

# Unity AA Business Meeting Minutes

**Business Meeting Date: 03/14/2026**

## **Housekeeping**

- We received notice from the Church that their costs have gone up and our rent is increasing 10% (\$237.56) starting on May 1st. We'll want to make sure we keep this in mind when considering any budgeting decisions.
- Should we consider asking the church for an official lease?
- This conversation has been complicated in the past because we don't have a formal legal entity representing our group to handle signing a lease. Should we consider forming an Alano society of sorts?
- Discussion over the rent and past discussions about a lease ensued.
- A lease was created in the past but not being a legal entity posed a roadblock and the committee fell apart. Now that Duke is gone we may want to revisit the issue.
- A motion passes to form a committee to discuss this matter further. Robyn volunteers to lead it.

## **New Business**

- Dani proposes a "burning desire" put in the meeting leader script. This is something we currently delegate to the meeting leaders.
- A motion to put an announcement in the binder about voting on adding this to the script passes.
- Shannon brings up hearing newcomers at the young people's meeting saying that they have been "preyed upon" by men at our group.
- discussion ensued about the culture around men and women in the group and the safety statement we added to the script in June 2024.
- discussion over editing our safety statement, possibly taking more language from the official AA safety statement.
- Shannon suggests hosting a speaker panel to discuss safety in AA. Or maybe a workshop.
- Shannon motions to form a committee to plan an event as mentioned. It passes.
- Laura brings up a bad experience with a T&C commitment. She was connected with Arthur to discuss further.

## **Ongoing Business**

- Sara and Andre.- Update on group survey results.
- 76.7% surveyed want Unity to offer childcare. 70.9% surveyed say childcare would not be helpful to them. Speaker meeting is the most common response for when to provide childcare followed by Friday's 6 pm meeting. Discussion ensued:
  - Do we as trusted servants feel the group has told us they want childcare? What do we do?
  - How much does it cost?
  - Sara motions we discuss this matter further at the next business meeting. Motion Passes.

## **Committee Reports**

Treasurer's Report- Kristin F.

- \$3,771 in credits. \$4,800 in debits.
- Kristin suggested getting projected expenses from all trusted servants to redetermine how much our prudent reserve should be. Will discuss next business meeting.

GSR- Sara P

- there's a many faces of grapevine conference coming up. it's being hosted by district three in august and they are looking for raffle baskets from groups. it does not need to aa themed. Will discuss at next business meeting.
- a reminder that anyone can attend area. you don't have to stay over night to get something out of a committee meeting.
- grapevine stat that is interesting: if one member from every group got a new sub, it would be self supporting.

GSR- Robyn

- Nothing to report

Central Office- Chrys S

- Chrys will put together ideas about possibly hosting a central office delegate meeting at Unity.
- Volunteers are always needed to carry the central office phone.

T&C- Arthur H

- Corrections workshop went great.

Literature- Dani O.

- We received our first bulk order from central office and now we are stocked up on books and coins.

Grapevine- Phil I

- Business as usual.

Webmaster- Jill D.

- Website is up to date. Jill requests that members send her announcements to post on the website. Everyone loves the website.

Meeting Leader Leader- Shannon M.

- Meeting leader workshop went well.
- Next workshop will be June 14th at 1 pm.

Archivist- Susan H.

- Nothing to report.

Events- Chris H.

- Perhaps a St. Paddy's day potluck? Maybe next year.

Accessibility- Andre P

- No report.

## **Business Meeting Date: 02/11/2026**

### **Housekeeping**

- Way to step up when the church was closed. Thank you to everyone who went above and beyond to make sure we had Zoom meetings running and the word got out to the group. - Business as usual for President's day.

### **New Business**

- Sara proposes a workshop at Unity to inform our members on how area and district function and how to get involved.
- Question: who buys stuff for the classrooms? I.e. trash bags, Kleenex, hand sanitizer. - Answer: The treasurer! Or any trusted servant they just need to be reimbursed.

### **Ongoing Business**

- Sara and Andre. - Any update on people's interest in childcare
- Survey has not been up long-only 5 responses so far. A few votes for which meeting to provide childcare at but more data is needed.
- Sara will change the wording in the survey and announcement to be more direct and clear.

### **Committee Reports**

Treasurer's Report - Kristen F.

- \$ 3,781.34 in credits. \$3,338.02 in debits. Net \$443.32 for the month.

GSR- Sara P

- national btg is in olathe this year and they need volunteers-probably summertime. • generally, area needs alts for a lot of positions. soooo many people are holding multiple positions and/or doing the work of multiple people and they can use help.
- sunflower roundup is offering two scholarships per group
- no more invoicing with central office
- Greg, our delegate, is going to new york at the end of april so i'm planning on having a discussion session like we did last year after march's area assembly.
- naaaw - tacoma, wa in sept. and technically anyone can attend.
- in the literature committee, people discussed ways to get members engaging with the literature and people threw out ideas like, buy a plain language, get money off bb; a lending library; taking packets of literature into homeless encampments
- there's a many faces of grapevine conference coming up. it's being hosted by district three in august and they are looking for raffle baskets from groups. it does not need to aa themed. • just a reminder that anyone can attend area. you don't have to stay over night to get something out of a committee meeting.
- i am wondering two things - what do you want from me at area as your gsr? would having an information meeting about area be helpful?

Alt GSR - Robyn P.

Central Office - Chrys S.

T&C - Arthur H.

- Still looking for a few sign ups for T&C.
- 2/28 from 3:30-5:30 there will be a workshop at Paseo Group regarding leading meetings at correctional facilities.

Literature - Dani O.

- Big Books back in stock.
- Literature prices have been updated.
- No more invoicing at central office.
- Dani would like to start buying directly from GSO to reduce cost and simplify the process. - Someone added a case to our invoice. Dani removed it. A mystery!
- Motion to start buying from GSO passes.

Grapevine - Phil I

Webmaster - Jill D.

- Taking a look at PayPal QR code on the website.
- Jill requested sending announcements her way for the website.
  - Website is underutilized. Will keep pushing for ways to make the website more helpful.

Meeting Leader Leader - Shannon M.

- Most commitments filled for the quarter.
- Will organize a meeting leader's workshop.

Archivist - Susan H.

- Will get with Sara about the archivist convention.

Events - Chris H.

Accessibility - Andre P.

## **Business Meeting Date: 01/14/2026**

### **Housekeeping**

- Welcome new trusted servants
- Go over business meeting guidelines from Plan Of Operations. - Kristen, Bailey, and Greg all went to the bank to become signers on the bank account

### **New Business**

- The temple has put in place a new protocol re: accessing the building during times when there are not scheduled events. When staff are present, anyone can be buzzed in but the doors will be locked. More information re: protocol to come. • A movie night is suggested.
- Sara suggests posting the trusted servants and their contact info on the bulletin board in classroom A.

### **Ongoing Business**

- Sara P.* - Update on motion to look into providing childcare • No specific updates. Sara mentioned this at district and got input from others there.
- Kate said she'd be willing to help with childcare needs. She has experience helping with childcare here at the temple. • ~250ing dollars to rent the angel loft plus the cost of childcare were we to go with an agency.
  - Sara will put together a survey on if unity AA members will use childcare were we to offer it.

### **Committee Reports**

Treasurer's Report - Kristen F.

- 4,102.62 in credits, 4,230.00 in debits, Net -127.38 for the month.

GSR - Sara P

- i am going to area this weekend. will report back.
- at area, there will be a discussion of whether to stop the ice cream social to pay for service manuals instead. do we have thoughts on that?
  - We don't have thoughts on that.
- district is still looking for an accessibilities chair and an archivist. • paseo is having their red and white ball and speaker meeting on valentine's day. speaker meeting at 6pm, dance and food after. • they are also hosting a concepts study every 5th sunday. that starts 01/31 at 2:30pm. • their also a regional online service manual study every other thursday at 6:30pm so if you're interested in getting into the service manual, that's a great place to start. • also coming up way later is swraasa. i'm bringing it up now cause it's hosted next year in kansas city and the area is in charge of running it and they're going to need a lot of volunteers so i'll probably be bringing it up a lot.
- and finally, i don't have all the details yet but the general service conference is at the end of april, which means our delegate is gonna go with our group conscience and i'd like to plan another info session in february probably. nothing needs to be decided yet, i'm just saying.

Alt GSR - Robyn P.

Central Office - Chrys S.

- Working on verifying the 12th step call list is up to date

T&C - Arthur H.

- Pizza party seminar on the 13th went well-many new sign ups • Starting 6 month commitment cycles for our T&C work. • Arthur will redo the commitment board.

Literature - Dani O.

- Out of big books-waiting for central office to restock. Dani will inquire about buying a large quantity of big books i.e. a case.
- Literature prices are increasing by 3 dollars for all products beginning February 1st. Dani will update our price sheet to reflect this.

Grapevine - Phil I.

- We still donate our extra subscription to Restart

Webmaster - Jill D.

- Working with Beth to figure out how to post documents on our website.
- Working out protocol re: emails to askunityaa email.

Meeting Leader Leader - Shannon M.

- New cycle needs some meeting leaders still. Working on recruitment.
- Working on a meeting leader workshop.

Archivist - Susan H.

- Talked with Archivist at Area for ideas.
- 5 interviews lined up for documentation.

Events - Chris H.

- Transfer of service from Madeline went well.
- Alcatraz went well.
- Will talk with Kevin about movie night.
- Memorial Day is our next event.

Accessibility - Andre P.

- Will get with Sara on childcare.

## **Business Meeting Date: 12/10/2025**

In-Person Attendees: Greg, David, Beth, Arthur, Phil, Madeline, Sara P., Jill, Andrew J., Chrys, Shannon, Steven, Chris, Jenna

Zoom Attendees: Amy B., Lindaloo, Andre

### **Agenda Topics**

- General Stuff:
  - The church has reported seeing random people in the building during the day—they will start locking the doors in the afternoon. \*If you see something, say something.
  - Our practice is to let the church handle individuals who are disruptive—to provide a welcoming environment—stuff will happen, defer to the traditions, etc.
- New Business:
  - Speaker Meeting format update
    - Greg provided a copy of the script for the group to review and give feedback. A few comments—the group agrees to adopt the changes. The new script will start being used this weekend.
  - T&C meeting at Recovery House (Allison)
    - Would like to bring a meeting to the new women's sober living house—wasn't sure since it is not technically a treatment center.
    - It was suggested to go through the District or Central office as other meetings do to stick to the traditions—or to set something up individually with people. The alternative was to seek assistance in getting people to pick them up to bring them to a meeting in person at Unity.
  - Sara brings up the idea of trying to arrange childcare for one meeting per week as a topic to put on the radar. Sara will connect with Andre on this.
- Old Business
  - - none

### **Committee Reports**

- Treasurer's Report - Andrew J.--outgoing
  - This month: 3800\$ spent 3500\$ Net 250\$, we have a balance of 4,000\$, 556\$ for central office collection.
- Grapevine - Phil
  - Nothing to report. Would like to put it out there to get someone else to take over this position. If anyone knows anyone, reach out to him. Steven suggests posting this in the announcements.
- Literature - Shane--outgoing
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- Central Office Rep - Chrys
  - Decision about increasing Unity's contribution—got some information about the financial situation of CO. Discovered employee expenses (even though they are small) are by far the biggest expense. They also have a few bad recurring payments being made to debts. There was something about literature that Chrys feels like she needs further clarification on. She will follow up on this and report back.
- GSR - Sara

- District is having an end of year reflection meeting at 1:30 Jan 11th
- District is in need of an archivist, talk to Sara if interested
- YPP chili cookoff and Chiefs watch party Dec. 14th
- Liberty group is having an alcathon 12/30 at 6pm to NYE at noon–unity is speaking at 10pm on the 30th.
- Busses are live, they started around Thanksgiving (Sara read a note of gratitude that explained the bus coverage from Missy, PCC).
- Alt GSR - Robyn
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- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven–outgoing
  - Will connect with Shannon on transfer of his responsibilities.
- T&C - Arthur
  - No issues this past month, coming up on the 6 month commitment–would like to have another pizza party to encourage more participation for the new cycle. Will put an announcement in the binder. Motion to cover pizza. Passes.
  - Jill suggests adding a note on the board to let people know that they don't have to be signed up to go to T&C.
  - Meeting with Bridging the Gap in Feb.
- Webmaster - Beth–outgoing
  - Updated speaker list. POO mentions splitting up the 'askunityaa' email off so it is not just the webmaster. In the description–both the webmaster and the secretary are supposed to handle this–so they should be in communication about who is managing it on an ongoing basis. There needs to be clarity on this responsibility. Webmaster and secretary will coordinate.
- Events - Madeline–outgoing
  - Thanksgiving alcathon was a success, working to arrange the Christmas/NY (12 hours), proposes providing the same food we did for the last one (24 hours from Christmas eve after the 6 to Christmas day at 6). David offers to help. Will circulate a signup sheet and form a committee to help. Asks for 350\$ for these–motion made and passed.
- Susan - Archivist
  - Not present
- Accessibility - Andre
  - Nothing to report, will connect with Sara on the childcare topic.

## **Business Meeting Date: 11/12/2025**

In-Person Attendees: Sara P., Phil, Greg, Erin, Chris H., Danny, Susan, Angie, Shane, Shannon, David, Summer, Kristin, Steven, Bailey, Jill, Franklin, Madeline, Allison

Zoom Attendees: Amy B. Arthur, Meredith, Lindaloo, Liz, Jenna

### **Agenda Topics**

- General Stuff:
  - Update on Classroom A meeting leader script: Greg shares new doc for consideration
  - November Service Elections: [Election Guidelines](#)
    - Events Coordinator: Chris H. is voted in for this position.
    - Literature Rep.: Danny is voted in for this position.
    - Archivist: Susan expresses the desire to stay in the position (since it was newly created) for 2 more years—she is voted in for this position.
    - Meeting Leader Leader: Several people would like to be considered. Angie, Shannon. Shannon is voted in for this position.
    - Webmaster: Jill is voted in for this position.
    - Secretary: Bailey and Lindaloo are both interested in the position. Bailey is voted in for this position.
    - Treasurer: Jill nominates Kristin and Summer—Summer said she would prefer not to stand for this role. Kristin is voted in.
  
- New Business:
  - none
  
- Old Business
  - none

### **Committee Reports**

- Treasurer's Report - Andrew
  - Profit of 400\$ for the month—end of month balance around 6900\$
- Grapevine - Phil
  - Nothing to report
- Literature - Shane
  - Nothing to report
- Central Office Rep - Chrys
  - Not present
- GSR - Sara
  - Southwest regional forum is happening this weekend and if you are interested in attending but can't make it to Albuquerque, it is being live streamed (just the main room) but you still need to register online.
  - area 39 is hosting 2027
  - If you have questions that you want our dcm, franklin, to ask the general service board, contact him or me in the next couple days.
  - YPAA is having a friendsgiving/pie auction on Nov 15th.
  - Friends of Dorothy has started a new meeting on Thursdays at 7pm at Kansas City

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- Bus wraps that we contributed money to in June are going to start circulating in December. and we have 5 buses instead of 4.
- Alt GSR - Robyn
  - Not present
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
  - Nothing to report
- T&C - Arthur
  - Opportunity to take meetings to new 'Unity House' sober living house—led by Allison. We will put it on the agenda for next month.
- Webmaster - Beth
  - Not present
- Events - Madeline
  - Thanksgiving alcathon: Thurs 8am-8pm, meetings in A, potluck in classroom B—asking for 150\$ for ham & turkey, has a signup sheet circulating. Kate H. will be the go-to person for the day of.
  - 150\$ approved.
- Susan - Archivist
  - Nothing to report
- Accessibility - Andre
  - Not present

## **Business Meeting Date: 10/8/2025**

In-Person Attendees:

Zoom Attendees:

### **Agenda Topics**

- General Stuff:
  - November Service Elections
- Old Business
  - Update on 7th Tradition Committee

### **Committee Reports**

- Treasurer's Report - Andrew
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- Grapevine - Phil
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- Literature - Shane
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- Central Office Rep - Chrys
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- GSR - Sara
  - I attended Area and there is a lot going on across the district in the coming months. I have a goal of having the event binder finalized by the next business meeting so that we're ready for the holiday season!
  - Area conducted an inventory and we talked a lot about what an inventory is and how to conduct one. Ideas included using the traditions checklist through Grapevine to do a check in every quarter. Also, using committees to discuss the specific aspects that come up through the inventory.
  - The moderator of the area inventory had us conduct an inventory activity where we wrote one sentence for what should keep happening, what needs to start happening and what needs to stop happening. It generated a lot of engagement.
  - The area website is up and running and looking pretty good! They're always looking for admins to keep up with things on the backend, so if you or anyone you know is interested in that tech stuff, I can connect you with April.
  - I just found out that GSO sends out a newsletter called "box 459." If you want to keep up to date with what's going on with them, you can sign up online.
  - GSO also has a checklist for how to be more accessible for the neurodivergent alcoholic.
  - District 6 is looking for a bilingual (Spanish/English) person to help reach out to District 5—let Sara know if you or anyone you know might be interested.
  - Paseo is looking for other groups to speak there once a month—let Sara know if you or anyone you know might be interested.
- Alt GSR - Robyn
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- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
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- T&C - Arthur

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- Webmaster - Beth
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- Events - Madeline
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- Susan - Archivist
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- Accessibility - Andre
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## **Business Meeting Date: 9/10/2025**

In-Person Attendees: Greg, David, Phil, Franklin, Tyler, Chris, Chrys, Robyn, Shane, Beth, Andre, Liz G.

Zoom Attendees: Amy B., Meredith, Tiffany, Madeline, Lindaloo, Maggie

### **Agenda Topics**

- General Stuff:
  - November Elections are right around the corner and we'll be filing the following positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Meeting Leader, Literature Representative, Archivist, Webmaster and Event Coordinator.
  - In October we'll put announcements in the binder but it's not too early to start getting the word out.
  
- New Business:
  - None
  
- Old Business
  - Last month we talked about looking into upping some of our donations. Do we have any new information, suggestions or motions?
    - Chrys reports on the deficit being reported in the Central Office meetings (around a 3K deficit) and is in favor of upping some donations.
    - Liz brings up the idea of having a smaller group to discuss.
    - Tiffany, District 6 Treasurer reports that Unity is 1 of 4 groups giving regularly at 20\$/month. Other groups are donating sporadically. Most of the cost (around 75\$ for DCM and potentially Alt DSM to attend meetings/events—the other 25% mostly goes to events.).
    - Meredith asks about the capability to increase our contributions.
    - Chrys motions and it is seconded to form a committee to review Unity's 7th tradition donations—Motion passes.
  - Update on 12 Steps and 12 Traditions banners for Speaker Meeting:
    - We have the banners, they are in the AV closet near the stage in the chapel. The cost was 216.82\$ More attention is needed with assembly.

### **Committee Reports**

- Treasurer's Report - Andrew provided via text:
  - Total credits: \$4100
  - Total debits: \$2800
  - Net EOM Earnings: \$1200
  - EOM checking balance: \$2000
  - EOM prudent reserve: \$3500
  
- Special notes: Looking ahead, September will include group supplies expenses of \$500 and an increased coffee expense to bring our Necco account back into good standing. The total coffee expenses for September will be \$700. Our ongoing coffee payment has been increased from \$200 to \$350 to keep our account in good standing. If the group dislikes this, we need to order less coffee.

- I still support increasing contributions to the entities but I feel that anything more than doubling them would be a bit irresponsible since we've also doubled our coffee expenses.
- Grapevine - Phil
  - Putting a memo in the announcements that there is still some space for anyone who wants to submit a story.
- Literature - Shane
  - Nothing to report
- Central Office Rep - Chrys
  - Next meeting is this upcoming Sunday. Still doing the service work to carry the central office phone—just needs to kick that off.
- GSR - Sara provided via email:
  - Not much for me to report this month.
  - I was unable to attend last month's district meeting. Robyn was able to attend.
  - Last weekend, I attended the bridging the gap workshop for a few hours. There was some interesting information shared, particularly about how online meetings can reach places where in person can be difficult, like correctional facilities.
  - I'll be at the district meeting this weekend and I'll be at the area meeting next weekend and will have more to report then.
- Alt GSR - Robbyn
  - Went to the bigger meeting last time, it was interesting.
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
  - Reported via text: Everything is going well—several leaders dropped off but those spots were promptly filled.
- T&C - Arthur
  - Someone covering all commitments But 2 openings at Recovery Village on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.
  - Bridging the Gap monthly meeting, every 3rd Tuesday—Arthur covering.
- Webmaster - Beth
  - New Zoom signup link is live for Oct.-Dec. Meeting leaders.
- Events - Madeline
  - Labor Day picnic went great. Spent 16\$ over budget. Not much to report other than that.
- Susan - Archivist
  - Nothing to report
- Accessibility - Andre
  - Touching base on the role (what past accessibility tasks were) with Jenna and Sara.

## **Business Meeting Date: 8/13/2025**

In-Person Attendees: Phil, Steven, Greg, Franklin, Madeline, Sara P., Andrew, Linsdey, Dani O.

Zoom Attendees: Amy B., Arthur, Susan H., Allison, Liz G., Andre

### **Agenda Topics**

- General Stuff:
  - Over the next couple of months there will be some Candlelight Concerts on Saturday Night, I have confirmed with the Church these will not affect our Speaker Meeting, they use the Sanctuary, we use the Chapel.
- Election - Alt GSR:
  - The Alternate GSR is elected from the group at large with the suggestion of at least six months of sobriety. The duties of the Alternate GSR are to:
    - Serve as a substitute at District and Area meetings when the GSR cannot be there
    - Hold voting rights at District and Area in the event the GSR is absent
    - Share the responsibilities of the GSR

The Service Manual suggests that, following their term, the Alternate GSR stands for the position of GSR in the subsequent rotation, but this is not a requirement.

-Robin offers to step into this role, group discusses and agrees—Robin will be our new Alt GSR and will connect with Sara for more info

- New Business:
  - Franklin asks to up our contribution from 25-75\$ per month (they are having some financial issues and having to make difficult choices to be able to uphold the traditions e.g. buying a subscription to Grapevine).
  - Liz reminds the group that the last time this came up we formed a committee to discuss what percentage we would give so it could be good to do so again to explore what percentage we are comfortable giving.
    - Sara brings up the idea of increasing our contributions across the board
  - Group agrees more info is needed
- Old Business
  - Sara: Replacing broken 12 Steps and 12 Traditions for the Speaker Meeting
    - Getting quotes (in process)
  - Any other thoughts or motions on changing how we do temp sponsor announcement?
    - Motion made to announce temp sponsors at both the beginning and the end of the meetings—Motion passes

### **Committee Reports**

- Treasurer's Report - Andrew
  - July profit 400\$
- Grapevine - Phil
  - Donated March, May, June and August Grapevine to Restart—they were grateful 😊
- Literature - Shane
  - Not present
- Central Office Rep - Chrys

- Not present–Sara P brings up the fact that they do not have enough money to buy literature on credit but they need to pay off everything they have bought on credit–so, when we purchase anything from them–it is suggested that we purchase directly from GSO to help out the Central Office.
- GSR - Sara
  - We now have two beginner’s books to use at our newcomers meeting.
  - Blue Springs is having a sponsorship workshop this **Saturday from 2-7pm.**
  - Paseo 78th anniversary is **8/23 with a special speaker at 7pm.**
  - District 6 has money to purchase literature for people in treatment centers, so if you take a meeting and see a need, contact me and we’ll get that hooked up.
  - District 6 is hosting a **Bridging the Gap Conference (national conference) watch party of their national conference on Saturday, 09/06, from 11am-6pm at Group 1.** Any AA member is welcome to come watch presentations and learn about bridging the gap. We are also looking for a couple volunteers to help out during specific time slots. If you'd like more information, you can talk to me.
  - District 6 is also still in need of an alt-dcm and an accessibility chair.
  - **District meeting is this Sunday at 1:30 at Group 1.**
- Alt GSR -
  - Nothing yet
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
  - Everything seems to be going well.
- T&C - Arthur
  - There are a couple places that need coverage: Recovery Village and Strawberry Hill–he will be working on that this month.
- Webmaster - Beth
  - Not present
- Events - Madeline
  - Labor Day–requests 250\$ to get items for the picnic–approved
- Susan - Archivist
  - Nothing to report yet
- Accessibility - Andre
  - Nothing to report

## **Business Meeting Date: 7/9/2025**

In-Person Attendees: Madeline, Sara, Liz G, Chrys, Steven, Andre, Shannon, Andrew, Susan, Arthur, Phil, Greg, Linda

Zoom Attendees: Amy B, Meredith, Franklin, Beth, Erin

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- Sara - need to elect a new Alt GSR. Will put an announcement in the binder for an election at the next business meeting.

#### **Old Business**

- Sara: Research into replacing the broken 12 & 12 signs for the speaker meeting
  - AA central office doesn't sell retractable banners, the vinyl ones that they do sell are \$23 but very small. It's possible to get them from an outside source and replace both for \$130 but the stand is too large for the banner. Sara looked at other options that would be correct and ranged from \$160 - \$300.
  - Motion to approve a 'reasonable range of funds' for Sara to go purchase the banners and stands.
- Any thoughts on Meredith's suggestion about when we should ask Temporary Sponsors to raise their hands?
  - Amy recommended to ask for temp sponsors at both the beginning and the end of the meeting.
  - Linda mentioned that in zoom meetings at noon they ask at the beginning of the meeting since many have to head back to work before 1pm and have to leave early.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Treasurer's Report - Andrew
  - Received \$3,700 past month. Spent \$3,300 on rent and expenses. Net total of \$400 this past month. Total balance in account: \$6,800.
- Grapevine - Phil
  - Will physically deliver the three subscriptions of the grapevine until renewal time.
  - Subscriptions can be purchased on the app and is a great way to give back.
- Literature - Shane
  - Not Present
- Central Office Rep - Chrys
  - We successfully carried the central office phone for the past month. The 12 step volunteer directory needs to be updated. Sunday July 13 Chrys at central office meeting will bring it up to see if they can get it updated.
- GSR - Sara
  - Group inventory report will be sent out to all the groups that will be needed to be completed by group members before August 15th.
  - Area website does not work, they need help repairing and building out a new website for the Area.
  - District meeting coming up on July 20th at 1:30. They need Alt GSM, and Literature Liason if anyone is interested in those positions.
  - Sara will start putting together a binder for upcoming events and announcements so that the binder can be referenced for people to go check out if they want more info rather

than taking up a lot of meeting time by presenting the info off every flyer with a lot of different groups' events.

- Alt GSR - Kyle
  - N/A
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
  - Just finished spring cycle and starting the summer cycle. The meeting board is mostly full.
  - Steven will put a laminate reminder on the podium to remind leaders to start a contact card for newcomers.
  - Madeline mentioned that the blue background is difficult to read for the meeting script. Steven has several other colored scripts and will bring that in.
  - Shannon brought up putting First Step literature and script that is in Classroom B to also place a copy in Classroom A to assist new leaders who don't typically lead First Step meetings. Steven will do so.
- T&C - Arthur
  - All time slots are being filled. Nothing else to report.
- Webmaster - Beth
  - Added topics and meeting times to the website. All those leading meetings has been updated on the site.
- Events - Madeline
  - 4th of July picnic was a success and has receipts with spreadsheet of expenses: \$244. Which was under the allotted budget.
- Susan - Archivist
  - Went to Group 1 today and got an assessment of the needs and details. She is meeting up with Sherry this next week to get questions answered.
- Accessibility - Andre
  - Nothing to report.

## **Business Meeting Date: 6/11/2025**

In-Person Attendees: Greg, Alias, Chrys, Jenna, Phil, Steven S., Andrew, Chris F., Lindaloo, Kristin F., Alison, Kyle B., Madeline, Susan H.

Zoom Attendees: Amy B., Shane, Meredith, Franklin, Nathan G.

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- Sara asked to give a thank you gift of 50\$ for the original delegate for the general service conference back in April–brought up before but never got approved–motion made and approved.
- Meredith brings up the concern about the practice of raising hands for temporary sponsorship at the end of the meeting vs at the beginning of the meeting. Discussion for a later date but something for people to keep in mind. The idea was also brought up to maybe do it both at the beginning and the end.

#### **Old Business**

- Sara: Research into replacing the broken 12 & 12 signs for the speaker meeting
  - Will have more info next month.
- Jenna W: Changing Wednesday Classroom B from Living Sober to a “newcomers meeting”
  - Committee met once and brainstormed some ideas for a list of potential topics and readings.
  - Hoping to implement this starting the next meeting cycle (July).
  - Steven brings up needing to change the meeting offering/meeting guide online as well.
  - Motion made, passed. The newcomers meeting will start in July.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Treasurer's Report - Andrew
  - Net this month was \$258
  - Jenna mentioned there was \$150 collected at the delegates meeting
- Grapevine - Phil
  - Following up on the motion from April to donate one of our subscriptions–Bridging the Gap does not need–offers the idea to donate to ReStart or cancel it.
  - Motion made to donate to ReStart, motion passed.
- Literature - Shane
  - Got some plain language Big Books and copies of Living Sober
- Central Office Rep - Chrys
  - May meeting–new biz was there is a picnic coming up on June 15th  
Jun 12, 2025 5:00 PM Wyandotte County Parkway–potluck and speaker meeting as well.
  - There was a discussion about the plain language Big Book–most are offering it.
  - We are carrying the Central Office Phone–going well–still one spot to fill.
- GSR - (from) Sara
  - I was not able to attend the district meeting last month. Kyle may have more to report on that.
  - Despite the cool weather, our picnic was a great success. It was the most people I think I've seen at a picnic.
  - I was able to attend the delegates report via zoom. There was a lot of information

presented. It was well attended with 50 people and \$73 is going to the church as a thank you. big things to come out of it are they are updating living sober and there will be a proposed draft next conference. They made two changes to the concepts - they took out a line about not needing to hear from a GSR and they took out the word "woman" from a line, so it just says "staffer." If you want to know about something specific, you can ask me whenever.

- I'll be attending area in the next couple weeks and I'll report back.
- Alt GSR - Kyle
  - From District--note about the split of money
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
  - New cycle coming up. Leader board needs to get filled.
- T&C - Arthur
  - Had our gratitude party last week--went smoothly and had a good turnout. Also resulted in several new signups and is working on phasing people out who mentioned they would like a replacement soon.
  - Bridging the Gap efforts are still underway.
- Webmaster - Beth
  - The new meeting leader sign-up for the new cycle (July-Sept.) will be online this weekend for Zoom meeting leaders.
- Events - Madeline
  - Memorial Day picnic
    - Collected \$152 at the event
    - Purchased some things for the party, made an estimate and it was within 5\$--will do the same thing for the 4th of July, which is the next picnic.
    - Asks for \$250 for the 4th of July--motion made, passes.
- Susan - Archivist
  - Nothing to report
- Accessibility - Andre
  - Nothing to report

## **Business Meeting Date: 5/14/2025**

In-Person Attendees: David G, Andrew, Lindaloo, Erin B, Andre, Kyle, Madeline, Franklin, Steven, Chrys, Greg, Arthur, Sara, Jenna, Allison, Anna, Shane  
Zoom Attendees: Susan H, Meredith C, Casey M

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- Allison, for the speaker meeting, one of the signs with the steps and traditions is missing a piece and needs to be replaced
  - Erin has experience replacing that kind of thing
  - Sara recalled that there was a discussion to replace those signs and is willing to research pricing for replacing both banners
    - Steven pointed out that there may be a company name on the current
  - Motion seconded to have Sara put together a research committee to look into that, motion passed unanimously

#### **Old Business**

- **Elections**
  - Accessibility:
    - Franklin nominated Andre P; he accepted the nomination
    - Andre's qualifications: 6 months sober, led a meeting for the last few weeks, working on the 5th step with his sponsor, wants to be more involved
    - Greg read the expectations for Accessibility Coordinator
    - Vote, unanimous vote to elect Andre
- **–Jenna W: Changing Wednesday Classroom B from Living Sober to a “newcomers meeting”**
  - Jenna wants to form a committee to develop a suggestion for reformatting the Wednesday meetings in Classroom A to be more explicitly geared towards newcomers and present this at the June business meeting
  - Chrys, other groups do newcomers' meetings. Maybe that title would put off some people from coming if they're not newcomers
  - Steven, if work was put into doing this in Classroom B, it would get interrupted by first step meetings. It may also put off people who don't consider themselves newcomers.
  - Anna, newcomers are the lifeblood of our group, the primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. So it's important to reach out to the newcomer
  - Sara, it wouldn't just be about newcomers sharing about what it feels like, it's an opportunity to be of service to share experience and help newcomers. These details can be figured out through the committee
  - Liz, it sounds like Jenna wants to get a committee together to bring up
  - David, made a joke about the 13th step
  - Sara made a motion for Jenna to get a committee together, vote passed unanimously
- **Has anyone given any thought to the idea of putting wraps on buses?**

- Franklin, talked to District CPC chair, district is short \$87. Made a motion to have Unity contribute \$87 to cover that
  - Erin asked for input from the Treasurer
    - Treasurer said there is money for that
  - Motion passed unanimously

## Committee Reports

- Treasurer's Report - Andrew
  - David said that he's going to be reimbursed for 6 months worth of coffee expenses, totaling about \$550
    - Erin suggested that he submit receipts monthly so there aren't these large expenses
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- Grapevine - Phil
  - Nothing to report
- Literature - Shane-
  - Nothing new to report
  - Franklin asked if they have Plain Language Big Books?
    - Shane said they were not there last time he went but he will check next time he goes
- Central Office Rep - Chrys
  - Central Office reported that their contributions have been up the last few months
  - Discussion to change office hours to be by appointment only on Saturdays, still in the works
  - Unity is carrying the Central Office phone in June and still needs a few volunteers. Chrys will put something in the binder
    - David asked if there's a schedule and do you carry an actual phone
      - Chrys said yes, there is a schedule, and you do carry a phone that comes with an info sheet on how to handle calls that come in. 3-4 day shifts on the schedule on the hours when Central Office is not open
    - Greg said when he did it in the past there was a binder to connect people for 12th step calls
    - Steven suggested putting in an announcement now and include the schedule of openings
- GSR - (from) Sara
  - I attended the last district meeting. They are looking for an alt-dcm, district archivist and accessibility chair, so if you're interested in service outside of the group, district is a great place to start.
  - Also, the bus route is getting finalized. District is asking groups for donations of \$25-\$50 to help make this happen.
  - Our area delegate went to the gsc and has a report to give! He will be giving it at unity on Sunday, 06/08, at 2pm. I'll have an announcement in the binder for that in the next couple of weeks.
  - unity participated in the talent show hosted by greater recovery. we killed it! It was awesome!
  - I attended group one's anniversary in april, where surprisingly two of our members led a sponsorship workshop, which was also awesome.
  - I attended a bridging the gap workshop on 05/03, hosted by district 7, where some of our members spoke about aa and the professional community.
  - Speaking of which, the annual area wide institutions forum is this Saturday in springfield. I forgot to announce this but if you're interested, I have the info.
  -

- Alt GSR - Kyle
  - No report
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven-
  - Everything's going well meeting-wise
- T&C - Arthur
  - Trying to fill 2nd and 3rd Wednesday morning at Advent
  - 4th Saturday at Heartland needs to be filled
  - 2nd Tuesday at Benilde Hall needs to be filled
  - Bridging the Gap
    - Program to connect people who recently got out of treatment with an AA member to take the newcomer to meetings and continue to show them around AA for 1-2 weeks
    - Unity AA members can volunteer to be these Temporary Contacts to be ready when people at treatment centers start asking for help
  - Arthur wants to host a gratitude Pizza Party on June 4th at 7pm to say thank you to the people who have been carrying the message to treatment centers. Also turn it into a workshop so that people interested in T&C service can learn more
    - Motion to give Arthur \$50 for the pizza party, passes unanimously
  - Anna asked if Arthur can put an announcement into the binder about Bridging the Gap
    - Meredith suggested announcing it to garner interest and then follow up individually
  - Erin, when doing a 12th Step call it's suggested that two people go. Does the BTG training include considerations like that?
    - Arthur says he will include that in the training
- Webmaster - Beth-
  - Needs to get the website updated with the most up-to-date speaker meeting info
- Events - Madeline-
  - Memorial Day picnic
    - Madeline made a budget for the picnic to anticipate costs, total is \$234.26. She also put together a flyer for the meeting binder announcements and a sign-up sheet for the potluck
    - Plans on passing a basket at the picnic for 7th tradition contributions to go to Unity AA
    - Madeline wants to keep track of actual expenses for each event in a spreadsheet.
    - Need volunteers to reserve shelter (Tim, Meredith, and Blake are retiring from this service) as well as a meeting leader for the 9am meeting
      - Franklin and Allison volunteered to show up at the shelter at 6am to make sure no one else takes it and ruins the picnic
    - Sara made a motion to approve Madeline's budget and it was seconded; the motion passed unanimously
- Susan - Archivist
  - Met Cheri J at Group #1 to look at the Area 39 archives and plans to go back to get more familiar with it.

## **Business Meeting Date: 4/9/2025**

In-Person Attendees: Greg, Shane, Liz G., Phil, Steven, Andrew, Sara P., Arthur, Bailey, Susan H., David G., Chrys, Anna, Jenna, Missy B., Franklin, Greg, Madeline, Kyle, Allison  
Zoom Attendees: Amy B. Lindaloo, Meredith, Laura M.

### **Agenda Topics**

**Point of order:** During votes–If Zoom members can raise their hands using the reactions button so we can make sure everyone’s vote gets counted–that would be great.

### **New Business**

- Missy from P.I from District 6–District 3 intros an opportunity to put an AA wrap around buses. The buses go through District 3, 5, 6 (which includes us). They are looking at 3 buses that would run for 4 weeks with the potential of hitting over 300k people
  - 1,116 split between 3 districts the total would be 372\$ per district.
  - It has been hard to get the districts on board so she is reaching out to the groups.
- Proposal to change the Wednesday meeting in Classroom B from a Living Sober literature/reading to a “Newcomer’s Meeting”
  - It was discussed and decided that we would get more information on what that literature would entail and discuss again next month
  - Motion made and vote passed to put an announcement in the binder to announce this plan so people can come to the meeting if they want to discuss

### **Old Business**

- **Elections**
  - **Archivist (vote for Susan H.)--vote, passes, Susan is elected.**
  - **Accessibility**
- **Promises Poster**
  - The cost Steven found for the poster is 87\$--total cost 147\$ for the mounting process, etc.
  - Motion made to approve funds for the poster
  - Vote made, does not pass

### **Committee Reports**

- Grapevine / Accessibilities - Phil
  - Last month we agreed to donate one of our Grapevine subscriptions to the Carry the Message project–working on that.
- Literature - Shane-
  - Spending roughly 270\$ month at Central Office for literature/coins/cards, etc.
- Central Office Rep - Chrys
  - Going to carry the CO phone for the month of June–will make the announcement to get volunteers.
  - It was brought up that if the bus wrap happens, there will be more phone calls coming in, so this will be a good service opportunity for those in our group who sign up to carry the phone.
  - Next meeting is next Monday.

- GSR - (from) Sara
  - Greater Recovery is hosting an area wide talent show, Wednesday, 04/30, from 5-8:30pm. There will be a light meal from 5-6, show starts at 6pm. It is free and all donations go to Central office.
  - Group 1 is having their 84th anniversary, this Saturday, 04/12, 10am-5:30pm. There will be a lunch taco bar.
  - We had a really fun and informative time at our group conscience. 18 people showed up, we had pizza, people (I think) learned about how the conference works, our delegate was there. notes are online.
  - I am attending a zoom town hall tomorrow night about the conference. I believe anyone is welcome to log on.
  - I'll be attending the district meeting this Sunday.

### NOTES from 4.4 Group Conscious on 2025 General Service Conference Agenda Items

#### From Area:

- The embattled tech team is being fortified but still lacks support to properly solve their communications issues.
- The area finally has a new archivist. I don't remember her name or what district she's from but she's very enthusiastic.
- There's a reprint of the pamphlet "black in aa" with new stories. I plan on getting a few for unity.
- Franklin and I are going to research about staples on pamphlets - who they are, what they're for and why they happen

#### From District

- There is a proposal to partner with district 3 about getting bus wraps on the metro buses. they're looking at 3 buses for 4 weeks. They're planning on finalizing what they're doing by June.
- I plan on making a binder of year long events to be updated and announced to check out
- I'd like to get contact info from all Trusted Servants at Unity.
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven-
  - New cycle meeting leaders are mostly full.
  - Need more QR codes for our collection basket. Allison is going to ask Morgan to print more.
- T&C - Arthur
  - New board for T&C 😊
  - 1 person dropped off, 3 signed up
  - ReStart is now fully covered
  - Still need 2nd Wednesday at X as well as Advent Health mornings on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays and Benilde Hall
- Webmaster - Beth-
  - Still need some Zoom meeting leaders.
- Treasurer's Report - Andrew-
  - We took in donations of 3500\$—spent 3500\$— leaving us to break even
- Events - Andrew-
  - Potluck happening on April 26th at noon (Penn Valley Park). There will be a softball game as well for those interested, will put an announcement in the binder.



## **Business Meeting Date: 3/12/2025**

In-Person Attendees: Greg, Andrew, Shane, Anna, Steven, Chris F., Tyler G., Liz G., Chrys, Arthur, Phil, Casey, Erin B., Amy B., Francie, Sara P., Chelsea, Allison, Bailey, Sara P., Francie  
Zoom Attendees: Lindaloo, David

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- Elections
  - Accessibility-will carry over another month (no one present opted to stand for this at this time)
  - Events Planner (1 year term)-Chelsea stands, Franklin nominates Madeline.
    - Chelsea agrees to let Madeline serve.
    - Erin suggests that they co-lead in this role
    - Group votes Madeline as chair
  - Archivist (*Susan H. is interested but could not make it this month*)-group will wait until next month when Susan can attend so we can vote then.
- Francie brings up her experience at the 61st Women's International AA conference—specifically around the story of a woman named Marty Mann...
- Sunday May 4th she will speak at the large chapel. She would like to put an announcement in the binder/encourage attendance.
- The group agrees to put it in the announcements and on the bulletin board.

#### **Old Business**

- Promises Poster
  - Greg checked with Ann, she is fine with us decorating just asks that we don't do anything that would damage the walls.
  - Steven reports that in order to duplicate 120\$, to do it on a regular poster it would be closer to 70-80\$.
  - Group discussion on prices and options (potentially central office)
  - Steven to create to explore options

#### **Committee Reports**

- Grapevine / Accessibilities - Phil
  - Following up on last month's conversation to donate one of our GrapeVine subscriptions. Found 2 orgs to donate it to if that's what we decide (one being actual Grapevine, who has a program called "Carry the Message" who distributes the subscriptions to those in need).
  - Casey suggests Friends of Dorothy is another group in our District.
  - Franklin brings up the 4th & 7th Tradition
  - Motion made to donate one of our subscriptions
  - Voted to donate to the Carry the Message Project
- Literature - Shane-
  - Nothing to report
- Central Office Rep - Chrys
  - Contribution to Central Office—would like to revisit next month

- At the last meeting she attended, the topic was “When there is physical violence, is there a procedure for kicking someone out?” If anyone wants to discuss—see Chrys.
- GSR - Sara
  - Went to the chili Alcathon—it was a success
  - Talked about how it is being noticed that Unity AA is very well regarded around KC but how our members aren’t really showing up at other things other than some donations and very few people here and there and how it would be nice to have more representation
    - Sara will organize and announce a Group Conscience to discuss how more people can get involved to show up in the community/District
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven-
  - New cycle begins April 1, will put an announcement in the binder to try to recruit meeting leaders
  - Will also be holding a meeting leader meeting prior to the cycle
- T&C - Arthur
  - 2 people fell off—5 signed on
  - Advent Health 2nd & 3rd Wednesday @ 9am
  - Strawberry Hill 2nd Wednesdays @6pm
  - Benilde Hall 2nd Tuesday @4:30
  - Got dry erase board
  - Contacting TnC people to ensure they are distributing “Bridging the Gap” brochures and literature request forms
- Webmaster - Beth-
  - Will be posting an announcement for Zoom meeting leaders for next cycle—if you know anyone who is
- Treasurer’s Report - Andrew-
  - We took in donations of \$3,100—spent \$4,687— leaving us 1,585 ‘in the red’
  - Some expenses included \$500 business cards at FedEx (will last a long time); website annual fee
  - Total cash on hand-\$5,636

## **Business Meeting Date: 2/12/2025**

In-Person Attendees: Greg, Beth, Casey, Steven, Anna, David, Summer, Phil, Chrys

Zoom Attendees: Amy B., Franklin, Phil, Lindaloo, Jenna, Sara P. Arthur, Andrew, Tyler G., Chris

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- **Adding a Copy of the Promise to wall in Classroom A**
  - Greg will confirm this is OK with the church
  - Also need to check on pricing/check with Central Office to see what options they might have (Steven will bring some options to the next meeting)
- **New Newcomer Cards with more space to write contact info**
  - We just ordered some of the current style
  - It is brought up that the reason we have the business card format is that they are convenient for people and there has not been an issue of not having enough space (we can always use 2 is needed)
  - Idea is tabled until we go through the current stock of biz cards
- **After hearing about the Central Office's financial issues, David asks about reallocating some of the contribution we will give to District 6—Andrew suggests increasing our monthly contribution of 100\$ to 150\$**
  - Topic is tabled until March to get through the rest of the committee reports

#### **Old Business**

- **Jenna - PoO update -**
  - A group conscience was held on Friday, January 31st, 2025 on whether or not to approve a revised Plan of Operations for the group
  - 20 Unity AA members showed up to participate. The discussion lasted 1.5 hours, mostly consisting of the committee members answering questions to expand on the thinking behind some of the revisions.
  - One “friendly amendment” was added after the issue was brought up and the group reached a consensus. The suggested length of sobriety for Central Office Delegate was raised from three months to one year.
  - By the end of the discussion there was substantial unanimity to adopt the revised plan of operations.
  - Here are some highlights of the main changes:
    - Instead of referring to “the Steering Committee” it was changed it to Business Meetings and Trusted Servants
    - Added two new positions, Archivist and Event Coordinator
    - Made Grapevine and Accessibilities two separate positions
    - Suggested lengths of sobriety for all Trusted Servants (the length varies for each position)
    - Outlined a protocol for voting at a business meeting and hearing minority opinion
  - I shared notes from the group conscience with the Secretary and they should be available as a link within these business meeting minutes
  - I briefed Greg Z (Group Chairperson) on the changes and we discussed what may need to be done to implement them

- [Link for meeting notes](#)
- Grapevine/Accessibility split position
  - Accessibilities would start a 2 year position (to Nov. 2026)
- Discuss elections for new trusted servant positions
  - Idea to hold on elections until March so we have time to announce at meetings
  - Timing of when to fill the positions according to the election cycles
- Will hold elections in March, if we don't fill by March, we will continue to promote the position and fill when we can

## Committee Reports

- Grapevine / Accessibilities - Phil
  - We have 3 subscriptions for Grapevine—Classroom A and B are using them (Heritage Room doesn't seem to be using it; suggests donating 1 of our copies to TnC—will discuss next month
  - On getting some of our members published—would like to put an announcement in about people submitting entries
- Literature - Shane-
  - Not present
- Central Office Rep - Chrys
  - Notes from the Jan. 12th meeting (didn't make it to Feb.): Money was the big topic—contributions have been down 10k each of the last 2 years—they are still not going anywhere. They are considering doing a sober 'run' as a fundraiser.
  - Giving more visibility to group's members about finances, expenditures, donations, etc.
  - There is a new meeting for young people on Fridays at 8:30 @ South Leawood
  - There are still a few months where a volunteer group is needed to cover the Central Office phone, Chrys is checking on this
- GSR - Sara
  - Greater Recovery is hosting an area wide talent show in March to celebrate their 1yr anniversary—waiting on some details, believes they need talent—talk to Sara if you're interested
  - The Paseo Group is hosting a Valentine's dance this Friday. It's free, following their Speaker Meeting. They're also having a speaker meeting of members with 30+ years at the end of March—more details to come.
  - Group One is having their anniversary on 04/12. More details to come.
  - Sara will be attending the district meeting this Sunday

## From Area:

- The tech people need help with the website. I'm still unsure about what exactly needs help, but there's a tech meeting 03/01, on Zoom at 11 am so if you wanna join, get with Sara P. and she'll get you the info.
  - District six and District three are working together to get bus wraps on the KC metro with contact info for Central office.
  - Also, GSO has a podcast now called 'Our Primary Purpose,' so check that out.
  - The Archivist announced that anyone can volunteer at the area archives and they are located at group one so if you're interested in our history, that's a great way to be involved.
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven-
    - Trying to make the meetings run smoothly, wants to discuss bringing back a meeting

- leader meeting on the 19th
- Would like some ideas on how to get new leaders to come to this meeting—if anyone has any ideas share with Steven
- T&C - Arthur
- Places we still have gaps:
  - Advent Health, Wed. 9:30 am 2nd and 3rd weeks
  - ReDiscover, Tuesdays, first week
  - Benilde Hall, Thursdays, second week
  - Suggests we move back to a dry erase board due to space on the bulletin board
- Webmaster - Beth-
  - Will post POO on website this week as well as updating current trusted servants
- Treasurer's Report - Andrew-
  - In Jan., we had \$3,348 come \$2,970 out, with a difference of \$373 Prudent Reserve a little over 3k
  - Idea to discontinue pink can to accumulate money for the Prudent Reserve, motion made, passed—we will no longer collect money for the Prudent reserve
  - Motion made to donate \$422 to District 6—motion passed—Andrew will issue a check
  - Steven brought up he needs to be reimbursed for the stamp purchase—they will arrange

## **Business Meeting Date: 1/8/2025**

In-Person Attendees: Greg, Phil, Allison, Liz, Tyler G., Beth, Madeline, Chrys, Steven, Kristin F., Andrew, Joey, Kyle

Zoom Attendees: Amy B. Sara, Jenna, Chris, Blake R., Meredith, Erin, Lindaloo, Shane

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- **Stamp**
  - Discussion to buy a new stamp or order pre-stamped envelopes to alleviate the meeting leaders having to fill them out (to include more detailed info)
  - Idea to buy a new stamp/ink pad or a self inking stamp
  - Motion, seconded–Agreed to appropriate funds to buy the stamp (discretion of ML on which one to purchase)

#### **Old Business**

- **Jenna - PoO update -**
  - The committee has finished meeting to review the group's Plan of Operations (PoO). A diligent group of Unity AA members have been meeting about every other week since May 2024 (!!!!) to work on this and I think we've suggested great changes.
  - **We will host an informed group conscience so that group members can weigh in on Friday, January 31st, at 7:10pm.** I'm hoping to reserve Classroom D so the meeting can be hybrid, but that hasn't been confirmed yet.
  - I will put an announcement in the meeting binder on Friday, January 17th, and ask Beth to put the announcement on the website.
  - I will make many copies of the current PoO and the revised version available in Classroom A on January 17th (and ask Beth to put a digital version on the website) so that members have time to read it before the group conscience. To save time, we won't be reading the proposed PoO during the group conscience.
  - As many members from the committee as possible will be at the group conscience to answer questions about our process and thinking on the suggested changes.
  - Friendly amendments to the revised PoO will be allowed if there is substantial unanimity for the changes at the group conscience
  - The goal of the group conscience is for group members to come to a consensus about whether or not to adopt the new PoO
  - **Questions or comments about this group conscience can be sent to Jenna W, 816-896-7078**
  - **Request: Can we have \$75 to buy six Costco pizzas and some bubble water for those attending the group conscience?**
  - Motion made; approved.
- **Alt GSR - Kyle** is nominated and agrees to serve 😊
- **Alcathon Report and recap -**
  - They went well and people expressed gratitude for those involved

## Committee Reports

- Grapevine / Accessibilities - Phil
  - Nothing to report
- Literature - Shane-
  - People reporting we are out of things when we actually aren't but nothing much other than that (which isn't a big issue)
  - It was thrown out to Shane to grab more pamphlets from Central Office if possible
- Central Office Rep - Chrys
  - Next meeting will be Sun. Jan 12 @ 10am at Bill's Friends and on Zoom
- GSR - Sara
  - **KCYPG is having a group inventory on Feb. 15th** (meant to grab a copy of their questions because I thought it would be good to have a copy for future use—but forgot, so will grab one next time).
  - **They are also asking for help preparing food for the conference MOSCYPAA will be hosting Feb. 7th-9th—if interested, talk to Sara for more info**
  - Lastly on KCYPG—they are also hosting a **Battle of the Bands this Friday, January 10th**
  - Paseo is on the fence about having a Valentine's Day dance this year—will have more definitive news next month
  - **New Chosen Few now has meetings Mon-Sat @ 2pm** (if anyone needs a 2pm meeting)
  - They are also having their 20th Anniversary on March 29th—details on this to come
  - They will be hosting a sponsorship workshop every other Sat.--will follow up to let the group know exactly which Saturdays those are
  - Sara will be going to the Area assembly Jan. 18th & 19th and will report the most pertinent news at our next Biz meeting
  - New DCM—Tyler G. Alt DCM—Franklin
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven-
  - Asks if we are continuing to circulate the prudent reserve collection can
  - It is brought up that it is only happening at some meetings, not all
  - Since we are not yet at our goal of 5K for PR, the can should still be being circulated—Steven will remind the leaders
  - Meeting Leaders aren't following guidelines
- T&C - Arthur
  - Meeting with Jenna and Erin to do the transfer of info
  - Benilde Hall still needs some people, working on that
- Webmaster - Beth-
  - Website is up to date
  - Only have 2 spots open for Zoom
  - **Beth asks: If you are putting a new announcement in the binder please text or email it to her to update on the website 😊**
- Treasurer's Report - Andrew-
  - Had: 3,969\$ Spent: 3,619\$ for a total of +350\$

## **Business Meeting Date: 12/11/2024**

In-Person Attendees: Casey, Greg, Tom, Lindaloo, Allison, Chrys, Shane, Amy B. Beth, Chris, David, Tyler G. Franklin, Erin, Andrew, Steven, Jenna, Phil, Sara P., Arthur  
Zoom Attendees: Meredith

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- **Alt GSR**—still need one, will discuss again in January

#### **Old Business**

- **Jenna - PoO update -**  
The committee has finished its review  
Will be meeting one final time to follow up on a few things including how to hold a group conscience, etc. **Mon Dec. 16th at 7:10 pm in Classroom B and on Zoom**

#### **Alcathon Updates:**

- Last one was great 😊
- Christmas Eve—going 24 hours from 8pm to the last meeting on Christmas Day at 8pm, food being brought.
  - Will have a buddy system for meeting leaders so that no one will be alone in the building
  - Still planning for NYE—**Planning meeting on Dec.18th at 7:05 in Classroom B—potluck, pizzas, dance party**
  - Asking for 500\$ for both Alcathons (400\$ for food and decor and 100\$ to Unity Temple)--**Motion**, seconded, passed

#### **Committee Reports**

- Grapevine / Accessibilities - Morgan G.-
  - n/a
- Literature - Shane-
  - Got some plain language Big Books
- Central Office Rep - Laura M.-
  - n/a
- GSR- Franklin
  - Sharing at Paseo's Alcathon which runs... (Unity folks will be sharing at 1:30 on Sunday 12/22)
  - Asked to share at...
  - Next District meeting is this Sunday at...
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven-
  - New cycle starts in January
- T&C - Jenna / Erin-
  - Plans to work with Jenna to turn over the reigns to Arthur in the next couple weeks
  - Need people for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th Friday @ 6pm at Restart
  - Need volunteers the 5th week of the month for pretty much all places
  - In Jan will start passing a Pink coffee can for District 6 to collect money for TnC literature
- Webmaster - Beth-
  - Posting a new form for Zoom meeting leader signups this week

- Treasurer's Report - Andrew-
  - Makes a **motion** to pay out donation balance from the Gratitude Can to Central Office (600\$), seconded, passed
  - Prudent Reserve is 2,640\$
  - Checking acct is 3,369\$

## **Business Meeting Date: 11/13/2024**

In-Person Attendees: Casey, Morgan G, Beth W., Greg Z, Chris F., Tyler G, Rich B., Chrys S., Liz G., Meredith C., Sara P., Jenna W., Phil, Blake R., Nathan G., Kyle, Christi, Amanda B., Steven P., Andrew J., Jill D., Erin B.,

Zoom Attendees: Franklin, Madeline K, Lindaloo, Amy K.

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

**Group Elections!! Positions:** for volunteers and nominees, State sobriety date and if you've held any other service positions at unity or elsewhere

- Grapevine / Accessibility (Currently Morgan G.)
  - **Phil volunteers - Phil is elected! Yay Phil!**
- Treatment / Corrections (Currently Jenna / Erin)
  - Jenna nominates Rich, Rich declines
  - Arthur volunteers remotely - confirms via text with Rich
    - **Arthur is elected!! Yay Arthur!!**
- Central Office (currently Laura M.)
  - **Chrys S. volunteers & is elected! Yay Chrys!!**
- GSR (currently Franklin)
  - Erin B. nominates Sara P., Sara has been meeting leader leader, treasurer, been to district meetings
  - **Sara P. is elected!!!! YAY!!**
- Alt GSR
  - Rich nominates Blake, he declines
  - Blake nominates Madeline, she declines
  - Still need someone in this role
- Group Chair (Currently Casey)
  - Greg volunteers - 15 yrs sobriety, lots of host committees (Wacypaa, etc.)
  - **Greg is elected!! Yay Greg!!!**

**New Biz - Franklin:** Group Inventory - 32 responses. Going to meet with Gaby tomorrow to discuss presentation results

- Going over results Friday at 7pm in temple space
- Franklin - new biz buying food / drinks
- **Motion** for Unity to give \$100 to buy Costco pizzas & seltzers for Friday steering session at 7pm; Sara P. second the motion.
  - Motion passes unanimously

#### **Old Business**

- **Jenna - PoO update** - next meeting Monday nov. 18th 7:10pm in B and zoom, will be reviewing description of the webmaster role and writing descriptions for two new roles: Archivist and Event Coordinator
- **Sara P** - Alcothon committee got T-day figured out and are working on Winter and NYE alcathons for holidays. Thanksgiving day, the 28th, meetings from 8am to 12pm potluck

classroom b, asking for \$150 for turkeys & hams to provide, Casey & Allison in charge of opening the church; Bailey in charge at 9 of closing church. Requesting the remainder of ~\$100ish floating dollars from the party funds to use them up and get rid of floating money. Two crafting nights leading up to it to provide decorations. Some brekky after 8am meeting at 9 and casey helping coordinate the breakfast

\$250 total - \$50 to church for payment

Madeline has \$140 and spare change floating money

Ask Unity for \$110 for T-day alcathon - **Sara makes a motion** for this

- Erin 2nds
- Motion passes unanimously

- **Franklin:** update on electronic / web payment costs and percentage fees for group consideration for online 7th tradition contributions

#### **Venmo**

- Fees are 1.9% + \$.10 per payment. So for every dollar the fee is \$0.12 cents.
- \*\*Benefit of Venmo is that it accepts Google pay and Apple Pay within the app.
- It does require an EIN number for a business account or can be tied to one person's SSN. For tax purposes, Venmo will issue a 1099 if our payments exceed \$600 in a calendar year. Unless we are nonprofit status. Talked to other groups who use personal accounts of their treasurer or tie the business account to one person's SSN (typically treasurer) and pay the fees and stay under the radar. IRS likely consider this "de minimis" since they are small transactions for the purpose of donating and not for "goods and services". The AA central office advised the same and to just keep adequate records of any emails or mail from Venmo.

#### **Cash App**

- Fees are 2.75% of every transaction. The same applies as above for the business account requirements. Cannot use Apple Pay or google pay within cash app.

#### **Zelle**

- No fees since we have a Bank of America account and would be tied directly to the banking business account. Just need an email or phone number to set up. This would be the simplest solution, but would possibly limit the amount of contributions.

#### **Google Pay & Apple Pay**

- No fees for transactions on Google but .15% charge for any credit card payments via Apple Pay. Same applies for setting up an account as it will need to be tied to an EIN or an individual. May possibly limit the amount of contributions since it is not widely used.

### **Committee Reports**

- Grapevine / Accessibilities - Morgan G.-
  - n/a
- Literature - Shane-
  - n/a
- Central Office Rep - Laura M.-
  - n/a
- GSR- Franklin
  - Unity is signed up for Paseo Group's Xmas alcathon at 7:30 AM on Sunday, 12/22. Need 3 people to share experience strength and hope! Don't worry about a sobriety requirement

- A new LGBTQ+ group is starting up in our district, and I believe their first meeting is this Sunday at 7 PM. It's called LGBTQ AA and they meet at Woody's. Rich B will have more details on that
- 5th edition of the Big Book is tentatively scheduled to drop at the International Conference in July of 2025, exciting stuff
- Next district meeting is this Sunday at 1:30 at Group 1. I encourage all to attend; turnout has skyrocketed in the past few months and there were 9 groups represented at the October meeting
- Paseo Group's Traditions play is this Saturday at 2 PM. There will be food made by their excellent chef and GSR, Floyd
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven-
  - Missing Stamp for envelopes
  - This January 2025 cycle we'll enact the two months continuous sobriety requirement for new meeting leaders
    - We're going to run another announcement
  - Steven wants to limit errant announcements to a week that aren't related to unity aa
- T&C - Jenna / Erin-
  - We need volunteers to commit to take a meeting to ReStart on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of the month at 6pm. It's a great meeting! Lots of Unity people have gone, but no one has taken on a monthly commitment yet
  - All of our T&C commitments need volunteers on the 5th week of the month (which usually only happens 2-3 times a year)
  - Area 39 has updated their Bridging the Gap page. Members can sign up to volunteer to do this important 12th step work here:
 

<https://wamo-aa.org/area-39/public-committee-page/bridge-the-gap/volunteer-to-be-a-temporary-contact/>. AA temporary contacts meet with people getting out of treatment centers or correctional facilities to bring them to a few meetings, explain how the program works, and introduce them to more members. This is a temporary arrangement, lasting 1-2 weeks.
- Webmaster - Beth-
  - Added paypal info to site for 7th contributions
  - Added description for 7:30 meeting and times to denote it is only a ~20min meeting
- Treasurer's Report - Andrew

## **Business Meeting Date: 10/9/2024**

In-Person Attendees: sara p, david g, steven, bailey, jake, franklin, amy, eric, allison, jack, kyle, rich, arthur

Zoom Attendees: shane, laura, andrew, erin

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- Franklin: Staff at KU Strawberry Hill might benefit from having pamphlets explaining what AA is and is not. Motion to purchase 4 copies of the pamphlet P-23, "AA as a Resource for the Health Care Professional." Motion was seconded by someone and passed unanimously.
- Jenna: District 6 has asked groups to pass around a basket to collect money for purchasing literature for suffering alcoholics in treatment centers, correctional facilities, and other places
  - Sara - how does it get replenished?
  - Jenna - this is an experiment from district, there's a committee and you can talk to Jenna if you want to be on it
  - Jake - kansas has yellow can fund, some pass and some have it stationary
  - Allison - likes the idea,
  - Beth - asked and got clarified iif this is a pooled fund and distributes to T&C centers all within our district 6. Loves the idea, thinks a stationary can would be great with an announcement
  - Franklin - what are other groups doing? - Jenna, other groups that are excited are just going to try and figure it out
  - Beth motion to set stationary can and make announcement for it - did not pass, concern about theft and logistics
  - Allison motion to pass can in January since that's what district asked - 2 opposed (steven and shane) - steven, not concrete enough for me, we don't know delivery method, or how it's spent, Shane - take on one fundraising project at a time - Motion Passed
- Eric - this is month we typically discuss the alc-athons (thanksgiving, christmas is 24 hours, NYE is 6-midnight) - do we want a committee, morgan's not here - Sara volunteered to coordinate. Sara can make an announcement to have a committee mtg at beginning
- Beth - zoom leadership signups struggling can we find a spot on the board and Steven & Beth coordinate on signups - yes

#### **Old Business**

- Franklin - Group inventory update - it's done, committee met, we're happy with the questions, Franklin still needs to speak with Cassie about locking in a space for a sharing session to go over the results and coordinate the facilitator, looking at Friday Nov. 15th at 7pm
  - Erin - last time I made a QR code and put it on the bench and we had some hard copies in an envelope folks could take, fill out, and then put back later - it was really convenient and great number of folks completed it

#### **Plan of Operations**

- Jenna:
  - Group has been revising our PoO, 7:10 every other monday meeting in Classroom B and zoom, anyone welcome

- Currently revising the trusted servant role descriptions, added two new positions in this draft and we'll finish by looking at suggestions on how to have a group conscience
- Once we've landed on a final draft, we'll open up to group conscience for comment and discussion and hopefully move on to our new PoO
- Next meeting Monday Oct. 14th at 7:10 Classroom B, also on zoom - chance we won't have it finished by November elections, but if not that's fine

## Committee Reports

- Accessibilities - Morgan G.-
  - Not present
- Literature - Shane-
  - No updates
- Central Office Rep - Laura M.-
  - No updates
- GSR- Franklin
  - GROUP INVENTORY QUESTIONS DROP TOMORROW! Facilitation tentatively scheduled for Friday, 11/15 at 7:05 PM. .
  - Congrats to the members of Unity who are incoming Trusted Servants for Area 39!
    - Greg G-- Panel 75 Delegate
    - Tyler G and Casey M-- Finance Committee Members
    - Franklin C-- Area Archives Secretary
    - Jenna W-- Alternate Treatment Chair
    - Morgan G and Liz G-- Technology Committee Members
  - I did not attend the September D6 meeting.
  - Plain Language Big Book is available for pre-order through Central Office!
  - The MOSCYPAA Host Committee is having a CarnivAAI at Sunny Side Park on 10/19, and they would love for Unity to have some sort of Carnival Booth! Still remaining: Ring Toss, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Touchdown Toss, Three-Legged Race, Photo Stand... if you are interested, please let me know or text Bri or Missy (I have their info).
  - For those of you who have never been GSR, please consider standing for either GSR or Alt-GSR. Serving as GSR has been one of the best things I have ever done in my whole life. It has opened my eyes to an entirely new community of individuals who are extraordinarily dedicated to Twelfth Step work, allowed me to be of maximum service to my homegroup, and informed how I think about A.A. and recovery at large. I am more than happy to get coffee or chat with anyone at all about the position!
  - My next report will cover the October D6 meeting and any other upcoming events in the area for the Holidays!
    - With elections coming up, Franklin speaks on the significant impact of this role
- Elections are coming up - 8 open positions, Chair, GSR, T&C, Accessibility
  -
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
  - Just changed meeting leader cycle, new board is up
  - Maybe for next cycle could use new dry erase markers
  - Will help Beth on finding spot for zoom leader signups
  - Requests announcement placed a few weeks early about the elections with more detail about positions
- T&C - Jenna / Erin
  - No real updates, just making sure the spots are filled maybe one Strawberry Hill opening
  - Franklin - is there a sobriety req. For taking the meetings? - No
  - Jenna - was carrying message to Heartland, there's a program called "bridging the gap" there are AA members willing to connect as a temporary contact with folks coming out of treatment or prison and bridge the gap for two weeks after release date taking them to AA meetings, showing different meetings around city, helping them get connected

- Maybe a workshop on the horizon to inform folks about this opportunity
    - \*not sponsorship\*
  - With elections coming up, Jenna speaks on impact of this role
- Webmaster - Beth
  - Zoom meeting leaders needed - brought up new biz above
  - Website is update except electronic payment info
- Treasurer's Report - Andrew -
  - 4k contributions
  - 3k expenses
  - \$1k left
  - \$1100 in Prudent reserve
  - Sara - is it a line or separate account?
  - David - is our district payment missing?
  - Franklin - did you get the address I sent you - andrew says it's invalid
  - CashApp Update:
    - Shut down
  - Prudent Reserve Update:
    - 0.3 or 3%
    - As a 501 c 3 we can get covered by our donors,
    - Sara - when did you find our EIN from a bank of america
  - Venmo
    - Needs a phone number to setup
    - Erin suggested getting a google phone number
  - Paypal - need the QR code distributed if this is what we're going to be using
  - Discussion around how we have an EIN, but it's not a real EIN, but we can use it as an EIN - need clarity
  - Andrew mentioned all payments are 2-4%
  - Sara brings up the decision to close Cash App and move to paypal was not made at the group level and something like this needs to be
  - Arthur volunteers to help

## **Business Meeting Date: 9/11/2024**

In-Person Attendees: Casey M, Morgan G, David G, Laura M, Allison C, Chris F, Jenna W, Lindaloo, Steven S, Franklin C, Andrew J, Liz G, Erin B, Blake R, Arthur, Rich B, Ted, Madeline, Jake  
Zoom Attendees: Shane Y

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- Franklin: Compensating Unity Temple for using the downstairs space for the 40th Anniversary event(s), some amount not sure how much
  - Steven agrees we should pay the church something
  - Liz asked how much we took in contributions during the 40th anniversary; Morgan said over \$600
  - Erin pointed out we pay a lot in rent and using other rooms is a benefit of paying rent
  - Franklin made a motion to give Unity Temple \$75 for using the church space for the 40th Anniversary celebration; Steven seconded
    - Simple majority voted in favor of the motion; no one voted in opposition
  - Casey, as Group Chairperson, will deliver the check to the church with a thank you card
- Giving a gift of appreciation to Duke for his 35 years of supporting Unity AA—for his retirement
  - Janice was not present to share more about this idea
- Madeline: Found coffee cups for a lot cheaper at Restaurant Depot that are \$0.05/cup instead of \$0.15/cup (Necco cups) and bought a case of 1000. Who does she talk to about sourcing from there instead? Erin will check Amazon Business to see if that's cheaper than Restaurant Depot. Coordinate with David G

#### **Old Business**

- Voting on donating Grapevine publications to Lansing Correctional Facility (we ran out of time at last month's meeting)
- Report from Meredith (sent to Amy) on the 8/31 Group Conscience regarding the Zoom Meeting Schedule:
  - The group unanimously agreed to discontinue all 8pm and Saturday noon meetings. Announcements about the results were made in the group, on the website, and Meredith also shared on Facebook. A BIG thankyou to Lindaloo for researching attendance at all Zoom meetings in preparation. This would not have been an informed group conscience without that background, and it was very much appreciated by everyone who participated. Area 39 and Central Office have been notified of the updated schedule. Thanks to everyone who assisted with communication and follow up to ensure our schedule is current with all online resources.

#### **Plan of Operations**

- Jenna: The committee for reviewing the group's Plan of Operations meets every two weeks. The next meeting is on Monday, September 23, at 7:10pm in Classroom B and on Zoom

#### **Committee Reports**

- Accessibilities - Morgan G.-
  - Nothing to report
- Literature - Shane-
  - Not present to give a report

- Central Office Rep - Laura M.-
  - Noon Zoom meetings are not on the Central Office's website meeting schedule; Laura will make sure that is updated
  - Franklin did reach out to Area 39 and Central Office to make sure the Zoom schedule is accurate after the group conscience about zoom meetings
- GSR- Franklin-
  - If you are interested in assisting with the Group Inventory questions, hoping we meet next Wednesday, 9/18, at 7:05 PM (I will put an announcement into the binder)
  - Congrats to the members of Unity who are incoming Trusted Servants for District 6!!
    - Tyler G-- DCM
    - Franklin C-- Alt DCM
    - Jenna W-- T&C Chair
    - Blake R-- T&C Alt Chair
    - Casey M-- Webmaster
  - Next D6 meeting is this Sunday at 1:30 at Group 1. We are still in need of:
    - Treasurer
    - Alt-Treasurer
    - Accessibilities Chair
  - Registration is now open for the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver! Let Franklin know if you'd like to go, as he is happy to coordinate a Unity travel crew
  - Area Assembly is Sat 9/21 and Sun 9/22-- please reach out if you would like to travel to Sedalia and check it out-- there are tons of service opportunities!
    - This is the Assembly where people are voted into new positions (such as Committee Chairs/Alt Chairs/Secretaries)
    - If you have any interest in serving, talk to your family and your sponsor and come on out to Sedalia to stand for a position!
  - From our Area Technology chair, some specific service opportunities:
    - A39 Tech Admin
      - 2 yrs sobriety
      - Email admin checks account and responds accordingly; ~2 hrs/mo in work (checks email weekly)
      - Meeting admin updates meeting schedules for A39; ~1 hr/mo give or take (checks email 2-3 times a week)
    - A/V setup in Sedalia
      - 1 year sobriety
      - Monitors Zoom Friday night, Saturday day/night and Sunday day
      - Area covers hotel room for Friday and Saturday (shared with same-gender person)
  - My next report will cover A39 new officers, D6 updates, and some info from the Southwest Regional A.A. Service Assembly, which I will be attending in Oct. 11-13 in Dallas!
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
  - New cycle is starting soon. Steven will put an announcement in the binder; there are a lot of openings that still need to be filled
  - Meeting Leader suggested sobriety changed to 60 days, so that will be announced as well
- T&C - Jenna / Erin
  - Updating calendar to make sure the commitments are filled;
  - District 6 is planning on asking groups to pass a basket in the month of October to collect 7th Tradition contributions to purchase AA literature for suffering alcoholics in treatment centers and correctional facilities in the district
- Webmaster - Beth
  - Reminder that she will be posting the Zoom online meeting leader signup for October-December soon

- Treasurer's Report - Andrew -
  - CashApp Update:
    - For a couple days in September members were not able to make 7th Tradition contributions through CashApp. After Andrew looked into it, there may be a new rule that we can't have the CashApp balance be above \$1000. When Andrew lowered the balance it started working again. Usually he does this once a month, but he may need to start transferring money more frequently to avoid this in the future.
  - Prudent Reserve Update:
    - Liz asked how much of the contributions were for the prudent reserve; Andrew doesn't know. It was hard to read the envelopes to know which amount was meant for the Prudent Reserve. He didn't think it was necessary to separate out the prudent reserve since it all goes into the same account.
    - Andrew looked into opening a new bank account and we don't have the qualifications to do that (specifically an EIN)
    - Steven asked if we are still passing around a separate basket for the prudent reserve; Allison and Erin confirmed that as of today's meetings we are
    - Franklin suggested making the Prudent Reserve a line item in the treasurer's report
    - Rich asked why the change for what was suggested in the group conscience on the group's money issues (i.e. separating out donations for the prudent reserve when the basket was passed)
    - Morgan pointed out that we haven't created a new account for the prudent reserve yet. Also, it doesn't seem reasonable to expect Andrew to separate out the money because the data from the envelopes was hard to discern
    - Laura said she feels uncomfortable asking members to donate money to a prudent reserve if we're not keeping track of it
    - Franklin emphasized the importance of following through with the group conscience decision and working to overcome the logistical barriers
    - Morgan and Andrew pointed out that it's just a matter of indicating that on the Treasurer's Report; that the amount in the account above the month's expenses is the prudent reserve
    - Rich and Chris encouraged the group to include it as a line item without opening a new account; Chris pointed out that getting an EIN may not be in the group's best interest
    - Erin reminded the group that we've discussed this before when we decided to close the old prudent reserve and that getting EIN was decided against then
    - Jake the group conscience seems to have decided on something that's not possible; suggested having another group conscience considering this new information
    - Morgan suggested she and Andrew research a solution to present at the October business meeting
    - Erin made a motion to stop passing the Prudent reserve can, Jake seconded
      - 5 agree, 7 opposed
      - Minority opinion wasn't heard, just more questions were asked
    - Casey asked Andrew if he can make a separate line item on the Treasurer's Report going forward; Andrew said he could. Up to now (September 11, 2024) \$500 will be put into the prudent reserve line item
    - Steven asked if we could make a new stamp for the envelopes with a line for the prudent reserve; Liz G volunteered to handwrite it
    - David asked about the missing dates for envelopes; Andrew said that there were some un-dated envelopes, which he included in "Other Donations"

Franklin motioned to close the meeting

## **Business Meeting Date: 8/14/2024**

In-Person Attendees: Casey, Steve S. David, Janice, Steven, Madeline, Tim, Amy B. Meredith, Liz G., Laura, Andrew, Franklin, Erin, Sara P., Bill, Jenna, Lindaloo

Zoom Attendees: Shane

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- **Labor Day Picnic**—Madeline has agreed to take the lead on planning—there is still money in the party fund (~\$250), she will use whatever is left in that to cover expenses (and there are burgers leftover in her freezer)
- **Unity Group Inventory** (Franklin)—put together a list of questions using the 2022 survey as a guide. Is going to create a QR code so people can scan to get to the questions, will distribute these and leave them open for a few weeks.
- **Literature Request** (Jenna) Wants to buy some pamphlets for a literature meeting she is leading next cycle. She is asking for \$10 to purchase. Shane has agreed to pick them up from Central Office tomorrow. 😊
- A member approached Erin asking if he could supply some Narcan to be available in the meeting rooms. The group agreed that this is a good idea.

#### **Old Business**

- Steven brought up the idea of changing the sobriety requirement from 30-60 days beginning in January. Some context was given that it was reduced from 90 days to 30 because there was a time a few years ago when we were finding it really difficult to get meeting leaders (after Covid). So, the thought that was shared is that because the meeting leader board is consistently full, we can go back to the longer sobriety time requirement...
- Motion was made to change the sobriety requirement to 60 days—voted on, and majority passed for this to take effect in January.
- Discussion of the 8pm Zoom and how it is not being regularly attended so may need to be removed.  
-A motion was made to have a group conscience to discuss this in 2 weeks—Meredith will lead this.

#### **Plan of Operations** (Jenna emailed to Amy)

- Our committee meets every two weeks to continue reviewing the group's Plan of Operations.
- **The next meeting is on Monday, August 26, at 7:10pm, in Classroom B and on Zoom** (Classroom D isn't available, so we're moving to B)
- Soon we will be reviewing the descriptions of the Trusted Servant roles. I'm going to reach out to the current Trusted Servants and ask for their input and if they would recommend any changes for the committee to consider.
- When we're done reviewing the whole document, I'll call a Group Conscience so the group can decide whether or not they want to keep the revisions.

#### **Report on Group Conscious that took place on Unity's Finances**

- Money will be collected separately in meetings to go to the Prudent Reserve
- Decision was made to resume coffee service—but we will only be buying coffee pouches, not creamers, stirrers, etc.

- \$500 will be allocated to 'supplies
- We will not have a separate party fund –money will come back to the treasurer (if funds are collected), go back into the operating account, and continue to be dispersed out based on the discretion of the treasurer and the trusted servants

## Committee Reports

- Secretary - Amy B.
- Accessibilities - Morgan G.-not present
- Literature - Shane-nothing to report
- Central Office Rep - Laura M.-nothing to report–attended the meeting on Sunday but nothing
- GSR- Franklin-
  - Circulated questions for 2024 Group Inventory

## GSR- Franklin

- District 6 Elections are going to be this Sunday, 8/18 at 1:30 at group one and on zoom
- OPEN FOR AUG ELECTION: \*DCM \*Alt DCM \*Secretary \*Alt Sec \*Treasurer \*Alt Treas \*Accessibilities \*Archives \*Grapevine/Literature \*PI/CPC \*Website
- Qualifications are on the D6 website or talk to me!
- District 6's boundaries are changing ever so slightly— north to the river, south to bannister, west to state line, and east to 435 (no groups are impacted)
- I had a chance to talk with the southwest regional trustee Theresa J and asked her a bit about the Plain Language Big Book, which is coming out in November for \$11. She said it will likely be very helpful for people in corrections who do not have a sponsor to read the book with and to the ASL community because some of the language is very outmoded
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
- T&C - Jenna / Erin (Jenna emailed to Amy)
  - A group of Unity members carry the message to Lansing correctional facility twice a week. Inmates there have requested AA literature. I contacted Jeramie S., the Area 25 (Kansas) Corrections Chair, and he said they have money from the state's yellow can fund for literature in correctional facilities. He ordered 60 Big Books, 60 12x12s and 80 daily reflection books for us to take to Lansing. Would our group be willing to donate some of their old issues of Grapevine for members to take to the prison?
    - We will vote on this at the next Biz meeting (ran out of time)
  - T&C info on the bulletin board has been re-arranged so that it takes up less space. Now there is more room for posting information for members, flyers for other group's events, etc.
  - District 6 hosted a Treatment Workshop on August 11. Meredith C spoke on the panel to share her experience carrying the message to ReDiscover Friendship House.
  - Unity carries the message to ReStart on Fridays at 6pm. District 6 approved funding for a literature rack and pamphlets at ReStart that will be installed this Friday.
- Webmaster - Beth
  - All of the Zoom leader scripts and guides have been updated, sent to all leaders, and all docs are saved in the [UnityAAKC@gmail.com](mailto:UnityAAKC@gmail.com) drive
  - This includes instructions for normal Zoom meetings as well as the 7:30 am morning meditation meetings
  - REQUEST: IF THERE ARE DOCUMENTS, POSTS IN BINDERS, UPDATES FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS—PLEASE SEND TO BETH TO ADD TO OUR ARCHIVES moving forward

- Treasurer's Report - Andrew—reports that we are officially in the GREEN! (see separate treasurer's report on the website for exact financials). Coffee is fully resumed.
  - Andrew says it will be helpful to have a separate service position to manage materials (paper towels, general supplies, etc.).
  - David has agreed to support with this in the meantime (while we review our plan of operations and look at adding this as a separate service position).

## **Business Meeting Date: 7/10/2024**

In-Person Attendees: Casey, Randy, Janice, Tyler G., Phil, Ted, Madeline, Bill, Amy B., Beth, Chris, Eric K., Amy K., Franklin, Steven, Anna, Mike, Blake R., Liz G., Sara P., Meredith, Andrew, Jenna, David  
Zoom Attendees: Morgan G., Lindaloo

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- Discussion on prudent reserve with respect to the Treasurer's report on where we are financially (to remove the announcement)
- 2-3 months general expenses is what Central Office suggests for a prudent reserve sum
- The idea of a "Coffee Conscious" was brought up—individuals who donate coffee
- Do we want to keep coffee paused in the month of July even though we still pay 200\$/month for the coffee equipment?
- Motion made to keep coffee suspended for the month of July, still pay the 200\$ for the equipment, and have a group conscience to discuss what to do moving forward around this and the prudent reserve in general and the donations that were collected at the 4th of July celebration
  - Motion passes overwhelmingly
  - Announcement in binder will be revised to let people know about the group conscience
  - Eric K. agrees to lead this group conscience and rewrite the announcement in the binder to let people know this is happening **ON AUGUST 3**
- Discussion to use the actual Unity AA FB Page as opposed to Our Gang
- It is pointed out that this based on the 10th tradition, this is an outside issue

#### **Old Business**

- No old biz

#### **Committee Reports**

- Secretary - Amy B.
- Accessibilities - Morgan G.-not present
- Literature - Shane-not present
- Central Office Rep - Laura M.-not present
- GSR- Franklin
  - I attended Area Assembly on June 22 and 23 in Sedalia. Shoutout to Tyler G, Blake R, Janice P, Casey M and Jenna W for coming out to represent Unity and assist our district with hosting! Good fun and fellowship was had!
  - -Debbie H gave her Delegate report from the 74th GSC. Some highlights:
    - Plain Language Big Book was approved with some small changes
    - Literature Committee is reading through 250-300 stories for inclusion in the 5th edition Big Book
    - Grapevine is operating at a 7-figure loss
      - I submitted a motion, with the support of our Area and District, to the General Service Board that Grapevine and La Viña be:
        - printed in Black and White instead of full color and/or
        - printed on a lower quality of paper and/or
        - printed on a lower basis weight of paper and/or
        - printed by a company with the capability to print inside pages on newsprint (like the P73 Final Conference Report)

- Shoutout to Carl R for providing Unity with photos and documentation of putting together our 25th and 30th anniversary parties! They will soon live in our Area Archives
- If anyone is planning to attend the International Conference in Vancouver next summer, please let me know as I plan to attend
- Next District 6 meeting is Sunday July 21 at 1:30 at Group 1
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
  - Nothing new but would like to bring up the idea of extending the sobriety requirement from 30 days to 60 days to lead meetings
  - Would also like to address the language used in first step meetings
- T&C - Jenna / Erin
  - Checking in with all leaders (done every 6 months) will update if there are holes to be filled
  - Editing the bulletin board to take up less space
  - District 6 hosting a workshop on TnC Aug.11th at 1:30 @ Group 1–Flier upstairs
- Webmaster - Beth
  - Website up to date with most recent announcements
  - Still a lot of space for Zoom meeting leaders–especially the 8:00pm’s
- Treasurer’s Report - Andrew
  - 5k donations, 3k in expenses–difference 2,230 in the green :)--good news, positive gain
  - We have 4-5k in the bank account, if this trend continues, we will be at around 12k in a few months–to be clear, there is still nothing on top of this–there is NO money in the prudent reserve

## **Business Meeting Date: 6/12/2024**

In-Person Attendees: Morgan, Hannah, Franklin, Meredith, Casey, Madeline, Erin B. Kristin F., Laura, Tyler, Steven, Liz G.

Zoom Attendees: Dave B., Chris, Beth, Lindaloo, Blake

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- If we want a 4th of July party and if so, do we want a coordinator
  - Yes to party,
- Franklin - donation to district to help support hosting Area Assembly in June
  - 17 districts in our area—other groups have pitched in—Franklin is proposing a 1 time \$50 to support getting refreshments for groups since we are hosting the district assembly
    - Motion made for the contribution—motion passed, Unity will be giving the District a 1 time \$50 donation for this event
  - Morgan brought up the idea of how much money we have in our bank account and how low we are so that this should be a consideration when talking about supporting donation type stuff
- Laura - discussion to host the central office meeting at Unity—she will keep us posted on this when it arises
- We are not currently making any money. We have only put 61\$ into the prudent reserve.
  - Kristin brought up an idea of bringing up a suggested \$2 donation with the
  - Motion made to put an announcement in the binder regarding the health of our finances and stating that we will not be purchasing coffee until we have our prudent reserve back
  - Meredith wrote a temporary announcement to put in the binder
- Liz. G. brings up the idea of raising money for anything other than covering our basic expenses (rent, coffee, etc.) and that we should not be raising money for other things
  - Idea of collecting donations at parties rather than collecting donations during the meetings
  - Erin brings up that the food needs to be purchased prior to the party so this could be problematic
  - Kristin brings up the meeting leader rotation and how meeting leaders should be rotated according to the traditions—this will be brought up next biz meeting

#### **Old Business**

- Hannah - Safety Meeting update
  - There was a meeting in which a group conscience was voted on to propose adding a line about 'safety' in the script at Unity meetings
  - Central Office approved language: "Our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting space for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meeting can take place."
  - Suggested Edited version: "Unity provides a safe meeting place free from all forms of harassment, and we encourage everyone to help create a secure and welcoming environment."
  - The edited version passed
- Franklin / Morgan - Anniversary update
- Jenna - PoO update, next meeting June 17th at 7:10

- Plan of Operations: the committee has started making revisions to the PoO. Our next meeting is Monday, June 17, at 7:10pm in Classroom D and on zoom. We'll be going over articles II through VI

### Committee Reports

- Secretary - Amy B.
- Accessibilities - Morgan G.
- Literature - Shane
- Central Office Rep - Laura M.--June 30th 10 am-2pm Central Office picnic at Roeland Park 5535 Juniper
- GSR- Franklin
  - Area delegate report took place last Sunday 6/9. Debbie H shared that the Plain Language translation of the Big Book was approved (with some changes) and that it might be out by the end of the year. I will give a further report on the GSC in July
  - Area Assembly takes place next weekend, June 22-23 in Sedalia. Our district is hosting! Service opportunity: Janice and Blake have volunteered to help out, but we need 2-3 more folks to help brew coffee, work the registration table, and set up for hospitality on Sunday. Gotta get there at about 8 AM, and stay until 1 or 2!
  - Still need folks to take on district committee positions! Also our District Elections are coming up in August so if you would like to serve at that level, start thinking about it!
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
- T&C - Jenna / Erin
  - **Jenna:**
    - District 6 is hosting a T&C Workshop on Sat. August 3rd at 1pm (location TBD). This will be an opportunity for people in groups all over the district to learn more about carrying the message and what opportunities there are
- Webmaster - Beth
  - Added Cash Tag image to home page for convenience
  - Can add poster "announcements" to home page moving forward - 40th bash is there now - just send them to me as needed
  - Meeting Times page updates:
    - Added 7:30 am Meditation meeting times and description
    - Added widgets for newcomers to be able to download the Meeting Finder and the Everything AA apps from our site to help get them quick, free resources and hopefully help keep them involved and coming back
- Treasurer's Report - Andrew
  - \$2,988

## **Business Meeting Date: 5/8/2024**

In-Person Attendees: Morgan G; Casey; Beth W; Chris F; Hannah; Nikki; Franklin; Blake R; Steven; Kristen F; Andrew; Allyson; Laura M; Jenny; Jenna W; Sharon; Liz G; Chad; David; Patrick

Zoom Attendees: Lindaloo; Amy K.

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- Hall Cleaning Date - This Saturday 5/11/24 from 11am-3pm
- Need a Volunteer to coordinate Memorial Day Picnic
  - Motion made and passed to have MDP (Steven S volunteered)
- Andrew - Heartland asked for 2 big books - can I take two? Group member will donate.
- Discussion to host Central Office meeting at Unity - Laura M.
  - 1x/month different groups sponsor these Central office monthly meetings. Laura wants to propose us hosting one this year as a service opportunity
  - Need a room for 1 hour
  - Need to know if we provide zoom link or if they do because it's a hybrid meeting
  - Is there interest, will it cost us, what do we need etc
  - Morgan asked regarding space - Laure mentioned classroom D size would suffice
  - Jenna is a fan
  - Franklin suggested if they're in the red we could maybe donate payment if payment required for the church
  - Casey asks if group would be ok with this?
  - Morgan - we need to inquire on cost bc we don't have a prudent reserve
  - These meetings are held on Sundays at 1pm
  - **Conclusion** - Laura is going to bring us all more info
- Purchasing new banners for Speaker meeting - Sara P.
  - No info yet on cost, can push discussing to next month or banners might be donated
  - Steven - need to be fixed vs. new
- Hannah - Some people have not been feeling safe during and after meetings; I'd like to suggest something added to our script before meetings
  - Safety card - Short form of tradition 1 -
  - Another sugg. From young pp's meeting - our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting environment for all attendees
  - Both above were procured from Central Office
  - Can we hold a group conscience on adding something like this to our openings
  - Liz proposed we schedule a group conscience on this
  - Nikki - has attended the mtg at the young pp's group and feels this messaging has been effective.
  - Morgan - I'd be willing to partner with Hannah to schedule group conscience and look into details and discussion
  - Jenna - in our plan of operations - there is a guide on how to have a group conscience - it's on the website
  - Sara P - we have to announce the group conscience with the time frame detailed in the Plan of Ops. - "no less than 2 weeks notice"
  - Motion raised by Hannah and group Passed to schedule Group Conscience

- Nikki - have we every considered Venmo? Sara P - there's a reason we don't and just use Cash App

### Old Business

- Anniversary Update (next planning meeting 5/11 at 3pm) - Franklin / Morgan
  - On Zoom
  - Anniversary party is on June 15th
  - At 2 on the anniversary we'll have 3 panels
    - Protecting the individual: Financially, Sexually, Religiously
    - LGBTQ in Recovery
    - Service (Inside and Outside the Group)
  - At 5pm - Archives Committee chairmen's going to present on history and on Unity
  - Speakers at 6pm
  - Live music from a member and
- Plan of Operations Update next meeting Monday 5/13 at 7:05pm
  - Unity AA is reviewing it's Plan of Operations
  - Document tells us how we operate as a steering committee, definitions of group officers, how to have a group conscience
  - Met last monday to get a team together whos willing to do this
  - This monday 5/13 at 7pm we'll go through in detail
  - Every two week's we're going to go through and revise another page
  - Exciting and a lot of opportunities to go through and make changes and better our operations
  - Once we get our revisions, we'll share with group to look through before bringing to business meeting

### Committee Reports

- Secretary - Amy B.
  - Nothing to report!
- Accessibilities - Morgan G.
  - Nothing to report!
  - Jenny - there's a new man on Wednesdays in a wheelchair from the welcome house and folks have been having a meeting downstairs for him; is this something we could add
  - Franklin - has anyone directed him to other accessible meetings around the city from the meetings app (Group 1 has an accessible noon for example)
- Literature - Shane
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- Central Office Rep - Laura M.
  - Did you know there's a speaker's bureau at central office - you can sign up here and when other groups need a speaker they can reference this and ask for those to be of service and share their experience strength
  - Learned from other groups: Picnic at Roeland park - other groups post on Central office's website for their large gatherings
  - Bill's friends is having a new young person's meeting and a women's only meeting Monday 7:30 pm
  - Central office \$1500 positive this month
- GSR- Franklin
  - Our Area 39 delegate Debbie attended GSC; find her snapshot summary [here](#) and attend her report on June 9 at 1:30 PM at Group 1 to hear more!
  - District 6 is hosting the Area 39 Assembly June 22-23. Would love if a carful of folks went down to Sedalia on Saturday June 22 to be of service!

- Jenna is our new districts
  - Still have several committee positions open at the district level; the next District 6 meeting is at 1:30 PM on May 19 at Group 1
  - Still soliciting any thoughts on the proposed agenda item for the 75th GSC regarding Grapevine: find it [here](#)
  - YPAA has Big Book study meetings now at 7:30 PM, Mondays at Group 1
  - Unity is performing a skit at Real Recovery at 7:30 PM on Wednesday May 29! 3735 Wabash Ave
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
  - Interest in changing the length of sobriety time required to be a meeting leader back to 3 months since it was lowered a few years ago to 1 month (from 3 months)
    - Morgan - is there something that triggered you wanting to increase the required time back to 3 months
    - Casey - let's come back to this in a moment
    - Jenny - thinks 30 days is too few - can't chair if you don't know how to chair; money handling;
    - Sara P - lowered to help newcomers get involved and give opps to be of service; people with more time can say something - not everything is on the meeting leader as they are a volunteer ; folks sponsors can help them know
    - Franklin - leading a meeting as soon as he could helped his sobriety immensely
    - Hannah - split diff to 60 days
    - Sara p - plan of ops says 30 days, come to meeting monday
  - Non AA announcements in binder - items being placed there that are not related to AA or sometimes even sobriety
    - Plan of operations doesn't cover this, it's vague
    - Encourages to join Jenna's team to potentially include this in the new revisions for the Plan of Op.s
    - Sara P. - as meeting leader liaison in the past, my job to put the announcement in the binder, leave for 10 days unless group conscience; announcements are allowed to be there if they are AA related period (other groups parties, etc)
- T&C - Jenna / Erin
  - Unity has started taking a meeting to ReStart (at 9th & Harrison) on Fridays at 6pm. We need more people to carry the message.
  - Erin & Jenna will reorganize the bulletin board soon so that the T&C info is displayed more clearly. We may need to invest in a bigger dry-erase board bc we're going so many places
- Webmaster - Beth
  - Website up to date, all emails answered - nothing much to report
  - Anything anyone would like to see? Feedback?
- Treasurer's Report - Andrew
  - Nearly \$4k credits, nearly \$4k in debits
  - Net diff \$260 in the green
  - Hannah - what is the prudent reserve of this group supposed to be
    - Morgan 2 months rent - > \$4k
    - We have ~\$1500

## **Business Meeting Date: 4/10/2024**

In-Person Attendees: Franklin, Morgan G., Sara P., Liz G., Allison, Patrick, Andrew, Nick, Laura M., Carl, Jenna, Tyler G., David, Steven, Steve S., Tyler, Meredith, Tim, Chris F., Tom D., Amy B.

Zoom Attendees: Beth W., Lindaloo

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- Beth W- Meeting Leader Guidelines- Saturday Speaker meeting- (Allowing enough time for both celebrants to speak)
  - Meredith suggested the meeting leader talk to speakers in advance, tell them to go until 6:35 and at that time, the meeting leader will then signal to the 1st speaker to transition to the second speaker.
  - Sara P. said she is the current leader for this meeting, she will implement the above suggestion.
- Chris F- Posting CashApp QR Code to meeting leader basket/ discussion
  - Motion made and pass to add printed QR code to meeting basket
- We need to revisit Plan of Operations- Need committee chair to volunteer
  - Jenna volunteered to lead committee

#### **Old Business**

- Franklin/ Morgan- 40th Anniversary Update
  - Committee met for the first time and decided to hold the celebration on June 15th Chuck P. is sta
  - Committee will meet again next Thursday the 18th at 7:05pm to continue planning
- Liz G- Meditation zoom update- Do we want to continue/ add to the website?
  - Motion made and passed to add this to the website
- Casey checked with Church about having “Real Recovery” rehearsal every Sunday until end of May \$1,750.00
  - Sara P. spoke on behalf of the committee and said that this is no longer needed
- Jenna- Update about hosting potlucks on a Saturday night
  - Jenna spoke with the church and found out that the cost would be 50\$ per potluck. With events, construction, etc. This likely won't be feasible to start until July. We will revisit the idea at the next meeting.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Secretary - Amy B.
- Accessibilities - Morgan G.
  - May be proposing a subcommittee to help look at addressing the Grapevine issue
- Literature - Shane
  - Central Office is still out of hardcover Big Books, he will continue to check on this and get more when they are back in stock
- Central Office Rep - Laura M.
  - Will report in May what happens in April (the meeting is this coming weekend)
  - We still have the central office cell phone, that is going well.
- GSR- Franklin
  - Grapevine is deeply in the red
  - June 9th Group 1–1:30 Our Delegate is giving her report for the general conference

- There are no committee positions filled at the district level—4 year sobriety requirement—if interested, there is a meeting the 3rd Sunday of every month at 1:30 at Group 1
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
  - Nothing new to report
- T&C - Jenna / Erin
  - Our commitment at Benilde Hall is changing to the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm. Benilde Hall is a men's treatment facility. We could use more men to attend this meeting.
  - Starting on May 3rd, we will be taking a meeting to ReStart on Fridays at 6pm. ReStart provides services to people experiencing homelessness. We are looking for Unity AA members who can commit to go once a month.
- Webmaster - Beth
  - Website up to date, all emails answered
  - Added "On Awakening" page in the About section
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- Treasurer's Report - Andrew
  - Netted 572\$ for the last month. Trend in account is down. Prudent reserve basically nonexistent.

**Items on the horizon:**

- Hall cleaning date- Likely will be scheduled in May 2024.
- Group Inventory—Franklin will lead with Erin B.'s support since she organized it last round (last presented 11/2022)
- Review/ Update Plan of Operations—Jenna offered to head the committee (last done 06/2021)

## **Business Meeting Date: 3/13/2024**

In-Person Attendees: Casey, Erin, Chris, Morgan, David, Laura, Franklin, Steven, Andrew, Jenna, Wade, Arthur, Linda Ioo, Sharon, Rich, Sarah, Charles, Blake,

Zoom Attendees: Beth

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- Who is raising: Steven
  - Meeting leader workshop March 30th 7:05
- Rich-acting troop Sundays 3-5 want to rent space- will Unity pay for it? Casey to ask church what the charge would be
- Morgan-decreasing contribution from 200 to 100 to 4 entities. Shane made a motion, it was seconded. It failed.

#### **Old Business**

- **Franklin - Anniversary Party** - suggestion to save the speaker meeting 6/15 for Unity's 40th celebration on. Motion made and passed.
- Lease Committee Update (read by Casey, provided by Amy—sorry it's long y'all, but I felt this deserved the time and research:): As mentioned last month; the lease committee went over the lease draft and the decision was made to do some research around the KC metro to see how other groups were handling the issue of a space agreement/lease.
  - Point 1: After researching (asking other groups in the area if they have leases or not—both at District and Area) it was found that only ONE (The Paseo Group) other group has a lease agreement. They shared that it has been problematic because they have not been able to find a way to sign on behalf of the whole group, so their treasurer has to be the one to sign the document—which has made it challenging for them to get and retain treasurers.
  - Point 2: This prompted me to do some more thorough research on AA's concepts and traditions, which brought me to the **long form** of tradition 6 ("An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose"). Several hyperlinks are included here if people want to look at these readings more in depth. In an [Editorial written by Bill W. \(A.A. Grapevine, May 1948\)](#), he states: We explain this easily enough; we don't need money. The core of our A.A. procedure is "one alcoholic talking to another," whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, not the alms. That does our work. Just places to meet and talk, that's about all A.A. needs. Trivial indeed, our expenses! As we neither need nor want money, why risk its hazards? We'd rather stay poor. Thanks just the same!"
    - There is another Grapevine article on Tradition 6 that has a powerful statement: "We (the AA group) decided that, no matter how exciting and how needed such business enterprises were (e.g. a lease in our case), an AA group ought to stay out of them, because discussions of money, property, and prestige kept us wildly distracted from the Twelve Steps."
  - These meeting minutes are published on the Unity AA website so please see "[Traditions Checklist](#)" for more guidance on this where it specifically mentions an AA group leasing

a small building—These questions \* were originally published in Grapevine in conjunction with a series of articles on the Twelve Traditions that ran from November 1969 to September 1971. While they were originally intended as suggestions for individual use, many AA groups have since adopted them and use them as a basis for wider discussion.

- My conclusion after this research is not to continue pursuing the lease option and to keep operating the same way we have been—which is in good faith with Unity Temple. This is just my informed suggestion, but if others feel strongly about this—I am happy to pass the baton on this issue to said folks.
- Discussion about the need for an agreement since our rent has increased 20%
- Zoom meditation meeting has been happening. Discussion. Erin said it should not be happening if the group is not aware of it. Andrew said it was a public link and anyone could do anything they wanted with it. Motion made to continue it if an announcement is made so all members know about it for the next 30 days.

### **Committee Reports**

- Secretary - Amy B.
  - Wants to thank Erin B. for stepping in to take notes this eve 😊
- Accessibilities - Morgan G.
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- Literature - Shane
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- Central Office Rep - Laura M.
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- GSR- Franklin
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- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
  - Meeting Leader meeting
- T&C - Jenna / Erin
  - Nothing new to report
- Webmaster/Proxy - Beth / Chris
  - Nothing new to report
  - Website is up to date—if anyone catches anything that isn't—let Beth know.
- Treasurer's Report - Andrew (Report is online for further reference)

## **Business Meeting Date: 2/14/2024**

In-Person Attendees: Casey, David, Morgan, Beth, Keith H., Amy B., Meredith, Allison, Shane, Tyler G., Jenna, Sara P., Andrew, Liz G., Janice P.

Zoom Attendees: Lindaloo

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **New Business**

- Who is raising: Jenna
  - Monthly potluck following Saturday speaker meetings to fellowship and celebrate people who got a coin that month
  - The idea of forming a committee to plan in more detail
  - The idea of having a person who coordinates these and potentially other social events
  - Action Taken? Jenna will check to see if the Temple Space is available/costs associated
- Who is raising: Liz G.
  - 7am Zoom meeting for 20 minutes to do page 86 & 87 together—daily group meditation
  - Marinate on it, reach out to Liz G. if interested
- Who is raising: Sara P.
  - Issue: Bringing back the party planner as a trusted servant position
  - See 'items on the horizon...'

#### **Old Business**

- Amy B: lease committee update
  - Lease subcommittee met and went over all comments on the lease draft. There is a version almost ready to be shared but this group feels that it is best to do some research/talk to other local AA groups who operate out of churches or rented spaces to see how they do this part of business before bringing the doc back to the trusted servants. Volunteers needed for this research task.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Secretary - Amy B.
  - Officially on bank account as of 1/23 😊
- Accessibilities - Morgan G.
  - Nothing to report.
- Literature - Shane
  - Made 2 purchases, 565\$ & 168.50\$
  - Sara P. made the suggestion that we designate a certain number of how many of each book we keep in stock in order to have a better idea of what literature spending looks like in a more predictable way.
  - Based on the 108\$ that was brought in for literature donations—it would seem that we should keep a stock of 10-12 Big Books
- Central Office Rep - Laura M.
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- GSR/Alt GSR - Franklin/Janice
  - I attended the District 6 meeting on January 21st at Group 1. 9 people were present.
  - Sunday, March 3 at 1:30 PM at Group 1, our Area Delegate Debbie H will host an in-person Town Hall to discuss potential changes to the founders' writings (this is all hypothetical!!! There are no planned changes.).
  - The next District 6 meeting will be on February 18 at 1:30 PM at Group 1. All are encouraged to attend. Franklin will be leading a workshop on Concept 1; moving forward, we will study one concept a month.

- I attended the Area 39 Panel 73 January 2024 Assembly on January 27th and 28th in Sedalia, MO.
- We began with a sharing session for new GSRs to remind us that the primary purpose of our position is to be the link between our group and GSO, and the purpose of these assemblies is to disseminate information to GSRs for us to bring back to our home groups.
- I attended sessions with the Archives committee, the Literature committee, the technology committee, the Grapevine committee, a workshop overview of the Grapevine app, and heard reports from
  - GSRs in Districts 8-17 and DCMs from all 16 districts in our Area.
  - In the archives committee, we discussed the importance of conducting oral interviews for the archives with long-timers and the vitality of saving documents for our group archives (located at Group 1). Also, pretty neat: Cheri (our Area archivist) found sugar rations for Group 1 to have sugar in their coffee in 1942, during the war!
  - In the technology committee, we were reminded to check our district and area websites for accurate meeting types and times.
  - I emailed district webmaster to make the following changes to our district website:
    - Closed meetings Sunday at noon
    - ADA meetings now only on Wednesdays at 6 in the Heritage room
    - No more ASL interpreter for speaker meeting
    - And to make the following changes to the Area 39 website:
      - Closed meetings Sunday at noon
      - Wheelchair access meetings Wednesday and Saturday at 6
      - Tuesday 6 PM and 8 PM are also open meetings
  - In the literature committee, at next GSC (April, Panel 74) they are getting a full day to look at the Plain Language translation of the Big Book. Debbie will have a report from that at the June assembly.
  - **Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7:05 PM**, I would like to hold a group conscience to discuss any possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s Founders. I will take my notes from that conversation back to Debbie to inform her for her sharing session at GSC as part of an Area conscience. I have two sets of questions from different committees we can use as guideposts for this discussion.
  - Morgan made a motion that Franklin can hold a group conscious if he would like to. Beth W seconds. All in favor.
  - Unity had been sending our checks for Area to the wrong address; Andrew now has the correct one (sorry!).
  - Lastly, GSO has put out a call for stories for a new pamphlet. If you feel as though you are part of a group whose stories are underrepresented in the literature, please don't hesitate to write and submit one!
    - <https://wamo-aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/DYTYD-Call-for-Stories.pdf>
    - Yours in Service, Franklin
- Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
  - Not present this eve
- T&C - Jenna / Erin
  - We had a T&C info session last week. Great event, about 20 people showed up—a mix of people currently doing T&C and those who are interested in finding out more. We signed a few new people up to take meetings; there are still a few spots that need to be filled. The goal would be to host something like this on a recurring basis.
- Webmaster - Beth
  - Website is mostly up to date—if anyone catches anything that isn't—let Beth know.
  - Still needs a few Zoom leaders; there is an announcement up online (The 8pm is one that is having trouble getting leaders).
- Treasurer's Report - Andrew (Report is online for further reference)
  - Data entered into treasurer's report, which is on the Unity AA website.
  - Wix bill needs to be paid—it is around 300\$, but we do not have a way to pay it yet

without a BOA bank card (which we are still waiting for). Morgan has agreed to pay the bill (and be reimbursed) while we wait for the bank card so it doesn't look 'fishy; for him to make a payment and then reimburse himself.

- Casey will not be able to attend in April—he is suggesting Franklin can lead as our GSR. We will discuss more next month.

## **Business Meeting Date: 1/9/2024**

In-Person Attendees: Morgan G., Beth W., Franklin, Casey, Jenna, Allison, Madeline, Liz G., Tyler G. Blake R., Laura M., Steven, Bailey, Sara P., Andrew, Erin B., Anna K.

Zoom Attendees: Amy B., Eric K., Amy K., Shane, Lindaloo, Tom D., Kate M.

### **Agenda Topics**

#### **Group Inventory Question**

- #10 - Does Unity AA emphasize the importance of preserving anonymity both at in person and on zoom?
  - 80% yes

Discussion about instances of people who aren't in AA attending meetings.

Posting pics from events on Our Gang and the issue of anonymity of that. The suggestion was to ask people for their permission prior to posting

#### **New Business**

- Who is raising: Casey
  - Issue: Next biz meeting on 2/14, should we move the date?
  - Action Taken? Movement/votes: No need to change the date
  - Next Steps: None
- Who is raising: Franklin
  - Issue: Strawberry Hill needs Big Books
  - Action Taken? Sara P. makes motion to get books. Group approves.
  - Next Steps: 2 soft cover Big Books will be purchased and sent to SH
- Who is raising: Sara P.
  - Changing names on bank account
  - Date has been set for 1/23 to change names to reflect those that should be on the account given the change in positions (Casey, Andrew, Amy Brown)
- Central Office Phone
  - Laura M. will update if we are needed to cover again

#### **Old Business**

- Amy B: lease committee update
  - Lease subcommittee met and Eric K. has agreed to work on drafting a lease for the larger committee to look at at next month's meeting.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Secretary - Amy B.
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- Accessibilities - Morgan G.
  - Nothing new to report.
  - Heritage Room is just happening on Wednesdays.
  - Having preliminary discussions about celebrating Unity AA's 40th Anniversary.
- Literature - Shane
  - Case of Big Books, Case of 12 & 12s, Case of Daily Reflections- 565\$ total
- Central Office Rep - Laura M.
  - They do not meet until next week. Report on this to come next month.
- GSR/Alt GSR - Franklin/Janice
  - Notes from 12/16 District 6 meeting (courtesy Janice)
    - Unity SE at 34th and Meyer house homeless - might need a mtg. — more info

- coming but might need volunteers etc
      - Live and Let Live is needing attendance help. Worried about shutting their doors. Wednesday and Friday at 8pm and Sunday noon. Located at 3801 Wyandotte.
      - KC group #1 83rd anniversary is in April.
      - Next district meeting is Sun. Jan 21 at 1:30 PM at Group 1.
    - YPAA Missouri State Conference is coming to KC in 2025!
    - Area 39 Assembly coming up Sat/Sun Jan. 27-8. Find agenda [here](#). Franklin plans to attend Archives, Corrections, Grapevine, Literature, MO State sessions.
    - Unity will be supporting Real Recovery, a new AA group founded in the district, at their First Annual Souper Alcathon from noon-midnight on Sat. Jan 13. Speakers from Unity will share in the 3:30-4:30 block. Real Recovery meets Wednesday from 7-8:30 PM at 3735 Wabash Ave.
  - Meeting Leader Liaison - Steven
    - Updated Leader Board. Planning to put an announcement in the binder for open slots including Greeter positions.
  - T&C - Jenna / Erin
    - Plans to reach out to the current roster to see who is planning to continue their commitment as well as reaching out to the sites to make sure needs are still being met, etc.
  - Webmaster - Beth
    - Has updated all website stuff, updated info and contacted this round of Zoom meeting leaders. Working on cleaning things up more and will have more updates next month.
    - There was a question raised about when we need to pay for the website—Beth is going to inquire with Kat and let us know.
      - Answer - payment is annual
  - Treasurer's Report - Sara P. (Report is online for further reference)
    - 262ish\$ positive, FINAL PAYMENT made to ASL of \$450

Announcement made by Allison: Activities Club is planning (Feb. 3) an activity club—chili cookoff after speaker meeting in the large temple space, they are raising their own money to fund it/people will provide food potluck style.

**Business Meeting Date: 11/8/2023**

Date: November 8, 2023	In-Person Attendees: Casey, Samantha, Sara P., Amy B., Erin Boosh, Franklin, David, Laura M., River, Charles, Jenna, Shane, Tyler G., Tom D., Steven, Andrew, Kristin, Beth, Chris	Zoom Attendees: Morgan G., Kat, Kate M., Amy K.
Group Inventory Question	#8 Does Unity communicate its activities and service opportunities effectively?	88% yes 10% no 2% don't know David reads a statement about the inventory and the types of communication being employed (eg Our Gang, text threads, etc.)
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accessibilities</li> <li>● Literature</li> <li>● Central Office Rep</li> <li>● GSR</li> <li>● Meeting Leader Liaison</li> <li>● T&amp;C</li> <li>● Webmaster</li> <li>● Treasurer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Just had time for treasurers report: 3,144\$ in bank account with 1,200\$ as prudent reserve</li> </ul>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rent increase</li> <li>● Heritage room Meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elections, positions start 1/1, 2 year commitment to run until 12/31/2025</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Secretary-Amy B.</li> <li>● Literature-Shane</li> <li>● Treasurer-Andrew</li> <li>● Meeting Leader Liaison-Steven</li> <li>● Webmaster-Beth</li> </ul>

**Business Meeting Date: 10/11/2023**

<p><b>Date: October 11, 2023</b></p>	<p>In-Person , Casey, Laura, Samantha, Franklin, Shane, Janise, Jen, Sara, Meredith, Laura, Andrew, Megan, D Amy, Bill, Errin, Kate, Tom, Steve, Tyler, Tim, Maggie, Francie</p>	<p>Zoom Attendees: None</p>
<p><b>Group Inventory Question</b></p>	<p>#7–Diversity question: Does Unity AA attract alcoholics from diverse backgrounds? Novembers Meeting will be on #8 -</p>	<p>Discussed the various ways we are diverse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Read through comments</li> <li>- 81 % Yes</li> <li>- 8 % No</li> <li>- 11 % Unsure</li> </ul>
<p><b>Committee Reports</b></p>	<p>Meeting Leader, Casey</p> <p>Accessibilities, Morgan G.-</p> <p>Literature, Amy K.-</p> <p>Central Office Rep, Stacey S.</p> <p>GSR, Franklin (Alt. Janice)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report Checking on new checking account to save from over Draft fees Under Unity Group Name ( split account money for )</li> <li>- Report Meeting leaders needed for vacant spots in Heritage Room and Saturday 8 pm</li> <li>- Report We have received 24 hr coins</li> <li>- Report Stacey is unable to fulfill term and Laura sworn in as intern COR Jenna is helping out with CO phone commitment For November</li> <li>- Report - From committees Literature Grapevine, app is out ( \$2.99 m or \$30 a yr ) Archives, motion to host 26 26 NAC in K.C. WAMO, Colors of Fall in Branson, Oct 27 - 29 Other items, ad-hoc Committee District Meeting coming up</li> </ul>

	<p>Meeting Leader Liaison, Amy</p> <p>T&amp;C, Erin B. &amp; Jenna-</p> <p>Webmaster, Kat-</p> <p>Treasurer's Report (August), Sara P.-</p>	<p>- Report - None Unable to attend</p> <p>- Report Mostly good Hole in Heartland T&amp;C -Possibly filled -Strawberry Hill - No takers</p> <p>- Report Meeting Leader ? Will file to Unity Secretary Report</p> <p>- Report Setting aside \$300 ? Borrowing from one account to pay another Squaring away all treasury Issues by end of year for new treasurer End of year Unity Party Fund - excess ASL - Interpreter - Balance Owed ( \$ 800 ) ASL to be updated in Nov.</p>
Group Inventory Question		
Old Business		
New Business	<p>Elections in November</p> <p>Unity AA - 40th Anniversary</p> <p>Holiday Alcathon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Thanks Giving</li> <li>- Christmas</li> <li>- NewYears Eve</li> </ul>	<p>Positions open for election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Secretary</li> <li>- Literature</li> <li>- Treasurer</li> <li>- Meeting leader Liason</li> </ul> <p>Morgan and Franklin To head a committee to get it rolling, Also looking for one of the co-founders of the Group</p> <p>Kat and Morgan to organize The events Leader sign-up sheets etc.</p>

**Business Meeting Date: 9/13/2023**

<p>Date: September 13, 2023</p>	<p>In-Person Attendees: Casey, Sara P., Jenna, Kat, Tom D., Tyler G., Franklin, Bill, Tim L., River, Laura M., Steven, Liz G., Amy K., Samantha, Amy B., Meredith, David, Madeline, Anthony, Erin B.</p>	<p>Zoom Attendees: Morgan, Lindaloo, Susan H.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accessibilities, Morgan G.-</li> <li>● Literature, Amy K.-</li> <li>● Central Office Rep., Stacey S.-</li> <li>● GSR, Franklin (Alt. GSR, Janice)-</li> <li>● Meeting Leader Liaison, Amy B.-</li> <li>● T&amp;C, Erin B. &amp; Jenna-</li> <li>● Webmaster, Kat-</li> <li>● Treasurer's Report (August), Sara P.-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nothing to report</li> <li>● Need 1 month coins and Big Books, will make arrangements to get these picked up; will order new business cards to reflect new meeting schedule</li> <li>● Central Office Phone—commitment moved to November</li> <li>● Sedalia area conference coming up, planning to go to hear about the 5th Ed and Common Language Big Book updates—District Rep; El Paso Regional Meeting happening</li> <li>● Updating New leader cycle on board, updating script and distributing meeting leader meeting agenda and notes to new meeting leaders</li> <li>● Updates being made to T&amp;C whiteboard—trouble recruiting meeting leaders for T&amp;C</li> <li>● Webmaster updates for new cycle meeting leaders on Zoom and updating new meeting times on the Unity AA website</li> <li>● Treasurer's report on website, positive 1411.31\$</li> </ul>
<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Secretary position needs an interim to serve until 12/31 (elections occur in November)</li> <li>● Update on phone</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Steven offered to help out as interim secretary with support</li> <li>● Unity AA will have the central office phone in</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on budget committee</li></ul>	<p>November--will work out details next month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jenna is working on a simplified new format for budget proposals that includes suggestions for different categories as well as a section for non-monthly expenses we want to save money for</li></ul>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Erin brought up the semantics of 30, 60, 90 days for sobriety 'birthdays'--feels that it should be changed to 1 month, 2 months, 3 months</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A motion was made to vote (and seconded)--wording changed passed with 9 in favor--Amy B. will update the script</li></ul>