

# Advisory Committee Minutes

June 27, 2024 at 7:00 pm In-Person and Zoom

1. Welcome
  - The Chairperson Charley C. welcomes the Advisory Committee and starts the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.
2. Roll Call
  - Ralph checked participants to see if there are 20 or more members present for quorum. At a count of 14, there is not.
  - Operating Committee in attendance included Charley C., Charles P., Jennifer, Al, Dennis, Karin, Emilie.
3. Minutes
  - Charley C. said we cannot approve the March 28, 2024 Advisory Committee meeting minutes due to not meeting quorum.
4. Introductions
  - Chairperson Charley C. asked Jason to introduce himself and CDO staff.
  - Jason introduced himself and then introduced the staff including Dean, Ralph and Bob M.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

5. Chairperson asked for Committee Reports - Charley C.
  - Activities
    - Guardians Game: Al reminded the committee there are still tickets available for the Sunday, June 21 game against the Padres at 1:40 pm. Tickets are \$26.
  - Archives and Constitution
    - Charles P. said St. Thomas hospital in Akron has been demolished. This is where Sister Ignatia once worked. He said they moved the archives to Akron City Hospital, now Summa Health System, on the first floor. It can now be viewed at its new location.
    - Bob M. talked about creating a new archival scrapbook to replace the one that is outdated. He is looking for volunteers to assist with assembling it.
  - Communications
    - Al said there is no report.
  - Corrections & Outreach
    - Dennis said there is no report.
  - Financial
    - Charles P. said there is no report.
    - Charles P. said he was asked who is currently a signer for the office checking account. He said himself, Karin and Charley C. as well as the current office manager. Marcus may be added next year.
  - Fund Drive

- Jason said member contributions has slowed down and now leveled off. He added that while the office is about \$9,000 down from this time last year, it is still financially stable.

#### 6. New Business

- Jason said the office is looking to hire a new staff member. Charley C. asked how many staff members the office currently has. Jason said the office currently has 3 full time employees. We do utilize volunteers to cover the phones for most of the week.
- Charles P. asked about the office painting project and when that was going to start. Jason said he reached out to the painters and was told the office was put on the calendar for the first week of August and it would take approximately one week to complete the work.

#### 7. Old Business

- None

#### 8. Open Forum

- Genny said there are six AA meetings at St. Andrew's church throughout the week and the church asked if the office can provide a small selection of pamphlets because they are having a festival on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. She said she took 20 different pamphlets. She said the office put together a flyer listing the meetings at that location with a QR code to scan/search meetings online. Jason asked if the materials were conference approved and Genny said it was.
- Charles P. said a member wanted to see more digital options for AA literature. Al said it's our job to bring the message to the alcoholic and that maybe a QR code with a title for pamphlets would help. Genny said if you go to AAWS, you can view and/or print all GSO pamphlets and books. Jason said AAWS is ahead of the curve and is a good source to model if it's determined to take some level of action.
- Bob M. thanked the office for changing the lighting because some of the items displayed are sensitive to ultra-violet and it's much easier to work in the office now.
- Genny said at their area picnic, it was mentioned that large amounts of money can be accumulated in a group treasurer and a group doesn't have to wait for the annual March Fund Drive to give. They can give monthly or quarterly throughout the year.
- A member said he texted Charles P. four suggestions on what the office could do with some of its money. Charles P. said he received them. The member also suggested the office do away with the Pink Can and subsidize the cost. Emilie suggested the member contact GSO to ensure CDO is implementing the Pink Can program as suggested. Charley C. asked David if there is a shortage of literature going out to the institutions and David said there is no shortage. Ralph said Corrections just had a large order come in and he had to make additional space in the inventory room for it. He also mentioned that we spend too much time talking about the prudent reserve. Genny said each group is autonomous, so it's up to the group if they want to be involved with the Pink Can. Dean said one of the groups he attends contributed to Corrections even though they do not collect for the Pink Can.

#### 9. Charley C. asks for Motion to Adjourn, a second and meeting ends with the Lord's Prayer.