

G2 Business Meeting

- Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Chairperson:

- Jasen H. filling in for Tim S.
- Meeting minutes and agenda are posted on the District website: d34a51.com.
A hard copy is available in the notebook at the front of the room.
- Minutes from previous Business Meeting reviewed and motion to accept.

Reports:

GSR Report (Jasen H.)

- Questions were brought up at District about the changes to the preamble and the 12x12 and groups felt like they didn't have enough time to discuss the information and not enough participation from AA members in this decision.
 - Covid was a factor in not enough group participation.
 - The Area is trying to get info out in a timely fashion. The March meeting had a lot of changes, lengthy document; hard to digest. They didn't have the agenda for pre-conference until the end of January. They are getting it as timely as they can.
 - Jasen made handouts available in the weeks prior to the business meeting regarding a new simple version of the Big Book to help get the information to the group. (Thank you Jasen.)
 - The changes to the preamble and the 12x12 will be brought back up at the conference.
- **Changes to the Preamble and 12x12, to clarify:**
 - Preamble; change from "*men and women*" to "*people*."
 - 12x12; took out the word "*rape*"; the use of that word could be traumatic to people.
- **5th Edition of the Big Book; to clarify:**
 - The development of a 5th edition of the Big Book is already approved.
 - Not changing anything to the first 164 pages.
 - Will be adding more stories to the back.
 - AA members can submit a story.
 - This edition probably won't be out till 2025.
 - Want to replace some stories to be more focused on diversity and in current times. Not sure how many stories they will remove. Keeping the pioneer stories.

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- Beth- there is a book of the old stories so you can still access the old stories. FYI. They are also available online. Sponsorship wasn't even mentioned in the earlier editions.
- **Discussion on the simplified version of the Big Book:**
 - These changes came from the fellowship, and the idea is to reach a broader population of people. Some in rural areas don't have sponsor to go through the book.
 - People felt language should be consistent with today's society.
 - Disclaimer that Bill was welcoming to everybody and that was the language of the time, use this instead of changes
 - Examples of the proposed language were passed around. This will have to go back through the groups since the literature company is not in recovery.
 - Question about the money; where is the money coming from to do this? And is this a good use of our money?
 - Everyone is welcome to go to the Conference and let them know your thoughts and that this is not a good use of our money and our contributions.
 - Comment brought up in the example, "our stories" and we have people who are not those of us in recovery to write "our" stories.
 - We actually have in our literature that we are going to any length to get sober. And to rewrite our literature is NOT going to any length.
 - \$18,000 is the cost so far. And that is just for the sample.
 - Comment that by trying to be more inclusive, we are actually being divided.
- **So our final group conscience for Jasen to take to the Conference:**
 - We do not support the plain and simple version.
 - We do not think this is a good use of our 7th tradition funds.

Treasurer Report (Tim reporting for Susan D.)

- Susan will be back in a few months. Tim is still paying out of cash for reimbursements. He has all receipts.

Intergroup Report (Rob N.)

- The AA website is generating a lot of new hits.
- We still have the \$45 credit at Intergroup. This ends in June.

CPC/PI Report (Donnie J.)

- The CPC/PI digital subcommittee have a non-profit business appropriation for new media.
- CPC/PI has 4 subcommittees that aren't very active, so they are focusing on digital.
- Google is giving them 10,000 free clicks.
- Founder's Day get together; the committee will start planning soon.

H&I (Chris B.)

- Chris made up a flyer with H&I meeting info; let him know if you want to participate.

Speaker Seekers (Brad and Carrie)

- Claudia is speaking in March for noon.

Literature (Justine)

- Justine was not present.

Anniversaries (Mary)

- Mary's name was on cake. Happy Anniversary to Mary!
- Names will continue to be on the cake.

Supplies (Rose)

- Everything going fine. Thanks to people who help Rose bring supplies in.

Old Business:

- **Alternate Positions:**
 - If interested in the positions, read the description (available in notebook and online), so you can see what the responsibilities are. Can speak to the person and sponsor if needed.
 - If you are interested, sign up on the sheet in the notebook at the front of the room.
 - New positions for the one-year term positions will be voted on in May.
- **Masks:** Masks are no longer required.
- **Medallions:** (Repeated here from February for context.) Rick asked about having medallions to give out for anniversaries; we have plenty of money, would like to have the medallions for each year from 1-15, and then for group members when they have an anniversary.
 - Rick will be happy to maintain this.
 - Tim; we need to reconcile bank/funds when Susan gets back, as we don't have an exact accounting of the available money.
 - Also, Tim and Jasen have donated all the chips. G2 has not paid for a single chip yet.
 - Rick suggested that this can be remedied by being self-supporting.
 - Tim and Jasen will stop purchasing them and have already stopped. The next order will be reimbursed to Tim and Jasen.
- The group voted to have the medallions.
- The group voted to reimburse Jasen for the chips.

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- **Side-conversations during the meeting:** (Repeated here for context.) Mary would like something added to the intro blurb; no talking during the meeting unless you are sharing or reading.
 - Motion made and accepted to vote on this next meeting.
 - John V will work on the text.
- Will table the blurb for another meeting.

New Business from the floor:

None.

Next Business Meeting: Saturday, April 16th, 1:15 pm

Closed with the Lord's prayer.