

# Advisory Committee Minutes

March 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm In-Person and Zoom

1. Welcome
  - The Chairperson Charles P. welcomes the Advisory Committee and starts the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.
2. Roll Call
  - Cecilia checked participants to see if there are 20 or more members present for quorum. There is.
3. Minutes
  - Charles P. apologized to the committee for having to cancel the January Advisory Committee meeting. He said this meeting is the annual meeting which is required by law for CDO to be a non-profit.
  - Charles P. called for approval of the Advisory Minutes from October 23, 2023.
  - Al made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded, motion passed to approve minutes from the October 23, 2023 Advisory Committee meeting.
4. Introductions
  - Chairperson Charles P. requested the Operating Committee Members in attendance introduce themselves and then asked Ruth D. to introduce CDO staff.
  - Operating Committee in attendance included Sandy, Rick, Dennis, Lee, Greg, Marcus, Al, Pat, Charley, Emilie, Karin.
  - Ruth introduced herself and said this was her last meeting as Secretary. She then introduced the staff including Bob, Cecilia, and Ralph.
5. New CDO Secretary Announcement
  - Ruth introduced Jason as the new Secretary/Treasurer/Manager of the CDO.
  - Jason thanked the Operating Committee and staff for their support in being named as the new Secretary/Treasurer of the CDO with a brief statement.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Chairperson asked for Committee Reports - Charles P.
  - Financial
    - Ruth gave a brief Financial Summary for month ended December 2023 and February 2024. Ruth said the office ended 2023 at a deficit of \$13,382 and that the office had to use the Prudent Reserve to make up the difference. Ruth said that currently the office is operating at a deficit of \$34,592 due to Outreach. But, it should improve as the month continues.
    - Fund Drive: Ruth explained that the office is not mailing Fund Drive packets due to inaccurate group contact information, but we mail when requested and they also pick up when they come in.
  - Corrections & Outreach
    - Dennis said the next meeting will be held Monday, April 1, at 6:00 pm at the CDO.

- Charles P. said he understands there is concern with smuggling inside the books and pamphlets into jails.
  - Activities
    - Cavs Game: Karin K. reminded the committee there's an April 14 Cavs game and the office has tickets for sale.
    - Guardians Game: Charles P. said the office will have Guardians tickets for the July 21 game against the Padres.
    - Hike: Karin said CDO scheduled a hike with the Cleveland Metroparks on Saturday, May 25 from 10am to 12pm. The guide will give a historical tour starting at Canal Basin Park which covers 2.5 miles.
  - Archives
    - Bob M. talked about the Evolution of the Steps, Tradition and Concepts. He said the Steps protect you from alcohol, Traditions protect AA from you, and Concepts protect you from AA. He said that it took time and effort before the Traditions were accepted by members. Bob also mentioned the Concepts were written and accepted at the twelfth General Service Conference.
  - Communications
    - Charles P. said there is no report.
  - Fund Drive
    - Ruth reminded everyone that the office did not mail Pledge Drive packets this year and that there are three ways to get them: Online, In-office, or by phone request in which case the office will mail them.

## 7. New Business

- Elections for Operating Committee Representatives from Areas 5, 6, 7, and 8 were held. The following are the slated nominees running for Operating Committee representatives from those areas proposed by the Operating Committee. Nominations were also accepted from the floor by Group representatives with the same criteria as applied to the nominations from the CDO. You must live or have a home group in one of the zip codes in the area as well as have at least three years of sobriety to be nominated.

**AREA/TERM 5:** Pat C. nominated Greg M., Home Group: Powerless Sobriety, Date: 2/8/2018 for committee member.

**AREA/TERM 6:** Tim P. nominated Marcus H., Home Group: We Believe, Sobriety Date: 7/15/2018 for committee member.

**AREA/TERM 7:** Sandy L. nominated Jennifer H., Home Group: Sunday Women's Stag, Sobriety Date: 12/16/1985 for committee member.

**AREA/TERM 8:** Lee L., Home Group: Stella Brown Bag, Sobriety Date: 10/27/1984 re-nominated for committee member.

- Each nominee introduced themselves.
- Al called for a motion to vote members in as representatives of each area, seconded and the Advisory Committee voted new members in.
- Ruth thanked members who are rolling off the committee – Pat, Tim, Sandy.
- Charles P. rolled off as Chairperson but is still on the committee.

## 8. Old Business

- No report.

9. Open Forum

- Al said there is an envelope stuffing party on April 6 for Area 54 from 11am to 3pm. This includes mailers to GSR and Secretaries for Northeastern Ohio.
- Charles P. said there is a retirement party being planned for Ruth.
- Bob M. said he would like clarity on the term numbers and what area of town they cover. He said it would be helpful to understand what area of town each member covers.
- Charles P. said there is a Zoom meeting for the plain language Big Book Saturday at 10am

10. Charles P. asks for Motion to Adjourn, a second and meeting ends with the Lord's Prayer

Next Advisory Meeting: at 7:00 pm Thursday, June 27 at the CDO and on Zoom