

Kansas Area Assembly Alcoholic Anonymous, Inc.

Minutes for Jan. 17, 2015

Note: The minutes of the Kansas Area Assembly are confidential to AA members, so full names are used. Please respect our tradition of anonymity and be careful where you allow copies of the minutes to be displayed.

Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present
Jim Hall (Board chair)	X	Jon Ruhlen (Odd # DCM)	X
Tom Heidler (Alt. chair)	X	Rick Shaffer (Odd #GSR)	X
Mike Hudson (Area chair)	X	Sam Weinberg (Even #DCM)	X
Ken Dubuc (Treas.)	X	Andy Koehn (Even # GSR)	X
David Ruhlen (Sec't)	X		

Opening: Jim Hall opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Roll Call: Jim called the roll. 9 of 9 members were present.

Minutes: The secretary read the minutes of the Oct., 2014 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes by: Ken Dubuc **Second:** Andy Koehn Motion passed.

Office Report: None given.

GSR report:

Andy reported that he & Rick conjointly sent a report of the meeting to all the GSRs. They had not received any feedback.

DCM report:

Jon reported that he'd sent a summary, along with the GSR/DCM orientation Q&A page, to all DCMs. Had not received any feedback.

Treasurer's Report by: Ken Dubuc

Ken reported on the 4th quarter, 2014 figures:

Income from groups	= \$ 5,787.93
Income, from other	= \$ 2,118.00
Income	= \$ 7,905.93 (+8% over same period in 2014)
Expenses	= \$ 6,275.24
Net income	= \$ 1,630.69

Balance sheet	
Current Assets	= \$ 29,876.52
Total liabilities & equity	= \$ 29,876.52

State Conference report (YTD):

Revenues	\$ 60.00
Total expenses	\$ 0.00
Net income	\$ 60.00

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State Conference balance sheet
Assets - Sunflower Bank (\$1,572.97)
Prepaid exp. \$ 221.06
Total Assets (\$1,351.91)
Total equity & liabilities (\$1,351.91)

Old Business:

1) KASO Office phone - discussion

- The office land line was cancelled due to high expense, and that has left the only phone # as being the OM personal cell phone.
- Tom Heidler suggested we use a product called Ooma – a machine that can be any phone # we want, has an answering machine, and would cost less than the \$25 per month we now spend to reimburse OM for use of the cell phone.
- Initial purchase cost is \$131.00, monthly cost after that is \$3.95.
- Mike Hudson reported he'd looked at a similar product at Radio Shack. It was about \$80.00 initial cost.
- Tom proposed we recommend to the Assembly that we let the OM research options and bring her recommendation to the April Committee meeting.

New Business:

1. Mail chimp

- Tom Heidler proposed we start using Mail Chimp, as service that would allow email blasts to all 400+ emails the KASO has to inform AAs in Area 25 of events, such as conferences, district events, and group events. People receiving emails would have the option to unsubscribe if they didn't want to continue getting them.
- The cost would be \$0.00, unless there were in excess of 40,000 emails per month.
- Concerns were raised about confidentiality.
- No recommendation from the board. Area Chair said he'd put this on the Assembly Agenda, as it's an Assembly decision.

2. Proposed 2015 Budget

- Reviewed the proposed budget for 2015, which is \$607.35 less than 2014, except for the \$4,352.00 deficit left over from the 2014 State Conference.
- Jon Ruhlen moved approval. Second: Andy Koehn Approved.

3. Conference loss

- Discussed factors involved in the deficit run by the 2014 State Conference. Biggest problem was not having the minimum of 100 rooms booked for Fri & Sat, which meant we lost the reduced rates for speaker rooms, plus we had to spend more for lodging for the Conference Committee since they weren't local.
- Jim asked the 2015 Conf. Chair to share her plan for avoiding this. Emphasis is being laid on better promotions.
- No recommendations proposed.

4. Prudent reserve

- Proposed we move \$17,000 from the checking account into a CD, noting this leaves the prudent reserve at \$5,000 under the target.
- Mike Hudson moved to do this, 2nd by Rick Shafer. Motion passed.

5. Web site –

- Web chair Virgil Hemel asked permission to explore options for changing who we pay to be our webmaster.
- Ken Dubuc reminded Virgil this is an authority that is written into the job description in the Guidelines. Just ask that he inform us of what he's doing, and if there's a cost, seek approval for that first.

6. State Conference contracting.

- We have a contract for 2016; if we want the same site for 2017, we'll need to be negotiating this contract soon – probably by April Committee meeting.
- Jim Hall noted we need to review this site in October committee meeting, as it was a 3 year experiment, to be reviewed at the end of 3 years.
- David Ruhlen asked that the criteria for this review be formalized and documented.

Jim thanked the Area for allowing him to serve as Board Chair. He offered a challenge that the future Board continue to look at ways to reduce costs, such as returning some of the duties that have been shifted to the KASO Office Manager over the years back to the Area Officers &/or Chairs that use to handle them. He gave examples of looking at whether or not the GFP couldn't be totally handled by the GFP Editor, since it's almost all done by email now anyway.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

David Ruhlen, Area Secretary