

Mini-Conference Afternoon Session | Committee Meeting Agenda Notes

Date: March 9th, 2024

Secretary :Shelley B.

Yvette D. (Floor manager) - work with hotel staff, any issues with hotel and banquet.

Donna K.- (Conference Chair) Go through agenda items on committees.

1. "Agenda" Committee | chair Tamara

Agenda E - discuss progress on conference approval part b) conference schedule review. **No VOTE.**

Recommendation: Suggested to provide a more detailed summary for financial savings and show where that cost savings ended up.

Agenda G - review conference inventory plan for 2025 General Service Conference

VOTE: Motion to review 2 year review and was 2nd. All 15 members approved. The 2024 conference committee on Agenda reviewed the conference inventory plan and we appreciate the work. The 2024 Agenda committee suggested and voted based on simple majority, to maintain a 2-year review on inventory for the GS conference; thus keeping the investment of time at a minimum

- Comment what is the inventory? Hard to have comment when was not in committee.

-Comment basic questions as a whole, mistrust placed toward service board and regular inventory can hold board accountable.

VOTE | Passed with substantial anonymity.

2. "Finance and Grapevine" | chair Anne

Agenda D- Explore the services provided by the AA Grapevine and how they should be funded. Products that have been added. LaVina YouTube and Instagram. Grapevine Podcast. Explore as they are both in deficit. \$91,390 in total costs. **No VOTE**

3. "Finance and Grapevine" | chair Anne

Agenda C - changing literature. Wanted to come thru delegates.

a) yes =9 No =6 Pass=1

Many said founders wanted clarity so they might not mind changes, but we still think the first 164 shouldn't be changed.

b) Yes =15 No =2 Pass= 2

Its effective when you have a sponsor guiding you. The plain language big book will solve the problem for people who don't understand it, there are words or changing a message that would offend

c) Preserve spirit of the message but change = 3

Preserve first 164 pages and use other means =9

Have a home group discussion about questions and issues with Big Book =1

d)Current process work and need good communication = pass 4

FOR = 6 Against =7 Pass =8 (Review Process Only)

4. Policy/Admissions

Discuss report on the equitable distribution of workload plan be implemented for the 2024 General Service Conference

NO VOTE - Recommended that the EDW plan be implemented for the 2024. GSC

-comment under impression that the EDW was a pilot and we recommendation that we want it to be official.

VOTE | Implement for 2024 service Conference | MOTION PASSES

5. **minority opinion**

-comment are we doing too much? Why do we need an EDW

-comment sounds good but looks like committees do through the year. Defer to the office, not right as fellowship to do their job

Vote to revoke | For = 10 Against = minority passes (Implementation of EDW passes)

Agenda K- Consider revised proposal to develop an AAWS Instagram Account

Discussion NO VOTE

6. Treatment and Accessibilities | Review report on what resources are currently available from the GSO and Grapevine that meets accessibility resources

Agenda F| **NOT actionable**

Recommendation

Agenda F | Discuss Guidelines or parameters (Should this be a considered 19 in favor and 0 opposed. Discussion only and NO VOTE

FLOOR ACTION | Consider whether trusted servants, US & Candidates given the choice of email or post mail?

Comment - Don't they have a choice and if they do not why? have the choice to have email.

Comment - brought motion forward as he is working with GSRs and DCM's. The last mailing of issue 2022, unable to see how a major policy decision is not guided by GSR and taken into consideration. The 4th concept of affective parties is employed for implementation for this decision and was made without the GSR's without being vetted.

Comment - Day to day operations by the office and does not affect meetings.

Comment - Due to economic resources in lower income areas are left out. Feel like there's not an option

Comment - excited to hear discussion, considering at area level. Hear feedback from NY office if there was a precedent for the areas.

Comment - Always a way to make things work, need to learn. Use your sources.

Comment- Discussed the money that is being saved because cutting out this and that, why not send out to people that request it. Mail it out with extra money.

Comment - Information of spiritual growth via email to learn

Comment - HAVE an option.

Comment - printing has nothing to do with printing its budget. Consider

Comment - Paper and paper products have gone up 45% across the board including shipping.

Comment - prefer to book only if you can't get an email.

Comment - podcast vs printing

Comment - Arbitrary decision that Service office decided without consensus. Bigger question of GSO making decisions without GSR's

(Factor comes down to budget factors and production, including publishing. This is not an advisory action but can request or have discussion albeit this is for Finance Board.)

VOTE | FOR- 65 AGAINST - 4

VOTE | FOR 63 Against -7

Minority opinion - basic business decision, it has become an accessibility issue and if they do not have access can have it provided as it has been shifted to Accessibilities. Pass but it's been addressed this is not our charge and should move on. Approve it is a business decision. Attitude of acceptance that its a business decision.

MOTION PASSES

7. "Literature" | Chair Joe

Agenda E - Review progress report on the development of translated in Spanish **No VOTE**

Agenda H - Progress report on the video animation of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated."

Costs associated but consensus goes with option 1, the more expensive version is recommended. The English, French and Spanish would have it dubbed cost \$9,962. Discussion only. - comment, you want to do the whole thing, voice over French and the words also as French in the event that they are deaf.

Agenda K : Consider a request that words "Donations and "Contribution" be swapped under Warranty one in "The Twelve Concepts Illustrations". **No vote, albeit vote that the wording is wrong and decided that wanted that ED was the spirit of how group wanted him to take it how to NEW YORK. Voted that agree the wording "so long as we refuse to take outside donations and limit individual members contributions, we shall not become wealthy in any perilous sense."**

VOTE 11 for and No's 3.

- comment donations makes AA sound like a charity and AA is not a charity.

-comment First no action then went to recommendation and moved to a vote.

-comment proposal to change members donations did not like members donations because they are making a contribution to AA. By the time this proposal came up, was changed but was changed from contributions to member. Donations from outside and contributions from members.

- comment said NO because what they are doing is changing outside contributions and those are those that are non-alcoholic.

VOTE | ALL FOR 63 OPPOSED 10 PASSED

Minority at Mike - No if you are going to go down road to change, then you are going to change the literature and changes everything.

VOTE TO REVOTE | Passed to revote

- **Comment** World wide vote is the only way to change something in the 12 Traditions.

-Comment Take short form of 12 traditions. (wording between short and long form) Does not say we can not accept contribution carrying any contribution is unwise. NO strings attached

-comment changing all the literature, would be used up prior to any changes to it. Looking at all the literature by letting the current phase out but changing the tradition is much different.

-comment opposing the change because what they were asked to vote on was inconsistent. The last page, email that came from world service board states pamphlet was revised. Was already revised in 2020 already been done.

-comment does not affect our tradition, talks about internet in pamphlet but literature was the same. We do not have fear on outside issues, we do not accept anything from someone that is not in AA.

-comment Take agenda back to committee and RECOMMIT

VOTE RECOMMIT | 65 <> 2

8.

