

Area 8 San Diego-Imperial County

Archives Committee Minutes

March 3, 2021 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Zoom ID: 948-0358-4133

Opening: Serenity Prayer

Attendees: Tom C. / John B./ Julie O./ Renee R./ Jerry S./ Alan R.

Introductions/Birthdays

None

Approval of Minutes

Approved

Read Practical Experience from the GSO Archives Workbook

Area 34 – Western Michigan Area

Chair's Activities since last meeting

- Attended ACM via Zoom on 2/18/21
- Corresponded with Jerry regarding GSC items

Business

- Continued discussion of consolidating Archives items at Central Office
 - John to schedule a visit to Central Office this month and meet with the new manager. The goal is to see what her vision is for the Archives Room and how we can work together going forward including the accommodation of additional storage.
- Delegate discussion of GSC agenda items
 - Jerry opened the discussion by speaking about the how at the Conference level most of the feedback the Delegates receive is from the Standing Committees. Including feedback from the Groups and Districts is important he would like to get specific feedback from all the Standing Committees on agenda items that are relevant to the committee's role. Therefore, Jerry is visiting with each Standing Committee to discuss the relevant items that will be included at this year's GSC.
 - Agenda Item #1: History Book of AA
 - Jerry provided a background and timeline for this agenda item. It was first brought to the GSC in the mid-80s and has been tabled and re-introduced several times over the years.
 - Committee Feedback:
 - What would be the cost associated with hiring a writer? Jerry was not able to provide a figure but added that an independent writer was hired at some point (who is not an AA member) and apparently his work was biased and representative of his views on AA.
 - Who are we trying to reach? What is the purpose of this book? Is this something that can be utilized for AA Twelve Step work? Overall, the committee felt this is not material that would be useful for Twelve Step work and that the intended audience would include AA members well into their recovery and/or in General Service.
 - Is this a good use of our financial resources? Overall, the committee felt that this would not be good stewardship of our financial resources if our primary purpose is Twelve Step work.
 - Is there too much information to organize and retrieve now? This project would have been most successful back in the mid-80s when

there was less material to cover. 65 years would be a huge endeavor to tackle with little direction on how to organize and communicate it.

- Should this agenda item be closed? Overall the committee agreed that closing the agenda item would be the most reasonable course of action....**UNLESS**, of course, Ken Burns is interested! 😊
 - Jerry asked if we could arm him with succinct reasons why this agenda item should be closed.
 - John offer to draft a “position paper” outlining these points that Jerry can present at the Area Assembly and bring to the GSC.
- Agenda Item #2: Archives Workbook
 - Jerry briefly mentioned the Archives Workbook, encouraged the committee to read it and communicate with him directly any changes that we suggest.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge

Next Committee Meeting: April 7, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Meeting ended: 8:05 PM