

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, March 25, 2021

The Chairperson Joe T. welcomed the Advisory Committee and started the meeting with the SERENITY PRAYER.

**ROLL CALL:** Cecilia confirmed there were 26 members from 26 Groups present for a quorum.

**MINUTES:** Joe T. asked for a motion to approve the January 25, 2021 Advisory Minutes, motion seconded and the Advisory Committee approved January 25, 2021 Minutes.

Chairperson Joe T (Area 6) requested Operating Committee Members in attendance introduce themselves and Brian B. (Area 8), Gary S. (Area 1), Pam L. (Area 7), Joe H. (Area 10), Rachel K.E. (Area 3), Vlad V. (Area 4) and Rob N. (Area 11) introduced themselves. Joe T. turned meeting over to Ruth D. to introduce CDO staff. Ruth welcomed Advisory Committee then introduced Cecilia P., Jason M., David G. and archivist Bob McK.

Chairperson asks for Committee Reports – Joe T.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Financial:** Ruth D. gave a brief Financial Summary for February 2021 and thanked the Advisory Committee for the continued financial and moral support our members have given us through the Pandemic. Ruth told the Committee the CDO staff is so appreciative of their concern for us.

Pledges in bank as of February 29, 2021	\$42,657
Pledges in bank as of February 28, 2020	\$17,616
	\$25,041 increase

Ruth reported that pledge money was deposited in bank but not put into the pledge system database until the office opened full time again.

Literature Revenue 2/29/2021	\$25,746
Literature Revenue 2/28/2021	\$44,776
	\$19,030 decrease

**Corrections:** No Report they have not met

**Activities:** Activities have been suspended

**Archives:** Bob McK., CDO Archivist. Bob reminded the Advisory Committee that the General Service Office could also use some funds as they suffered severe losses for having to cancel the International Convention. Bob said the souvenir booklet they were going to sell at the Convention has been put into book form called *A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous*. The book will be available at the Central Office. Bob then gave a talk on the beginning of Cleveland A.A. and the forming of the Central Committee, which came before the Cleveland District Office.

**New Business:** Voting in New Operating Committee Members. Joe T. thanked all the CDO staff and Operating Committee members who helped and guided him through his 3 years as representative from Area 8 and his last

year as Chairperson of the Committee. Ruth then thanked Joe T. for his service and Chairperson in such a difficult time and thanked Pam L. for her dedicated service.

Joe T. then nominated Patrick Cannon (Area 5), Tim P. (Area 6), Sandy L. (Area 7) and Brian B. (Area 8). Patrick, Tim, Sandy and Brian stated their sobriety date and their home group. The Advisory Committee voted Patrick, Tim, Sandy and Brian in as members of the Operating Committee.

**Open Forum:** Dave G. thanked Pam and Joe for the wonderful work they have done and how hard it is to remain enthusiastic during the Pandemic. Dave also thanked the members of AA who have supported the CDO through this time. Dave said he has been in contact with other offices and many other intergroup offices have not gotten the support that the CDO has gotten. The Akron office staff is coming in every day but this will be the second year that Founders Day will be virtual and that is a good part of their revenue. The Ashtabula and Lorain Offices are not opened on a consistent basis and the CDO is getting their calls and doing our best to help members in other areas. We are also getting calls from the Toledo area. The clubs are still the most reliable places to find meetings. Not all clubs are holding as many meetings as they held before the Pandemic. We are getting more calls about meetings reopening. David said that he thinks by the end of April 50% of the meetings will be reopened. David said that he believes Zoom meetings are here to stay. There is some friction between the members of the groups who want to stay on zoom and those who want to go back to face-to-face. Dave said the most important thing for the CDO is to make sure that we have correct information for both the zoom and face-to-face meetings. Many meetings open and close repeatedly. Part of the problem is that facilities that house meetings are also opening and closing. David said that we probably would not have a meeting schedule this year. A member asked about what David meant by hotspots and another member asked what we could do. David said that hotspots meant areas that had no meetings that reopened. David said that members could help us the most by letting us know current information on their groups. Rachel K.E. said her home group gave service in just that way by calling groups in her area to find out if they were open and what their current information was. Her group found that many groups were no longer in existence.

**Next Advisory Meeting:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Joe T. asks for Motion to Adjourn, a second and meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer