

Delegates Report Fall Workshop
November 2, 2019
Salina Utah

Good morning friends my name is Matt and I'm an alcoholic. I'd like to thank District 6 for hosting this event. It's nice to be back down in Salina.

I would like to share some items from GSO with you; some are old news from the last board meeting.

Conference committee – The committee reviewed a draft of the 2020 General Service Conference-week schedule, noting the importance of ensuring time for discussing visioning, the strategic plans of the corporate boards and other substantial items related to the future of A.A.

The chair appointed subcommittees to consider the process for finalizing proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee and to consider any actionable items derived from the Conference sharing on equitable distribution of workload.

Corrections committee – The committee reviewed and approved a draft letter to professionals in the parole and probation field to raise awareness about local prerelease and Bridging the Gap A.A. services and agreed to include the letter in the Corrections Kit as a resource for Corrections Committees.

Grapevine Financials – For the first six months of 2019, average paid circulation of Grapevine was 66,765. This compared with a budget of 67,685 and 2018 actual of 67,427. Online and GV Subscription app circulation was 5,606 in 2019 versus a budget of 7,155 and actual of 5,608 in 2018.

Gross profit on the magazine of \$663,895 was \$42,724 less than budgeted. Gross profit on other content-related materials of \$310,767 was \$5,438 greater than budgeted and \$62,819 more than 2018. The increase from last was due to an additional gross profit of \$71,139 that came from the sale of three new books.

Total gross profit for the six months was \$974,662 which is \$37,286 lower than budgeted and \$50,248 more than the \$924,414 achieved in 2018

Reserve Fund – At June 30, 2019, the Reserve fund had a balance of \$16,060,730. The Fund represents approximately 9.6 months of 2019 combined budgeted operating expenses of Grapevine and A.A.W.S.

Literature Committee – Following review as directed by the Conference, the committee forwarded to A.A.W.S. the proposed “Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials” and requested a progress report from A.A.W.S. that will serve as background for discussion at the November 2019 meeting.

Vendor selection and production concepts to update the video “Your G.S.O., Grapevine and General Service Structure” are proceeding. This project is being approached in tandem with an introduction to a Regional Forums video to allow for possible cross purposing of source footage.

Board Committees – Publishing: The Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, is available in 71 languages, with 23 languages pending and 16 new translations in progress, along with 5 revisions/retranslations. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions is available in 48 languages, with pending translation in Arabic and a revised Czech translation. Daily Reflections is available in 34 languages.

In October I had the opportunity to attend District 10 meeting to help open up discussion on the pros and cons of splitting their District. We had some very good debate, with strong opinions from both sides of the question. I am interested to see how this plays out.

I had the chance to facilitate District 7s elections. Their rotation is different than what I am used to; they elect half the panel every year. To both the Districts thank you for allowing me to serve and be apart.

Last weekend I spent a little time at the Spanish Convention. I sure wish I knew more Spanish. Our friend Tito was in town to speak. We had a chance to sit down and talk. He is now a DCM in his Area and wants to serve as Delegate sometime in the future. I was able to share with him some of the blessings that I have received from every position I have had the opportunity to serve in.

Thank you for my sober life
Matt Dyer
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