

Delegates Report
Pre-Assembly Workshop
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District 6 Cedar City

“2020 A Clear Vision for You”

Hello my name is Matt and I am an alcoholic. It is an incredible honor and privilege to serve the Area 69 Fellowship as the Panel 69 Delegate. Conference report backs have been going extremely well. Since we last meet I have visited Districts 1,2,6,9,10, and 11. I will be going to District 8's summer BBQ in September to share my report with them. Thank you all for the invitations to come out to fellowship and enjoy a meal or a cup of coffee with you. I have also had the honor to share my recovery story at a few recovery meetings. With all the reports and talks I have given I see a genuine interest in the eyes of the members, who are not so involved with General Service. The love and respect Area 69 shows their delegate is incredible. I am overwhelmed with gratitude.

In July you gave me the opportunity to attend The Unity Forum hosted by Area 05 and bring back information about hosting a forum like this in our Area.

The feeling I had about this was it was a cross between a PRAASA and a workshop. They had topics and presenters followed by open mic time. Some of the subjects they covered were; How being of service has helped my recovery, The importance of unity within AA, and Reaching out to the still suffering alcoholic; All great topics. Saturday they had three Breakout sessions where they covered Group autonomy: agreeing to disagree, Diversity and inclusion, Literature: keeping the voice of AA current and effective and many more this was just a few.

Saturday after one of there fun mixers Jeff W. a GSO staff member told his recovery story followed by Kathi F. our Pacific Regional Trustee with her story. Sunday morning we were treated to three speakers with Joel C. being one of them followed by one more presentation panel on” This we owe to AA's future”.

I spoke with chairman of the host committee about the numbers. They had an \$8500 budget with the Area contributing \$6800 LA central office contributing \$1700.

They paid \$45 an hour for Spanish and ASL translations and used there area's translation equipment and rented but did not use 40 more receivers.

He felt they had 350 people in attendance through out the weekend. I estimated about 150 to 200 on Saturday.

Last week I sat in on a conference call with Kathi and the other 14 pacific regional delegates. She shared with us what happened at board weekend and answered as many of our questions as time allowed (which we went over time).

Finances

Gross sales for the first 6 months were up from 2018 by \$271,742 to \$7,483,984.

Contributions were up \$185,912 from 2018 to \$4,002,384.

Gross profit from contributions and sales were \$326,680 over 2018 to \$8,935,712.

Expenses were also up \$803,772 over 2018 to \$9,553,347 (Primarily due to Professional fees (ERP), contracted services (communication audit), and travel and meals of conference was higher due to conference being later)

Grapevine

Spanish ordering online is now all in Spanish.

Website is being updated with great new look and will work better with hand held devices.

Non-Trustee Director and GV General Service Trustee will be needed to replace outgoing directors whose terms end after 2020 conference.

Book sales were up \$100,000 over last year with large numbers sold on the following books “ voices of women”, “one big tent” and “take me to your sponsor”

Some of the things they are working on in the Trustees committees are.

Conference

Equitable distribution of workload is still being looked at in subcommittee.

CPC

Working on Linkedin page.

Finance

The reserve fund stands at 9.4 months of operating budget.

A recommendation passed to contribute a maximum of \$10,000 to help delegates from other countries to attend the REDELA

A recommendation passed to lease an additional 5000 sq. ft. on the 8th floor because GSO and GV are out of room and about to exceed maximum occupancy on the 11th floor. This will be approximately \$9000. a month. (\$22 a sq. ft.) They will be hiring 5 new people next year.

A recommendation passed for a draw from the general fund not to exceed \$1,000,000 to pay for renovations and asbestos abatement on the 8th floor.

International conventions/Regional forums

Committee presented a first draft of a virtual Regional forum. This will be an amazing piece.

Literature

The proposed Publication Policy has been sent to AAWS to look at possible revisions.

With literature I had a lot more questions that we did not have time for.

We only got through about 2/3 of her report. More will be revealed.

Thank you for my opportunity to grow.

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