

DISTRICT 43 MEETING May 12, 2020.

ZOOM 43
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Open with the Serenity Prayer

Welcome and Introductions

Officer Reports

Officer-at-large, Jamie

No report.

Secretary, Jen

No report. Minutes from our April meeting were approved.

Treasurer, Lisa

In April, our contributions were \$80.00 and expenses were \$290.68; our current balance is \$1,319.51 and with a prudent reserve of \$1,200, we have \$119.51 in available funds; pink can contributions were \$0 and we have \$10.81 available for C&I literature. April financials approved. FYI -- even if your groups are not collecting 7th tradition donations, we can suggest that donations can be sent directly to district / area / GSO.

Web Servant, Tad

No report.

ADCM, Bill

Bill talked with Bob. Bob has resigned but has not informed Area 59. A motion was made to accept Bob's resignation and proceed with an election for a new ADCM – approved.

Nominations for a guest (non-AA member) for the conference are due at the Area meeting on June 14 (via Zoom).

DCM, Bob

Bill has stepped up as our new DCM. Thank you, Bill!

Summaries & Actions

- The concern was raised that the Clubhouse was in financial difficulty – the Clubhouse is in good shape.
- Virtual Medallion night was awesome! Thank you to the group who organized the event.

Monthly Tradition Discussion

Tradition 5: “Each group has but one primary purpose— to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Committee Reports

Archives:

No report.

Corrections & Institutions:

The committee discussed ideas for how to carry the message, including volunteering for a call list to talk with inmates and corrections correspondence (AA members just need to complete the pamphlet that Lisa will send).

The committee contacted GSO to get pamphlets behind bars.

Virtual meetings do not seem possible due to restrictions within corrections.

Cooperation w/ Professional Community:

The committee’s contact for mental health professionals (related to the Base Service Unit) may be having a remote Zoom meeting. The committee accepted the invitation to present at a virtual meeting. No word yet about the addiction specialists.

The hotline representative contacted the committee – CentreHelps volunteers are answering phones remotely but are having issues with forwarding calls to AA volunteers.

Public Information:

No report.

Structure:

No report.

Visitation:

No report.

Old Business:

- Zoom meetings
 - Centre Hall meeting -- Zoom meetings have been going great and the group plans to maintain a presence on Zoom even after in-person meetings resume.
 - It will be important to consider how we transition from Zoom to in-person meetings
 - Zoom is continually updating their security (e.g., waiting room and password requirements). Please make sure the information on the website is up-to-date.
- 7th tradition collection

New Business:

- GSO reserve fund – literature sales are down 80% and contributions are down 50%. Many individuals have been laid off and we are now using our reserve fund. Please consider donating to GSO!
- GSO will be holding the conference virtually this weekend.
- Members who are looking to donate to our district can send money to the PO box.
- Important questions/ideas that were discussed:
 - Should we start planning how we will begin to reopen our meetings? Updated: we have created a google doc that all GSRs have access to and are encouraged to add to.
 - Do we need to meet biweekly as a District?
 - We should use our website to communicate changes when the time comes.
 - From a public health perspective, contact tracing of infected individuals may risk breaking our anonymity or will prevent such tracing because we are an anonymous group.
 - Should we have some universal guidelines or suggestions in addition to the state regulations?
 - Groups could purchase masks in advance to distribute if members do not have any. How to enforce members wear masks?
- We will have a check-in meeting in 2 weeks on Tuesday at 8pm for anyone who would like to attend. Our district will maintain the same Zoom ID from now on.

Close with Responsibility Pledge