

Area Committee Meeting (ACM)  
Delegate Report

December 16<sup>th</sup> 2021

I don't have much additionally to report since our last ACM. I'd like to be sure I am communicating on matters of finance as many of our groups and districts are mulling a sendoff to support the GSB and its services.

**Finances (Jan-Sept 2021):**

- Gross Literature Sales: \$8.6M (76% of 2021 Budget)
- Contributions: \$7.4M (74% of 2021 Budget)
- Total Revenue: \$16.2M
- Total Operating Expenses: \$11.5M (73% of 2021 Budget)
- Reserve Fund Balance: \$12.8M or 8.5 months of expenses based on original 2021 Budget

Our CFO has noted a consistent decline in contributions and literature sales over the past 3 months and that at this pace we will fall below our budgeted needs. Please share this with your groups and districts. If you can give a little extra this holiday it would go a long way to seeing us through this challenging time.

**A Holiday Poem**

What a journey it's been for many of us now  
We started with enthusiasm and end with a bow

Not a cry of frustration but one of good hope  
For a life recreated from one that was broke

Broken and battered was our way through door  
And now pressed and well dressed and thank God not so poor

But enriched not by money, property or prestige  
By the friendships for a lifetime we'd never leave

A gathering we are - hybrid at best  
And what the new year will bring is anyone's guess

And guess as you may, I'll tell this much to you  
I love every one of you for all that you do

For all that you've done and to the future we'll make  
But never forget all that's at stake

Unity and service to a divine loving plan  
And it was you who showed up when the shit hit the fan

And so, I pray for us all. I pray we fight the good fight  
And if it happens to be dark, may your sobriety bring light!

Happy Holidays!!!

Thank you for allowing me to serve! – Jerry S. - Delegate