

The Region 5 Finance_ Committee Meeting Minutes

for Saturday, _October 28, 2023

Acting Secretary: Pam L

Chair: Linda P

Others members present: Preston F, Lynn H, Barb H, Linda P, Pam L, Sally L

Notes:

Opened with Third Step prayer.

Pam L agreed to serve as notetaker.

Chair reviewed Committee purpose and Treasurer job description.

Discussed changes to Chase Bank accounts – charge after 20 teller or paper transactions. (Updated note – the new accounts require that we maintain \$2000 in the checking and no longer link the account to the Savings Account).

Reviewed Committee expectations – treasurer will send committee bank reconciliation and updated Statement of Financial Position via email to review and either ask questions (like “what does this charge for Microsoft mean?”) and/or approve the information.

Reviewed the statement of Financial Position and noted changes that will be made to the Financial Activity page in the future.

No money has had to be moved from the Savings account at this time and our current net revenue is \$1657.61.

Reviewed Proposed 2024 budget.

The Chair noted that in order to make money on the Convention we will need to have 100 rooms rented each night to keep the cost of the meeting rooms down. We have set the registration fees based on this at \$169 early-bird and \$185 later. This will include food on Saturday.

Region Assembly and Convention at the same time might be more cost effective.

The committee requested that the term “professional” be limited to actual trained/certified personnel.

Decided that we should move our WSO contributions into a “General Fund” contribution instead of directing the monies to specific funds. This allows the Board of Trustees to move the money into specific projects as needed. This recommendation was supported by the Region Trustee Liaison. The line was altered in the Budget.

Reviewed how increased potential spending in 2024 would still result in adequate funds in our Savings to cover 2025 with minimal changes (move Assembly to virtual for example).

Recognized that once Intergroups from Region 4 join our Region the budget will need to be changed. The proposed budget reflects Region 5 as it stands now.

The committee agreed to send an additional 5K to WSO now and 20K in January 2024, both to the general fund.

Linda P will present the proposed budget to the Assembly for approval.

Closed with Serenity Prayer.

The Region 5 Convention Committee Report
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Business:

Decisions made:

Decided to have intergroups design a model house or birdhouse to offer in a silent auction.

Actions taken:

Reviewed prior minutes; updated members on committee theme and helped make possible the viewing of the promotional Skit made by Cleveland Central Intergroup that was presented at the 2023 Region 5 Convention; Discussed and filled some committee rolls; Discussed literature options; Received good ideas on decorations.

Assignments made:

Mike is checking on what is allowable and available in the Hospitality Room.

Marilyn to add Region 5 Assembly Convention Committee members to Planning Committee email group that meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm, Zoom ID: 273 862 8468 Password: 12Promises.

Issues for Later:

Big push is on upcoming flyers and Registration Form.

Keep building sub-committees and fill chairperson positions for them.

Yours in service,

Marilyn D.

Cleveland Central Intergroup

The Region 5 Bylaws Committee

Acting Secretary: Carolyn S.

Chair: None

Other Members Present:

Barb K, R5 Trustee Liaison
Pat K, Central Indiana IG
Carolyn S, Suburban North IG
Gerri M, Parliamentarian
Melissa B, Central Ohio IG

Notes:

Old Business

- Review of the Bylaws that passed on Saturday morning's consent agenda.

Decisions Made:

- A suggestion was made for the Bylaws Committee to be an ad hoc committee without a chair. We will meet on an as-needed basis to review and discuss tasks. Before the Spring Assembly, a member will need to act as the Committee Chair to present the motions to the Assembly.

Actions Taken:

- We discussed changing the section of the Bylaws pertaining to Nominations of Trustees. We wrote up a motion to amend the Bylaws. The motion is not an emergency motion and will be submitted for Assembly review at the Spring Assembly.

Issues for Later:

- In light of the absorption of additional intergroups from Region 4, we will need to review our Policies and Procedures manual to evaluate how it may be affected.

Closed with Rosanne's Promise

Media Committee Meeting

10/28/23

Kevin F., Evelyn S., Keri E., Ed L., Yvonne C., and Christine G.

Meeting opened by outgoing Chair, Kevin F. The newly elected Chair, Yvonne C. directed the meeting.

The Media Committee has been focused on obtaining articles for our Region 5 Online Newsletter, Freedom from Bondage. In addition to articles from committee members, the group has worked on obtaining poems, short stories, graphics, any expressive medium, or thoughts on any events for submissions.

Yvonne C. reported that the WSO Literature Committee's goal is to produce a book or pamphlet as it relates to OA and mental health. This is being done to be more inclusive for all members. Ed mentioned how beneficial the Body Image book has been.

The next order of business is for the Media Committee to start back with regularly reviewing the Region 5 website again. Yvonne C. requested that each of the committee members review the website on a selected month between the Assemblies. Then report any issues back to her and/or Keri E. via email or text. All content of the Region 5 website should be reviewed, and should leave it to the Board to continue to check the content and that Traditions are being followed, etc. Months assigned as follows:

- November – Christine G.
- December – Keri E.
- January – Ed L.
- February – Yvonne C.
- March – Evelyn S.

There was a lengthy side conversation about the current WS Budget gap. Media Committee members can remind their groups and Intergroups about making 7th Tradition donations. \$7,500 is the max. commitment an individual OA member and contribute a year.

Meeting closed with the Third Step Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine G. – Acting Secretary