

We are in the process of putting together a GSR school. More information about the workshop will come in the future. Still trying to work out times and places. I have talked with Janet Flikke about this it's just a matter of lining things out. District 12 has passed its budget for this year. March district meeting was consumed with comment, objection, and approval of the 2016 Conference Committee Agenda items. Aprils meeting was just as exciting. PICPC was able to get some literature in the Dubois County Jail.

District 14 – Randall Nelson, DC- Report giving by Alt. DCM – Michael McCafferty

District 14 meets on the last Monday of each month. Attendance was high and the speaker Dinner. We will be taking part in The Drug and Alcohol May 18, 19, and 20, We have been carrying the message to the Treatment Centers and reception has been going well. The Annual Hog Roast/ Poker Run /&is May— We will be holding a GSR School July 17th,

District 18B & C –Mark R, DCM

Thank you Charlotte C. for the time and efforts with materials. Just finished workshop om the traditions – Thanks to Rose Miller for organizing – Thanks to panelist – Kenny B., Cathy C., Sue F., Dale H., - June 4th – 15th Ilhana Mini Conference. In preliminary discussions on one or two more workshops in 2016.

District 20 – Ed Quigg, DCM

On April 17th our district joined district 36 a & b to put on a workshop on sponsoring. Cathi Clark was are speaker – she spoke on what to expect from a sponsor and what to expect from a of a sponsor and how to encourage service work. There also was a three panel of people to answer questions from an ask it basket.

District 24 – Leona Frank, DCM

Greetings from District 24. Our district consists of 10% (approximately 47 meetings) of the metropolitan area of Indianapolis, IN and is contained in the historic Carvel Club, the oldest "Club" in the Midwest, Our district meetings are held at Carvel Club on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:45 to 7:45, On average, we have 10-17 GSRs attend our monthly meetings. We have added one new GSR. Our second Secretary of the year has stepped down and we currently have an open position. Our Treasurer was accepted into a PHD program in Bloomington and will be leaving us this summer, At our May meeting, we voted in Karen E, as our new Secretary. These changes are new for our district as our previous Treasurer and Secretary served for over 5 years each respectively, beginning in 2016, our goals are directed at engaging and attracting, Our formula of:

COMMUNICATION + EDUCATION ATTRACTION is providing a structure to which our efforts are focused.

COMMUNICATION: Newsletter: Our newsletter continues to gain interest and currently we have approximately 60 people within our District receiving via email each month. It is no cost to the District other than time and we have one printed copy on display at our Club.

2. We have had a number of discussions and group consciences over procedural matters at our meetings. New questions have arose such as whether a man should be used for District business including discussions and elections, whether a trusted servant standing for election need be GSR, attend meetings' within our District or have a home group in our District, and whether as a group, we choose to have majority vote or to use the modified Robert's Rules allowing for minority voice an opinion in District business. Our conclusions: no email use for district business in form of Motions or elections. A member must have a home group when initially elected to stand for service and our procedures will include the use of minority voice.

3. Meeting visits, each year, we will visit all groups in our district, focusing on groups with no GSR, and encourage signup to our newsletter to keep up to date with news,

EDUCATION: 1. District 24 on the Road. Evansville: we are headed your way for your annual Hog Roast over Memorial Day weekend. 2. We had a presentation from Marge M, titled a GSR learning session at our extended May meeting. Marge spoke to us about the service manual and other matters important to our District.

Two events are currently being planned: A day trip to Akron to visit AA's roots and an Old-timer's meeting in September 2016, similar to International Convention's Saturday evening. AS of last Tuesday, we had O signups for Akron. Today, we have 11 and I know a few more are in the mail, unless we have half the bus spoken for, we cannot reserve the bus. I have flyers if you are interested today. Down payment of \$35 issue with other [redacted] half payable July 1.

District 26 –Todd Nagy, DCM

13 active GSR's out of 31 meeting/groups. We will be visiting all groups without a GSR in the near future to talk about having a GSR. We are hosting traditions workshop currently. It is a (3) session workshop with (4) traditions covered in each workshop. We are using a panel format. Next Sunday May 22 is the final session (trads 9- 12). Workshop is at Carvel Club in Indianapolis.

District 30 – Eric McClellan, DCM

District 30 continues to asset to meet the d4th Sunday each month. We are averaging 8 to 10 GSR'S per meeting and have recently has a couple of new GSR's come t play. District 30 will be providing support to the AA History Seminar on 5/21/16

from 1 to 4pm -Club East. The district has decided to conduct a district inventory on 6/11/2016. The date for the 2nd annual Chicken & Waffles Extravaganza has been set for 10//22/2016. And, lastly we had a lively discussion regarding the agenda items discussed the pre-conference assembly in Danville, IN and looking forward to discussing the information provided by Charlotte following her trip to GSO.

District 34 – Danny White, DCM – Chris Hayes, GSR represented DCM

District 34 is alive and medium well. We were blessed to have our Delegate, Charlotte, attend our last workshop on " Bill W. discusses the traditions". Thank you Charlotte. We have two more workshops slated for July and Oct this year. We are still on target with our budget this year. We lost one GSR to a serious illness (she is recovering slowly) and picked up a new GSR from another group. Our group updates exposed a common problem of being infiltrated by non- alcoholics. We discussed solutions based on our own experience and the traditions. I expect these discussions to continue for a while. All of our GSR's participated in the sharing of information about the topics for the WSC.

District 36A/B – Chris Graham, DCM

On April 24th we worked with district 20 and put on a sponsorship workshop. It went very well. We had about 35 to 40 people in attendance. We passed an ask it basket around for people to put sponsorship questions in. Cathi Clark spoke on the topic and incorporated service work and general service. Then we followed up with a Q and A panel where the panel answered the questions from the ask it basket. We are going to further discuss having a follow up workshop. This is also my last assembly, I'm moving to Florida. Thanks you for letting me serve.

District 40B – Steve Hauca , DCM

We have a healthy district I am proud to say – our meetings are regularly attended by 12 to 15 people and committees are chaired, sometime they are committees of one. We have lots of events I our district - euchre tournaments, hot dog roast, ice cream social, picnics stuff like this and it was brought to our attention by one of our members at our last district meeting, that even thought this is good maybe we need to take a step back and look at how we are serving our district in carrying the message and reaching out to the alcoholic who is suffering. So we made a commitment to go back to our groups and examine how each of our groups are doing in that respect. I thought that it was something that was worth considering and I encourage each district to take a look at what they are doing in this area. One of the thing that I attribute our success at district meeting is that we rotate location of meetings among the different groups in the district. We have members to attend from the group that is hosting district - for the first time, instead to having a sponsor haul them across state to a district meeting.

District 42 -Hispanic District = Manuel B, DCM

3 Group Anniversaries – 8 Groups @ 150 Members. August 13 – 14 11th Convention in Elkhart, IN
Projects: Mobile District meetings throughout all groups; workshops/schools on 12 traditions. Upcoming – GSR, District. PI is working at Mexican consulate in Indianapolis and counseling offices. Thanks to all for support shown during Marco G's funeral.

Committee Meetings Reports

Archives – Cathi Clark

Archives Committee Report- Area 23- May 15, 2016

Members of the Archives committee, our Area 23 treasurer and other volunteers met in Bloomington on May 1st for an Archives Organizational Extravaganza. I'm delighted to report that we made significant progress in organizing the backlog of documents that had accumulated in the archives repository.

In the past two months the archives display has been to French Lick on March 4-6, for the Indiana State Convention, Danville on April 16th for the West Central Indiana Mini-Conference, and Huntingburg on April 23rd for the Sunlight of the Spirit Mini-Conference.

The Archives committee is available to:

- ⇒ Bring a display to your group, district or other AA-related event.
- ⇒ Present workshops on *How to Collect Oral Histories* – a great way to document the experiences of long-time AA members.
- ⇒ Provide resources to groups so you can ask the GSO Archives staff to research your *AA Group History*.
- ⇒ Give presentations on Area 23 and AA history.

If you're interested in learning more about these or other Archives presentations, please contact archiveschair@area23aa.org 317-246-7953, or archivist@area23aa.org. We'd love to hear from you!

Archivist – Tim Wright

On May 1st the archives committee, Area Treasurer, the archivist and interested AA members began meeting at the Archivist repository, transported the area 23 financed records to the 12 24 Club in Bloomington and began in earnest the task of sorting through and organizing these documents. I would like to thank Cathi Clark for making the arrangements. I would also like to thank everyone else who showed up and helped. Being the Archivist can be a lonely job sometimes. I don't know how far we got with the job. I worked on records from 2010-2011. It is obvious there are a lot of records that need to be purged; cancel checks, receipts, etc. We will use the guidelines in the archives workbooks and welcome input from the membership as a whole. It will take several more sessions to complete this job but I have hope it will be done by the time I step down.

Literature – Tip Lowery

Since the beginning of the year – I have sat at the literature display 4 times – Feb Assembly, the state convention –The sunlight of the sprite, mini conference and this assembly – to date we have sold \$973.60 in books and pamphlets – we have forwarded 750.00 to Area 23. We are available to bring the display to your function – prior commitment notwithstanding - see me or send me a email. The literature we have is for sale, but if you need something quickly or in larger number – I recommend using Intergroup, central office or you may order from AAWS yourself. The price is the same at AAWS and is delivered to your door. Our committee met today to discuss ways to bring literature to the attention of alcoholics and we discussed the inter secrets of the literature committee and for those of you with the burning questions - yes my socks do match my bow tie.

CPC- Les Leary

This spring has been a productive time for the CPC Committee. During the February Assembly we began to get organized for the upcoming events. We suited up, showed up and today were are sober and serine.

On April 22 in Columbus, we provided a booth at the Indiana Counseling Association (ICA). The event was well attended and a few contacts were made. Along with the contacts made with ICA attendee's, we as CPC volunteers were able to build our relationships with each other. A short time after the ICA event, District 6 invited us to their Outreach Workshop. On May 1st we were in Seymour to share our experience, strength and hope in helping to provide information to the professional community in the "5" counties that are in District 6. Our next service opportunity is on June 21st. We will volunteer at the Indiana Criminal Justice Association (ICJA) conference, upcoming service possibilities are the Indiana Non-Public Education Association (INEPA) and the Indiana School Counselors Association (ISCA), The committee will discuss these events today and decide if we will purchase booth space. It was suggested by GSO that we combine efforts with Area 22 to lessen the cost of booth rent. Our inventory of pamphlets and books seems ample to meet most any need we have encountered thus far. We are looking forward to a productive, successful summer and will keep you posted on the CPC happenings.

TREATMENT COMMITTEE – Bruce Jones, Chairperson

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Treatment Chair – We had a committee meeting with 9 members. We discussed what the treatment center committee is and discussed having 2 committee meetings prior to August Assembly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE- Ron Schmitt

Finance Committee – We approved a \$200.00 budget for the new AV Committee. Discussed and made plans for a workshop at Clifty Falls : 7th Tradition/Finance " workshop. Where does the money go? Step by Step in how to set up bank accounts for Districts/Groups. We also addressed preparation for 2017 budget process. Looking at putting budget together as to expenditures process income.

Grapevine- Jon Beman, Chairperson- Todd Nagy gave report for Grapevine Committee

Jon Berman did not attend assembly – Todd Nagy, Lead meeting – 7 people attended, we discussed way to spread the word, about the grapevine. Talked about ways to get displays to more functions – anniversaries, workshops, etc - Todd Nagy, agreed to be Co- chair of the Grapevine committee.

Public Information –Kim F.

Today at meeting discussed local schools focusing on building contacts on those. We discussed the video we have and explaining how it is used in anonymity to our home groups – this is coming up a lot -tradition5. We discussed having a booth at Black Expo and contact NA, Ca – this was voted down – instead contacting IPPCY was voted in – I participated in a workshop inn Scott county and handed out copies of the work books, which I think they were grateful to have. Discussed with District 42 about Spanish station and why they are not allowing free public announcement. This has been very constructive.

Website Chair- Randall Nelson

Currently we are getting information about our past delegates, so we can post a complete roster on the website. Also if you have information you want to see posted on website – I have to have it before I can post it – that includes all minutes, treasurer reports, anything – in some cases you can post these yourself- like events these can be posted these yourself, if you send them to me I will be happy to do, but you can do it yourself at add events. If you have questions about the website – at the bottom of business page of Area 23 website handout gives lots of pointers

Intergroup Liaison – Nichelle Leavell

I contacted Indianapolis Intergroup about Indianapolis 500, and collaborating a for a booth for IBE. Alison Luthe, Indianapolis Intergroup Co-chair stated they wouldn't be involved with IBE/Minority Health Fair, due to lack of volunteers. TBD direct cause of not participating to avoid future absence at this event. Spoke with new PI Chair to explore other options for participation in this event and others. Sent an all email as followed:

Good morning all, the Intergroup Liaison committee is sending you the facsimile (while we're at the Area Assembly). Hope you all made it home safe. While looking at how we can help you facilitate relationships with the four Intergroup/Central Offices in your areas to combine efforts...here's the information of the four offices. We're currently working to foster these relationships, but eager to be of service. If you have activities that require volunteers, or need other assistance please contact me.

Special Needs- Loretta Brown

We are going to visit districts meetings and workshops. The Special needs at Intergroup is not available for 3 months this summer and I have offered that our committee is available to help in any way. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

AV Committee - Art De LaRosa

Very new committee – looking to expand committee, if you are interested in becoming a part of the committee, please see me and we will work with Area & everyone to make that happen. Any questions, please see me.

Corrections – Issac Walter – Kenny Bundy gave report

8 members attended today's meeting— 4 were new. We did a brief overview of what Area 23 corrections does to carry the message, to give everyone an ideal of what we do. We spent some time discussing distributing corrections workbooks to committee members to use as a source to give them some direction on how to get started doing corrections work, because many people want to do corrections work but don't know how to get started. District 6 is approaching a correctional facility in their area and we spent time trying to give them a sense of direction. We have a display that is being re-organized and If you interested in having a corrections workshop or panel discussion -just let us know we will be happy to come talk about correction. Also the Indy 500 sound like a good ideal for 12 step work & a good opportunity for marion county corrections.

Group Service – Natalie Auberry - Joe Killebrew gave report

Putting a plug in to group services – DCM, should have received from your previous DCM - group review sheets, if you do not have, please contact Natalie.

Mike Weaver, Chairperson -Thanked District 10 for Hosting meeting & past delegates who attended to help guide new chairpersons.

The meeting was closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonnet Harris, Area 23 Secretary

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