

# ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, October 25 – 7 PM

The Chairperson Lisa G welcomed the Advisory Committee and started the meeting with the SERENITY PRAYER.

**ROLL CALL:** There were 20 participants at the meeting and a quorum was reached.

**MINUTES:** Lisa called for approval of the June 29, 2021 Notes and the March 25, 2021 Minutes by the Advisory Committee. There was a motion; a second and the June 2021 Notes and the March 25, 2021 Minutes were approved as previously read.

Chairperson Lisa G requested Operating Committee Members in attendance introduce themselves. The Operating Members in attendance introduced themselves and then Ruth introduced the CDO Staff in attendance.

Lisa G, the Chairperson asked for Committee Reports.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Financial:** Ruth gave a brief Financial Summary for September 2021

Pledges in bank as of Sept 30, 2021	\$280,023	\$59,354 more than 2020 at this time
Pledges in bank as of Sept 30, 2020	220,669	
Pledges in bank as of Sept 30, 2019	281,078	1,055 less than 2019 at this time
Pledges in bank as of Oct 20, 2021	\$290,075	64,461 more than 2020 at this time
Pledges in bank as of Oct 20,, 2020	224,614	
Pledges in bank as of Oct. 20, 2019	287,134	2,941 more than 2019 at this time

Ruth thanked members of the Advisory Committee and said how much the CDO appreciated our members and the support we are given by the Cleveland AA community. Ruth said we are stable financially right now but said she had some concerns for the future. Zoom which has been wonderful during the Pandemic has taken away many members commitment to their home group because of the closures, re-openings and then closures again. The AA group is the voice of the Fellowship and it is our responsibility to make our home groups continue to be strong.

**Corrections:** Gary S. – The next Corrections Committee meeting will be at the CDO Monday, November 1 at 6:30. Gary said the jail meetings are opening up and then closing again when the virus surges just like the regular AA meetings. The Committee continues to distribute AA literature and visit meetings in institutions when possible.

**Activities:** Rachel K.E. said the first activity the CDO is having is a holiday open house at the CDO office on December 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be food, fun and fellowship from 3 pm to 7 pm and the opportunity to buy some holiday gifts from the CDO. Rachel also asked the Advisory Committee to think of other activities they would like the CDO to sponsor.

**Archives:** James T. James reported that we have lost older members and we need to make sure we get their stories before they pass. James said that the CDO has interview questions for those who want to interview members. Members can call the office and we will give them a copy. There was a brief discussion on what a long timer meant. The most important thing is what AA history they have to share.

**New Business:** Media Room. Jason reported on setting up the new zoom room that will be available for CDO meetings as well as members who may want to set up a zoom meeting. The Operating Committee allocated funds so that the CDO would have the right equipment to handle workshops and meetings for the Fellowship. Jason said he wanted to make it as user friendly as possible so it would be easy for all to use. The Committee thanked Jason for the work he put into setting up this room.

**Old Business:** Lisa G. nominated Pam H. from Area 8 as representative from Area 8. Pam stood up, gave her home group, sobriety date and her commitment to AA service and the Advisory Committee voted Pam H. in to be representative from Area 8.

**Open Forum:** Dave G. gave meeting updates and said he thought the CDO would have a better idea about what meetings were open but there are so many changes that it has been hard to keep up. The CDO updates our website as soon as we get new information and have been doing an in house meeting schedule each week to be able to give to members. Facilities open and close depending on how their members feel and the virus surge which then shuts our meetings down. We keep a list of zoom meetings that do not need passwords because many of the passwords we have been given no longer work. Dave said we continue to call the secretaries we have listed but many of them are no longer going to the meeting. We continue to let members know through our website and newsletters that we need meeting updates and how important it is.

**Next Advisory Meeting:** Wednesday, January 26 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Lisa G. asked for Motion to Adjourn, a second and meeting ends with the Lord's Prayer