

Area 8 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes February 13, 2023 @ 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Location: Zoom! Meeting ID: 962 6898 7584 Passcode: 964243

Teressa opened the meeting with the Declaration of Unity at 6:30pm.

In attendance were Teressa (Finance Committee Chair), John. M (Alt. Finance Chair), Lynn E. (Treasurer), Rob R. (Alt. Treasurer), Link S. (Member), Kathy L. (Member), Adrian O. (Area Chair) and Bill S. (Newsletter Committee Chair)

January 2023 Minutes were approved.

Financial Reports

Lynn reported that our bank account was hacked and the hackers made off with over \$1,850. Bank of America was notified and additional safeguards More information is available in the treasurer's report. The Finance Committee recommended that we file a police report and Lynn stated that she would do so. Lynn will include a 2023 Budget Watch section in each month's treasurer's report to help us stay on budget and to identify any concern. Rob presented the January 2023 Financial Report and reviewed other financial records with those present.

Old Business

a. John gave a brief update on the problem District 13 is having with the IRS.

New Business

February 18 will be a training for Committee Chairs and DCMs which will include information on committee finances, requesting reimbursements, and other items.

Lynn will be attending PRAASA and attending the Treasurer's roundtable.

Teressa presented a plan to create an Area Finances page on the Area website to include current and prior year records, information on the Area Treasurer and Finance Committee and a link to all Area finance-related forms. The proposal met with wild approval from all those present.

The Area Finance Committee Workshop (training in English for group treasurers and anyone else interested) is scheduled for March 25 – online only. A Spanish language training will be planned soon.

Lynn introduced Heidi H., the new chair of the Archives Committee, who submitted a written request and is seeking approval of unbudgeted expense in the amount of \$320. Recommendation to the ACM is to approve an unbudgeted expense of \$440 for Archives Committee.

Teressa introduced Bill S., the new chair of the Newsletter Committee, who submitted a written request and is seeking approval of unbudgeted expense in the amount of \$185.37. There was much discussion about this request, and that there would be continuing requests for unbudgeted expense to print future newsletters at a cost which would add \$1,200 to this committee's budget, and if the Area wanted to pay for printed newsletters or distribute only digital copies of the newsletter. The recommendation to the ACM is to not approve the unbudgeted expense request as presented. One Finance Committee voted in favor of the unbudgeted expense. No members changed their vote.

The meeting ended at 8:09pm with the Declaration of Responsibility - I am responsible when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there; and for that, I am responsible.

Next Finance Committee Meeting will be March 13, 2023, at 6:30pm -7:30 pm on Zoom Meeting ID: 962 6898 7584 PWD: 964243