

# Advisory Committee Minutes

October 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm In-Person and Zoom

1. Welcome
  - The Chairperson Charley C. welcomes the Advisory Committee and starts the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.
2. Roll Call
  - Ralph checked participants to see if there are 20 or more members present for quorum. At a count of 19 in-person + 2 online, there is.
3. Minutes
  - Charley C. asked for approval of the March 28, 2024 Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Al motioned, Emilie seconded, approved. Charley C. asked for approval of the June 27, 2024 Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Charles P. motioned, Emilie seconded, approved.
4. Introductions
  - Operating Committee in attendance included Charley C., Charles P., Jennifer, Al, Karin, Emilie, Marcus, Scott
  - Chairperson Charley C. asked Jason to introduce himself and CDO staff.
  - Jason introduced himself and then introduced the staff including Dean, Ralph, Bobbi and Bob M.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. Chairperson asked for Committee Reports - Charley C.
  - Activities
    - Holiday Party - Al said it was voted to have the Holiday Party on Thursday, December 5 at the office. He asked to notify your home group. Karin added that the office will also be celebrating Ruth D.'s retirement.
    - Guardians Tickets - Al said the office will be purchasing Guardians tickets for an upcoming baseball game.
      - Other Events - Al also mentioned other possible events such as lunch on the Goodtime III, roller skating and hike in the park.
  - Archives and Constitution
    - Charles P. said it was voted to remove two paragraphs from the Constitution due to the verbiage being outdated.
    - Bob M. said he recently was asked to give a talk at the Cleveland Multi-District and spoke of a request in the early 1990s to digitize the first many years of the Central Bulletin for archival purposes. The office agreed to sell it. Bob said he uses this archival source to answer most questions about AA history.
  - Communications
    - Al said he went to an Ohio Young People of AA (OYPAA) event in Eastlake. He represented Area 54 and the office and that there was a good turnout.

- Al said he would like to put on a Secretary's Workshop if there is interest.
- Corrections & Outreach
  - No report.
- Financial
  - No report.
- Fund Drive
  - Jason said it's been several years since the office mailed Fund Drive Packets.
  - Tim asked if he could get a copy his area meetings to see what meetings are still open. Jason said he can provide a list.
  - Genny said the meeting list binder in the phone room is outdated.
  - A member asked if you can update meeting information on aacle.org. Jason said you can and that you only need to provide what information you want to change. So, if you want to update your secretary, the group name and secretary is all the information you need to provide.

#### 6. New Business

- A member said she goes into a correctional facility and hosts 2 meetings. She wants specific literature, but was told by Corrections that there is a list of approved literature that she needs to order from. The member wants literature that is not on this list. She asked for help. Karin said she will talk with her after the meeting and see how we can help.
- Bob M. announced he was starting a Plain Language Big Book meeting at Club 24.
- A member suggested the office reduce the price of literature. Jason said the markup is at or near cost.
- Al said the office is working on ways to keep the money in the AA community and that the office will do this in a responsible manner.
- Ralph said literature cost is always going up and the suggestion of giving books away for free is not sustainable.
- A member suggested giving literature away to smaller groups. Genny said it would be financially difficult to give books away to groups.
- A member asked why there was a 90% decrease in Outreach on the Profit and Loss statement. Dean said the office had an Outreach person who did some spending and then left the office in February, hence the drop throughout the rest of the year.
- Charley C. said getting rid of the Pink Can is not a wise decision.
- Charley C. said the two new Operating Committee members Scott and Tim need to be voted in.
  - Scott – Charles P. made a motion, Jennifer seconded, motion passed.
  - Tim – Charles P. made a motion, Al seconded, motion passed.

#### 7. Old Business

#### 8. Open Forum

- Charley C. recapped by saying there were two issues brought up. First, the small groups allocation for free books. Second issue is the Corrections / Pink Can.

#### 9. Charley C. asks for Motion to Adjourn, a second and meeting ends with the Lord's Prayer.