

Area Fall Committee Meeting

I attended the Area Fall Committee Meeting this past month on October 13, 2018. The following is a summary of some of the reports given and business conducted:

- There was discussion about making information from our Delegate and General Service Board more available to our fellowship. This information has previously been made available through our Delegate but has not been as of recently. It was also discussed that the agenda for Area Assemblies should be sent out sooner so that GSRs have time to take the information and the motions back to their groups.
- The Area Treasurer presented the 2019 Primary Purpose Budget for approval at the Area Assembly in December. Please review it with your groups as it will be voted on. It was also discussed and requested at the committee meeting that more of detail might be made available in the PPB as to a breakdown on what finances were exactly spent on.
- Next year's Area calendar was also proposed, and districts were asked to host assemblies for next year. I volunteered our district to host the Winter Assembly on December 7, 2019. If our district wants, we have the opportunity to have the assembly in our district.

Three motions were presented, which will be voted on at the Winter Assembly:

1. Motion: We of District 22 are asking for the Area's support that the delegate write a letter to the GSB to discontinue printing of the Canadian, Eastern and Western United States AA Directory for consideration as an agenda item at the 2019 General Service Conference.
Discussion – Cost to print without postage was \$19,215. Information gets outdated quickly. The new development of FNV may also make meetings more searchable. There may not be enough time to get on the agenda for the 2019 GSC. May be needed for rural communities. Truck driver has shared that they don't have internet everywhere they go.
2. Motion: It is moved that translation services be included in 'allowable expenses' for Concepts primary purpose budget.
Discussion – Spanish translation available on the website of the Concepts. Quotes of professional translations companies were \$925, \$600, and \$528.75. Motion only states "translation" does not limit to just Spanish for the future. Software was asked about. Software was assumed to be included in the words "translation services" for those that wrote the motion.
3. Motion: It is moved that the Area purchase a new laptop for use by the Area registrar.
Discussion – Add some kind of dollar amount or something that states "to not exceed" \$1200.

There was a sharing session about the format/content for the NIA Spring Assembly event (2019 & 2020). At the 2018 Spring Assembly it was voted to not have a Spring Conference as part of the Assembly as no one was standing up to host the event at the time. The discussion of the sharing session seemed to focus on not doing anything extra for the 2019 Spring Assembly and start to focus on what to do for the 2020 Spring Conference/Assembly. After this sharing session it was decided that an ad-hoc committee would form to present some ideas to the Assembly in regard to the format of a Spring event of 2020. I was asked to participate on this committee and we will be meeting on November 10th. If you or groups have any ideas about what you would like to see, please talk to me and email me these ideas. This event is for the groups of the Area so it is important that it reflects what the groups would like to participate in and attend.

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:

- Big Book Conference – November 3rd, Doors open at 8 am @ Bethel Baptist Church, Galesburg, IL
- Winter Assembly – December 8th at the Lord of Life Church in La Fox

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

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