

Area 74 Delegate's Workshop Saturday March 5, 2022 Hybrid meeting Minutes

Bryon B., Area 74 Panel 72 opened the meeting at 10:05 am

Nicholas, Area Chair, arrived at 10:20 a.m.

There were 43 attendees on Zoom and 18 live at the Reiter Center, Three Lakes.

Brian announced the various break-out rooms and scheduled events of the day:

HYBRID

PI
Finance
Literature
Grapevine & Trustee Committee

ZOOM

Archives-Agenda, International Convention/Regional Forums
CPC
Corrections
Policy & Admissions
and Report & Charter
Treatment

IN-PERSON

Policy & Admissions
and Report & Charter

Bryon went over the workshop Agenda and explained the process. Attendees broke out into their desired Committees to discuss the Agenda items for the 2022 General Service Conference that our Delegate will be attending from April 24-30. The committees convened at 2:00 pm to give their respective reports to those in attendance. (*See Appendix One for the written Committee Reports*) Committee Chairs or their designees gave verbal reports In-person and on Zoom. Discussion of the various Agenda items ensued. Questions from the Body were encouraged & are included in the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS CAPTURED FROM THE MIC:

Archives-Bob H. Brian asked if when discussing the Conference, did their committee focus on anything specific? Bob indicated, no. Brian asked if they voted on a specific theme for the conference and Bob indicated they wanted to leave it to the Delegate. Jane GSR 02, asked if anyone can make suggestions for themes. Bob indicated yes. George Alt. DCM, asked if a submission form was needed to be submitted in order to be considered for the theme. Yes, the form needs to be submitted September 15 of the previous year.

CPC-Kevin W.

Corrections-Dani

Finance-Dave K.

Grapevine and Trustee Committee-Char V. Gerianne 18 asked if the book, Finding a Higher Power is replacing Came to Believe? Is the book a duplication of the same topic? Char indicated that it's possible. There was discussion about the changing of the words, "men and women" to "people". Is the Grapevine talking about substantial changes to our fellowship? Char indicated, yes and that Grapevine

is its own entity and has full authority to make changes without the fellowship but Grapevine is willing to give the body a voice and it's very much appreciated. RE: Trustees, wording may be changed to simpler terms for ego reduction: From 'trusted servants' to 'trusting service'. Char also wanted to clarify something from the Corrections Committee, *Changes to the 5th Edition*: "There are always new Forwards. The intent is not to change the Appendices."

Literature-Bill D. Barry B. 02 questioned Item R-to expand on the vote taken awhile ago for "Lustful enough to rape in the 12 & 12. Bill stated that the vote taken during a very serious time with Covid may not have had a whole group conscience and is concerned that the vote didn't represent body. The consensus is to Reconsider the vote. Today's literature committee re-voted on the measure to Reconsider and the vote was 10 in favor & 2 to leave it alone. Jane M. noted that the Literature committee at the 71st General Service Conference in 2021 indicated that the subject of 'changes' in the 12 & 12 came up and most did not want Bill W.'s language changed.

Policy & Admissions and Report & Charter-Jeff Jeff C. & Torv **In-Person** EDW (Equitable Distribution Workload) was explained in many of the break-out committees. There was a 3 year study with the GSO. (Secretary's note-as an example, the Corrections committee I sat on had agenda items that had nothing to do with Corrections. Some of the committees that had less Agenda items were given other Committees' items to discuss so the load for all committees would be more proportionate. We spoke about Literature.)

Policy & Admissions and Report & Charter-Sara P. & Derek T. **Zoom** Jane commented about how the Big Book has changed since its inception. Mike PI, commented that 'attractive ads' are another way of getting AA information to the masses.

Treatment-Dan S. Living Sober caused some discussion: Zac said that the words, "you can't die from getting plenty of rest" is presupposing a medical opinion. Some thought the passage should be removed. Barb S. notes that Insomnia is mentioned and that "no one has died from a lack of sleep" is also a medical opinion. Jane notes that the Doctor's Opinion has helped countless alcoholics understand alcoholism.

PI-Rachel The group discussed "Active vs Passive" ads and determined that Passive ads were in line with the PI stance on Public Service Announcements which can be found in the AA Guidelines on Public Information. Active ads felt more promotional and the committee did not agree with pursuing these types of Ads.

End of Delegates Workshop Committee Reports. Bryon concluded the meeting at 3:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Terri Burl - Area 74 Secretary

(See APPENDIX ONE Delegate's Workshop Committee Reports)