Hope Central GROUP CONSCIENCE Minutes 9/9/2024

7:03pm Vinny opened meeting with preamble, Trad 2, Moment of Silence & Serenity Prayer

Carrie read G.C. and Steering Cmt meetings

Motion Julie, Dan 2nd

Corrections – DanA

Noone is being contacted by Denton Co Jail

Workshops at SWARSA for corrections

Motion Andry, 2nd Julie

Grapevine Report – Serenity (via text)

(Read by Vinny) September's issue of the Grapevine is "Young and Sober" ~Members share about the joys and challenges of getting sober and active in AA in their teens, 20's, 30's.

The writing workshop that was hosted by district 71 was a great success.. More stories are needed. Please submit through Grapevine website.

Check out the stories that were recorded at the YPAA World Tour (Young People's or AA Conference) on the Grapevine's YouTube channel.

Motion Dan, 2nd

Intergroup – No report

GSR – Linda

Fall conference 9/20-9/22 Area assembly

SWARSA

Lewisville AA group has sponsorship workshop 9/15

Dallas Intergroup 77th Anniversary 10/5

Motion Julie 2nd Kevin

Literature – Ray

Did not update Sep pamphlet study yet due to illness. Taking 2 weeks off. Ray will update the group when finalized.

Just sent order for lit to Kevin

Motion Dan 2nd Julie

Treasurer – Kevin

Hope Central

Statement of Financial Position
As of September 9, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Bank of America	3,059.21
Cash on hand	0.00
Venmo	1,379.00
Total Bank Accounts	**$4,438.21**
Total Current Assets	**$4,438.21**
TOTAL ASSETS	**$4,438.21**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	3,411.13
Net Revenue	1,027.08
Total Equity	**$4,438.21**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**$4,438.21**

Motion Julie 2nd Dan

PICP – No report

Treatment – Dan

Taking a meeting to Restore Path Detox 3x a week

1st 3rd and 5th Saturdays of the month

Bridging the Gap tutorial was beneficial and informative

Anyone who wants to attend, contact Dan

Motion 2nd Kevin

Accessibilities – Vinny

Not informed of the meeting change. Jerry rcvd email invitation and attended.

Discussion was a want for signing people (sign language) in meeting. Captions are available for ZOOM.

Our needs (zoom) vs in person needs are different. Sign language interpreter is expensive.

“Probably should post “Closed Caption” on our website.”

“Should we make an announcement in meetings?”

Dan can talk to Accessibilities Rep to make sure she has something posted on the Area 65 website. Talk to Todd to post as well.

Motion Andriy, 2nd Dan

Web – Todd

Everything is running well on the website. No issues to speak of. Will send member numbers separately.

(281 Members)

Motion Julie, 2nd Dan

Intergroup – Jerry

Workshop and October annual event.

Motion Dan 2nd Andriy

Tech – Jerry

People are learning how to operate account.

Motion Andriy, 2nd Kevin

Meeting Chair – Jerry

Meetings are covered for September

Motion Andriy, 2nd Dan

OLD BUSINESS

****Moving GC and SC meeting to 6pm**

No discussion needed

Vote: In Favor 9 Opposed 3

PASSES meeting moves to 6pm

****GSO $$ - roughly $2k - What to do with it?**

“Do we need to change our bylaws?”

“Thought was we set percentages to send to various entities”

“GSO does not know we have the $$ set aside.”

“Depends on the verbiage in bylaws”

“We can release the funds and let them do with it what they will”

“We are not changing %, we just need to decide if we are releasing the money”

“have the original concerns been resolved?”

“started with 3M into prudent reserve and NOW 4.5M into prudent reserve….loosing $$ every single month as we speak”

“Per report, Board justified spending the $ bc they {were under attack}”

“Financial report at Area conference seemed positive….justification for dipping into prudent reserve were due to lit printing costs, Grapevine…still not completely transparent however”

“if they are using our $$ to defend themselves against us, with lawyers, no interest in giving them the $$....want to table for another month”

“want a clear understanding before voting”

“Want to table this…discuss during Steering for next month”

“we need to do our homework, if we are going to table”

“17 items on inventory…talked about spending our $ to defend against us…we are basically a publishing company….some groups don’t send any money- 50% or more send NO $$...most funds come from lit sales….they miscalculated for inflation”

“we have an obligation to read report….to make decision…possibly a meeting to go over it together”

“Cost of books has been raised…forecast does not indicate we will still loose money”

“they are looking to make $$ off Plain Language big book…could bump up publishing income”

“Majority wants to table….need to make a time for discussion”

Vote to table: In favor 11 Abstain 2

TABLED – Meet Monday 8pm 9/16 In favor 12 Abstain 3

Everyone should have the report. Was sent to every email

**Women’s meeting move to 12pm Sundays

Feedback was Melena and Mitzi are willing to chair

“Kathleen (current chair) is very opposed”

“Not broke, don’t need to fix it”

“Well attended, does not need to be changed”

“we are not going to change the meeting just bc someone mentioned it”

Vote: In Favor 11 Abstain 4

DOES NOT PASS

**Meeting Verification

“Talk is our meeting verification is too easy and is being abused…how do we fix this”

“Is emailing a form with specific questions a hassle?”

Todd: It is possible. Automated. In the end, it’s still a Yes or No

“Can we use a certain code that the chairperson is given, to audit”

“Is it possible to add a script that changes every 24 hours?”

Todd: Yes, but I’m not a coder and the program we use does not offer it

“Like the idea of getting PO name, number etc…if somebody answers wrong, would they still get meeting verification?”

Todd: Yes, if you put in the wrong answer, you will still get approved. Information provided by the person

“PO name and # needs to be on there. PO needs to be made aware of what they are doing in these meetings”

Todd: Trial run for 30 days is a good start.

“much ado about nothing….we do not have to be the probation police, meeting police. If they want to be part of AA they will be, if they don’t, they won’t”

“423 for August, down from last month”

“Require camera…not our job to police”

“change a little bit, they will know we are on to them”

“make them feel like it’s getting harder, without actually making it harder”

Amendment to Motion: We add to the announcements, if you are here for verification, turn camera on. Make form more involved. PO name and ph #, topic, chairperson. Did you have camera on, yes or no.

Unanimous in favor - PASSES

NO new business

Motion to adjourn Jerry 2nd Dan

Need to put out announcement – All Trusted Servants Elections in October

8:44pm Vinny closed out the meeting with the Lord’s Prayer