

Kansas Area Assembly Alcoholic Anonymous, Inc.
Minutes for Apr 11, 2015

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Attendees	Present	Attendees	Present
Tom Heidler (Board chair)	X	Bob Harrison (Odd # DCM)	X
Mike Rogers (Alt. chair)	X	Kat Miner (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: The Board Chair opened the meeting with reading the Unity Declaration in unison.

Roll Call: Secretary called the roll. All were present except the Even # GSR, who came several minutes later.

Minutes: The secretary read the minutes of the Jan. 2015 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes by: Even # DCM **Second:** Area Chair Motion passed.

Office Report: KASO Office Manager

- \$17,000 moved from checking account to CD to restart the prudent reserve
- Tax form 990 is due May 15; all documents ready to go as soon as CPA is ready to work on them.
- Bulk mail being shipped through Wichita now due to changes in USPO; this is causing an 8-15 day delay in mailings getting to people. Need to adjust due dates to allow for this.
- Researched phone systems. Ooma is the #1 choice. Thru Amazon, it's \$122.00 start up, including taxes, then \$4.50 per month, also including taxes. For 1st year, total cost is \$201.00, then \$54.00 per year following. Recommend this to the Board.

GSR report: None given.

DCM report: None given.

Treasurer's Report by: Area Treasurer

Treasurer reported on the 1st quarter, 2015 figures:

Income from groups	= \$ 7,132.37 (+8% over same period in 2014)
Income from other	= \$ 2,884.25 (+36% over same period in 2014)
Income conferences	= \$ 1,894.59
Income	= \$11,911.21 (+56% over same period in 2014)
Expenses	= \$13,056.84 (+65% over 2014, mostly due to 2014 State Conf. loss)
Net income	= (\$ 1,145.63) (37% less loss than last year)

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Balance sheet
Current Assets = \$ 28,730.89
Total liabilities & equity = \$ 28,730.90

State Conference report (YTD):

Revenues \$ 2,439.00
Total expenses \$ 359.91
Net income \$ 2,079.09

State Conference balance sheet
Assets - Sunflower Bank \$ 5,079.09
Total equity & liabilities \$ 5,079.09

Old Business:

1. KASO Office phone - Approve office manager's recommendation to purchase Ooma.

Moved: Area Treasurer Second: Even # DCM Approved

2. Mail Chimp

- Board chair reviewed the information about this email service, and noted that it had been used 3 times already. There was much discussion about confidentiality and concern about whether the database containing the email addresses and names could be accessed by anyone outside of Area 25.
- Area Chair recommended this be discussed in the full body at Area Assembly in July.
- Board reached consensus on putting this on agenda for July

New Business:

1. Proposal that all emails and anything on the Area Website be anonymity protected. This would include the GFP and the minutes that are emailed out.

- Area Chair brought forth this proposal and Board reached consensus to place this before the Assembly in July.

2. Discussion of cost of Assembly & Committee meetings:

- Board Chair noted that, because there were less than 60 rooms rented at the Quality Inn for the Jan. Assembly meeting, we incurred an additional cost of nearly \$700 for the rent on the meeting room.
- Even # DCM provided information that the hotel only holds our block of rooms until 30 days prior to the meeting. In Jan., many people didn't realize this, and didn't try to get a room until after that deadline. By then, the hotel had released unbooked rooms to the general public, and the hotel was booked up. Need to inform the Assembly to book prior to 30 days out.

3. Plan for rebuilding prudent reserve.

- Area Treasurer asked that he be put on the agenda for July to present some options for rebuilding the prudent reserve, which is now \$5,000 below the target.

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- He went over some figures he'd compiled concerning the cost per group and cost per member for Area and for GSO, based on # of groups and # of members in Kansas.
 - GSO - \$86.27 per year per group, \$3.51 per member per year
 - Area - \$95.85 per year per group
- Board reached consensus on this being before the Assembly in July.

Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully submitted

David Ruhlen, Area Secretary