

District 90 Minutes Jan 8, 2019

Meeting held at First Southern Baptist Church in Colona, opened at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Richard S., Craig K., Randall C., Gene V., Ted M., Rick F., Randy C., Joyce E., Dick G.

Birthdays- None. **Minutes-** Dec. Minutes Approved

DCM- Richard S. The Assembly was very informative on this occasion, beginning with our Panel member's report. He began his presentation with a financial report: AAWS received \$13,000,000.00 in contributions and sales for the year to date, slightly exceeding budgeted expectations. Costs were \$12,846,622.00 again exceeding budget expectations but remaining within funds received. Cost increases were due to the hiring of new staff and pay increases. Sales of literature exceeded contributions by over 1 million. New pamphlets were presented. Some were revisions (such as LGBTQ) and others were new (such as The God word). I have enlightened Lisa at Inter-Group in regards. The Inter-National community of AA has asked the AA WS committee dealing with such to consider making provisions for Class A trustees to be available for exchange experiences. Our global community needs our experience, strength, and hope to help them attain the level of service we have here. Accessibility has formed a sub-committee that has been asked to find ways to expand our CPC services to veterans dealing with their issues related to alcoholic abuse, stemming from war front involvement. In conclusion, it has been suggested that AA WS consider some level of reorganization of the GSB. Service requirements and effectiveness are at stake with considerations of expanding conference input on specific issues to the Regional Conferences, therefore allowing a greater variety of input from US. FOR MORE DETAILS- SEE THE DCM FOR THE REPORT.

The Agenda for 2019 was presented. There is some kind of meeting scheduled for every month. My next Committee meeting, to be held January 12, 2019 looks to be a Service Orientation workshop. This is in consequence of DCM and GSR break-out sessions where the primary concern was getting the new and older membership involved in service work. Marilyn F. (alternate Chair) has made her services available to present workshops across our Area. The general committee has a budgeted line item that permits up to \$200 to be given to sites hosting such events. I project that our District will be addressing this relevant issue next year. The Area Treasurer reported that they have received \$58,735.64 in contributions-Expenses to date are \$62,117.39 (\$3,381.75). Though this looks problematic- she would address this problem with their accountant and she anticipated incoming funds would likely balance out. Meanwhile, budgeted expenses for 2019 were presented and increases in specific line items were presented for approval due to the fact, our Area will host the State Conference next year. Our board has also been busy attending neighboring Area events to share concerns, support, and ideas; as well as, getting to districts to help with training events.

MOTION ONE: It is moved that translation services be included in allowable expenses for CONCEPTS the flyer. The funds requested were \$600. After much discussion; especially from our Spanish speaking districts in regards to specific concerns regarding limits to be determined on the extent of translations. We voted to table the issue and request further research into the matter.

MOTION TWO: Purchase new laptop for the Registrar to accommodate AAWS upgrades and better serve districts. AAWS Systems update to occur 7/4/19. Motion was approved. -Richard S.

Alt DCM- Open

Treasurer- Gene V. Will be transferring names at Bank Sat. Grapevines were renewed. We still have some money to spend. (See Old and New Business)

Secretary- Jesse R. - Absent

Committee Reports:

Corrections- Craig K. The Woman's Meeting at the Rock Island County Jail is doing Great. Looking to start a daytime meeting we need more volunteers anyone interested Please let me know. We are down to 6 volunteers and could use a few more. We now have a new Volunteer Application should speed up approval time. The Men's meeting at Rock Island County Jail is looking to change days from Fridays to a different night is there anyone out there interested Volunteering? Henry County Jail meetings both men and women's are doing well. We are always there every Saturday 9 am. The Kewanee Life Skills Re-entry Center Meetings are going great. We are doing The Primary Purpose Big Book study on Thursdays, it is outstanding. Our Speaker Meeting is on the 2nd Saturday of each month going forward. This month's speaker will be Casey W. Also looking for speakers who have served time in a correctional facility willing to come and speak. The East Moline Correctional Facility still needs more volunteers to go into and to sponsor inmates. Always looking for more volunteers. Will be hosting the 2020 Corrections Conference in Schaumburg more to come on that as it develops.

A member in good standing (my opinion only) Craig K.

Treatment- Rose E. – Absent **Grapevine-** Open **CPC-** Open **PI-** Pete B. – Absent **Accessibilities-** Mary – Absent

Literature- Ted M. Still Checking Libraries.

Intergroup Liaison- Randall C. The Office Manager was voted to receive a 10% raise effective immediately. There are 2 openings on the Phone Rotation; 4th Sun. 9a-5:30p. 4th Mon. 5:20p-9a. Six Month Sobriety Requirement. District 9 will be having a mini event Feb. 9th from 5p-9p. Intergroup Elections in March, Gail, the current Phone Chair has served for 2 years so will need to be replaced. All the positions will be open but most are eligible to serve another year, however, in keeping with the spirit of rotation, it doesn't mean they will be serving another year. Still looking for stories for the Newsletter. Tickets for the Intergroup Event will be available next month. The Website had 3,564 users last month due to us connecting with the Meeting Guide APP and AAWS. As AAWS takes official ownership of the APP and converts their website we will be included so more exposure and changes to come.

GSR Reports:

Aledo- Randy C. (GSR) No Report

Camden- Dick G. (GSR) Doing Well.

Fort Armstrong- Richard S. Small but steady.

Geneseo- Ted M. Doing pretty well and self-supporting.

Henry County- Rick F. (GSR) Now have 15 meetings a week, a new Mon 6pm. Speaker Meeting doing well.

House Group- Joyce E. Sat. Night Speaker Meetings are back, Finances got low but are ok now, Auditing Meetings, working on getting Openers and Chairpersons for daytime meetings, Sat & Sun Mornings are great, and planning on more Events/Potlucks.

New Beginnings- Randall C. (GSR) Hello Everyone, attendance has flip flopped from mostly men to now mostly women, for the Primary Purpose Big Book Study Meeting on Saturday's at 2pm, as well as, the Monday Speaker Meeting and the Wednesday Night Meeting. The Lodge has pretty much filled but I don't know why the men are not attending the meetings. We did have a visitor from South Carolina attend the BB Study Sat. and made mention that she is using our website to find meetings during her stay here and really liked our website. As always, we are looking for Speakers, Sponsors and rides... That's all I have until next month. In Love and Service Randall C.

Old Business: Extra Money: No longer a need to purchase the service manuals. Motion for RICCA to get \$100 for: (125) 12 steps illustrated, (100) frequently asked questions, and (75) this is AA pamphlets Approved.

New Business: Extra Money: Motion for \$500 to Detox-Big Books, Pamphlets and Meeting Lists. (Approved) Motion for \$200 to Corrections-Pamphlets and Meeting Lists. (Approved) Motion for \$84 to Corrections-1 year of flyer in Newsletter. (Approved) Tabled remaining money until next month for distribution to Intergroup and Area.

Next meeting is at First Southern Baptist Church in Colona on Feb. 5th, 2019 at 6:00pm.