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Area 11 General Service Committee

2019 69th General Service Conference Theme

This year's Conference theme is "Our Big Book-80 Years, 71 Languages".

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Pre-Conference is upon us!! Every one of you have inspired me with all the great feedback I have received from the Delegate's Survey, from our district visits in March, which will continue through April, leading us right into the Pre-Conference Assembly.

This is where I need your help. I need to know your thoughts, your suggestions and your ideas on how to effectively continue to carry the message to the drunk still sitting on the bar stool thinking "This is it, I am doomed". How do we tell him we know how he feels? How do we let her know that there is a different path? How do we share our stories of hope, peace, and spiritual guidance? That is what we are doing here in service and in the program.

When I think of all the drunks that have been saved from the clutches of a despair so gripping, I gain hope. When I see the life of a friend literally transformed from a hell so bad there seems no repair, I have peace. When I see a person so broken, beaten, lost, alone, defeated, angry, and hopeless; one day have that look in their eyes (you know the one) where their whole perspective and outlook on life has changed and changed hard, I know that is love. The love of this program. The love of a higher power so great, that all it took to share that love was one meeting, one pamphlet, one professional, YOU. You are the meetings, you are the pamphlet, the Big Book, the one who has all the experience, the "professional". You selflessly share your experience every day to help someone. Do you do it because you have to or because you want to?

Each one of the items on this year's agenda will have great impact on how, when and where our message is carried to the individual, to the group, to the professional, to the inmate, to every type of person, everywhere. How much it will cost. What that message will be. Each one, selected by you, for you, and to help you. Yes you, your homegroup.

As your trusted servant, I have the responsibility to bring your voice to the conference. Speak on your behalf. Make decisions and vote the way, with all the best information available, I believe to be best for us in Area 11. We are in this together. And that is why the Delegate Survey and the Pre-Conference Assembly is so important.

I have emailed all of the background material on each agenda item and committee to your DCM to discuss with you, so that we can all be on the same page, armed with the best information available for discussion. When I get to the conference, more information or changes may be available. This may or may not sway my decisions and votes. On June 9th at the Spring Assembly, I will report back to you to let you know what happened and how the conference went. This will be your opportunity to ask questions on items we discussed or find out what happened to an item your home group felt very strongly about. It will be my honor to do so. I AM RESPONSIBLE, WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I WANT THE HAND OF AA TO ALWAYS BE THERE, AND FOR THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE. Me, you, us and yes them too. We can do this, with a little help from God.

For updated meeting schedule and answering service information, visit our website at www.ct-aa.org.

Panel 69 Committee Highlights

ARCHIVES:

The delegate committee on Archives has not had a conference call scheduled prior to our conference committee meeting during conference week. All background information on the Archives Committee agenda items has been forwarded to the Area 11 Archives committee chair, Mike, for review and discussion.

TRUSTEES:

The delegate committee on Trustees had a conference call on Monday March 25 at 2:30 to review housekeeping items, voting and order of agenda items organized by Sandra W., staff member and secretary on Nominating/Trustees. Committee agreed to move agenda item E to the first order of business.

AAWS Highlights

Regional/International Events

NERF 2019:

The Northeast Regional Forum will be hosted by Area 49 SENY in Tarrytown, NY at the Westchester Marriot; May 31-June 2, 2019. This is a great event to participate in presentations from your Trustees, GSO Manager and GSO Staff!! REGISTRATION IS FREE!!! Registration is required if you wish to receive the final NERF report.

2020 International Convention:

Registration for the 2020 International Convention will open on September 9, 2019. You can view updates on aa.org. New this year is a video invitation that is available on the aa.org website: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/international-convention-2020

UPCOMING AREA 11 EVENTS:

SPRING GRAPEJAM

Saturday, April 13, 2019; 6
Powder Mill Barn
32 South Maple St., Enfield, CT

ROUND-UP 2019

Sunday, April 28, 2019; 9-3
Edmond Town Hall
45 Main St., Newtown, CT

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY

Sunday, May 5, 2019 9-3
VFW, 41 Veterans Dr., New Britain

SOBERFEST

May 31, June 1 & 2
Odetah Campground
38 Bozrah St., Ext., Bozrah, CT

Finance:

For the one month ended January 31, 2019 revenues were 7.82% higher than budgeted and 5.29% higher than the one month ended January 31, 2018. Operating expenses were 1.45% greater than budgeted and 4.57% more than last year. Actual contributions for the one month ended January 31, 2019 were \$776,231, 10.09% higher than budget and 10.09% higher than the one month ended January 31, 2018. Online contributions for the one month of 2019 amounted to \$88,038. The one month of 2019 online contributions accounts for 11.46% of total contributions. The Board approved the following recommendations brought forward by the Finance Committee:

That a transfer to the General Service Board General Fund in the amount of \$3,088,283.45, be made to cover the G.S.B. deficit as follows:

G.S.B. General Fund loss	\$2,907,431.00
La Viña Funding	148,467.00
Cap Projects transfer	32,385.45

Publishing:

Gross sales: January gross sales are above budget with actual gross sales at \$1,464,305, which is a \$103,514 or 7.61% positive variance against budget of \$1,360,791.

Web sales: Total web sales (A.A.W.S. Online Bookstores) for January stand at \$976,214, which accounts for about 67.67% of total sales for the company. Total online orders for January are 1,996, which is 71.64% of total orders. Sales on the B2B online store (primarily Intergroup/Central Offices and other bulk orders) for January are \$662,601 and B2C sales (individual customers) stand at \$313,612.

Digital books: Total ebook gross sales for January 2019 stand at \$21,715.78, with 5,542 units distributed.

History Shelf gift sets: a total of 1,276 sets in English, French and Spanish; 5,104 total books, with gross sales of \$38,280. This was a 17% increase in units distributed over 2017, which totaled 1,089 sets.

New pamphlet distribution: "A.A. for Members with Mental Health Issues – and their sponsors" totaled 34,975 copies in English, French, and Spanish; "The 'God' Word" totaled 53,259 units in English, French, and Spanish; and "A.A. for the LGBTQ Alcoholic" totaled 24,995 copies in English, French, and Spanish.

Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1971: Estimated availability of finished books in English, French and Spanish is on track for mid-April 2019.

The Board approved the following recommendations brought forward by the Publishing Committee:

That re-formatting and production of improved Large Print in English, Spanish and French versions of the following be implemented: Pamphlets – "The A.A. Group," "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship," and "Access to A.A."; Books and Booklets – As Bill Sees It, Came to Believe, and A.A. in Prison: Inmate to Inmate.

That the data DVD version of the P.S.A. "Changes" be priced at \$10.00 per unit in English, French and Spanish.

That ebook distribution rights be granted to international entities for their licensed titles, upon request, excepting the English, Spanish and French ebook editions.

Please feel free to copy this report and circulate it as needed within A.A. Groups and A.A. Service Committees.

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