

DCM Report 02/01/2018

This past month I attended the Area 20 Winter Committee meeting which included a service workshop. Including myself, there were four attendees from District 11. The presentations during the service workshop were very informative and provided a great deal of information in regard to our service structure, the job of a GSR, the role of the DCM, and the Primary Purpose Registrar that the area uses for finances.

One piece of information shared by our delegate, was that the final agenda for the 2018 General Service Conference in April will be posted on the website February 15<sup>th</sup>. I will make sure that this is also sent out to all GSRs and District participants as your groups can review the items to see which ones you want to discuss and get the background information for. Your group gets to share its thoughts about the agenda items at the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop on April 7<sup>th</sup>, so that our delegate can have a sense of Area 20 when voting on these items at the Conference in New York. Guy and I will be working on a way to distribute the background or parts of the background to the GSRs. The background material is thousands of pages, so it was suggested to me in the past to go over the agenda with my group when it first comes out to see if there are certain items which are of interest. You will then be able to request the background information for those specific items if you do not want the full background.

Our Area Treasurer also provided us with new envelopes for contributions to the Area, as the address has changed. Please send all contributions from your group to Area 20 at the following address: **P.O. Box 524, Crystal Lake, IL 60039**. At the end of 2017 total contributions to the Area totaled \$73,238.18 and the expenses totaled \$45,687.79. At the end of 2017, the Area was \$18,113.54 over the prudent reserve, although a great deal of reimbursements were still being made for Area attendance at the Forum.

Bids for the 2019 Spring Conference and 2019 State Conference were asked for and none were made. This will be revisited at the 2018 Spring Assembly coming up on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Schaumburg. Please keep the Area 20 Inventory in mind and have your group or individuals participate in the inventory if they have not all ready. The inventory can be found at the following web address: <http://aa-nia.org/survey/>

There are some motions that will be brought up in new business regarding the reimbursement for our District Committee Chairs to attend the Spring Conference/Assembly. Due to some of the conversation had at the Winter Committee Meeting along with some questions brought up about what our district will reimburse individuals for, I am forming a committee to review our district's job descriptions and create guidelines to address topics such as reimbursement. This committee would create guidelines which would then be brought to this body for approval. If you are interested in participating in this, please let me know.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Area events. These are all events which GSRs participate in and carry their groups' voices to the Area. Please plan on attending the following:

- Spring Assembly – March 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg
- Pre-General Service Conference Workshop – April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Lord of Life Church in La Fox
- Summer Assembly – June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Lord of Life Church in La Fox
- Fall Assembly – September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lord of Life Church in La Fox
- Winter Assembly – December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Lord of Life Church in La Fox

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Kelly B.

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