

December Committee Meeting  
December 7, 2019  
Delegates Report

Hello friends my name is Matt and I'm an Alcoholic. I would like to thank all of you for your willingness to be of service to others. We have the an opportunity to take an inventory and have a look at how well we are carrying our life saving message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholics. How are we doing at reaching out to the hopeless drunks on the streets, the members that are incarcerated, the young teenagers thinking about taking that first drink, and that alcoholic that speaks a different language than we do? Do they know who we are, where we are, and what we do? Do they know that we have a found solution? Lets find out this afternoon, lets ask ourselves those questions. Keep in mind as we go about the inventory today. We inventory the process, the service positions and not the individuals. Love and tolerance is our code and principles before personalities. As we move from topic to topic I would encourage each of you to bring forward any and all ideas that we can discuss to improve our processes.

Some tidbits from Kathi's report from GSO board weekend.

I reported that the board had approved a \$1,000,000. Budget for renovations to the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of GSO. Well it looks like they are just about done at a cost of right around \$500,000. They may have sensed our frustration.

AAGV revenue is \$123,239 lower than budgeted and expenses are \$81,358 less than budgeted.

AALV had a shortfall of \$110,860 vs. a budgeted shortfall of \$124,379. Magazine sales are up by 528 subscriptions.

International Conventions/Regional Forums committee was presented with a second draft of a virtual Regional Forum. This is said to be an amazing piece showing what happens at Regional Forums. I'm told this should be ready for conference. I can't wait to get my hands on it to be able to share it with you.

Redela, the meeting of the Americas, just took place in Buenos Aires. There are 35 member countries and 17 were represented through 19 delegates-some countries had two attendees. Only one woman attended and she was from Brazil. Many countries representatives could not attended because of instability in their countries.

The Trustee at large shared that Venezuela is dealing with awful, heartbreaking conditions. One employee from Venezuela called in sick because she had not had enough to eat for three days and was ill. There are so many people fleeing the country and that includes tons of AA members, which is causing instability in AA. The 7<sup>th</sup> tradition that you guys contribute to the GSB is helping to get literature to these people through the international Literature Fund as they have struggled to produce the literature through their own means in this unstable situation. If one of you newer members need a reason for the buck in the basket this is a good one.

Happy holidays to all of you.

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