

Expense Description	Incurred By	Value	Remarks
AJ Corner Store-Meats & Bread	Bob Gafney	\$113.10	Receipt 2
BJ's Wholesale - Plates, Napkins, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Chips, Soda & Donut Holes	Bob Gafney	\$88.95	Receipt 3
Target - Serving Gloves	Bob Gafney	\$9.75	Receipt 4
Tops-Mayo, Mustard, Khives and forks	Bob Gafney	\$14.57	Receipt 1
		\$226.37	Total Spent
Bob Gaffney - Take aways.			
Soda & Chips		\$26.00	
Cold cuts		\$12.00	
		\$38.00	Total of Take away
Bob gaffney total expense incurred		\$188.37	
At Bob's request he asked for this amount for reimbursedment. Derek gave him cash from the collection		\$180.00	Total expense to event from Bob
Tops-Potato Salad	Derek Howe	\$35.25	Receipt 5
		\$215.25	Total Event Expense
Infant of Prague-Donation	Derek Howe	\$185.00	Dereks Check 1254
Income			
Event Funding	Central Committee	\$200.00	Check
Amount of cash collected	Event Participants	\$194.00	
	Total event Income	\$394.00	
	Balance	-\$6.25	Loss

July 12, 2015

Buffalo Central Committee

Central Committee ADHOC for Central Committee Inventory

Wrap-up Report including:

- General overview of event
- Financials (attachment)
- Audio CD's (1 thru 4) of entire event submitted to Central Committee Chair.
- Audio CD's of each committee chair presentation including questions from the floor.
- Written report in brief of:
 - Committee Presentations including Q & A from the floor.
 - Pre-event feedback
 - Event open Mic Session.

General Overview

The adhoc committee was tasked with conducting an inventory of the central committee. The adhoc committee consisted of as many as 9 members at times. The first adhoc committee report is dated August 2, 2013. Commitment and continuity fluctuated. The process culminated at an inventory event that was held at the Infant of Prague Hennessey Hall facility 921 Cleveland Drive Cheektowaga NY 14225, on Saturday March 28, 2015. The event was facilitated by Joe H. from Area 47 and consisted of each standing chair presenting what their committee does followed by a questions and answers session from the floor. The last two segments of the event were a report of pre-event feedback solicited from AA members via the Fall Convention and a circulated questionnaire followed by an open mic session. The event ended from 9 am – 2pm with a lunch served at noon.

The Central Committee Chair, Corrections, CPC/PIC, Envelope System, Financial, Night Watch, Steering and Treatment Committee Chairs Participated. There was an audience of approximately 60 AA members in attendance.

The financial wrap up was presented at the April 12th 2015 Central Committee meeting and was reported a \$6.25 loss.

The final wrap up and report outs are in a form of Audio CD's and this written report. This written report will be emailed to all current Group representatives that have been present when the sign-up sheet was passed around the room during the past central committee meetings. It will also be available via the website for any member to review.

It is the intent of the ADHOC chair that the audio CD of each committee chairs question and answer session be used as a basis for their respective committee's inventory process. After they conduct their committee inventory they would then formally (in writing) present their ideas for change to the Central Committee Body. If the CC wants to change any of the proposals from the committee, they revise and resubmit to the body while maintaining the principles and spirit of concept three.

The following is a brief excerpt of Committee Presentations including Q & A from the floor:

The actual audio of these sessions was given to each committee chair for detailed consideration.

- Committee Chair (Diane, Brass Group)
 - Read the purpose statement of Central Committee, shared her experience in AA and in service.
- Corrections Chair (Paul, Lakeshore Group)
 - Shared purpose of Corrections Committee, explained Bridging the Gap, described qualifications to get into state/county correctional facilities, shared his experience with the committee.
 - Have we been in contact with other fellowship (which has been granted access to Attica facility) to work in tandem to be of service to people in Attica?
 - Paul answered "not yet".
 - How accessible is the Bridging the Gap Form? (i.e. Website)
 - Paul assures that it's in the works. He prefers the effectiveness of handing a form directly to the alcoholic in need.
- Is there a formal list of all meetings in nearby facilities?
 - Paul says yes, its listed in the new brochure
- Is there a bridging the gap committee?
 - Paul is very honest and said he does not know.
- Is there a volunteer list?
 - Yes, it falls under the responsibility of the corrections committee to provide that.
- How often do you have to recertify to get cleared to get into the facilities?

- Every few years. Not sure of exact timeline.
- Are there two separate applications for state and county facilities?
 - Yes
- Do you need an application for the Parolee Orientation?
 - No, it's open to the public
- What kind of things can disqualify someone (on the background check) from entering the facilities?
 - It is up to the sheriff's office to decide. We aren't made aware of the stipulations.
- Night Watch Chair (Jake J.)
 - Shared his experience with AA and purpose of Night Watch Committee.
 - Can the individual make the commitment to Night Watch?
 - No, Night Watch only takes groups. If your home group is not interested then find a new home group.
 - Can we get the flyer for Night Watch on the website?
 - Yes, will do.
- CPC/PIC Chair(Kristin, Three Legacies)
 - Shared purpose of committee and her experience with the service and 12 step work.
 - What are your plans to get the word out in a more effective manner for the future?
 - Focus on one profession/group at a time, currently focused on law enforcement and then grooming the future chairpersons of the committee. Sticking with the primary purpose.
 - How many members are on the committee? Is it growing?
 - Approximately 5 members and it fluctuates.
- Steering Committee(Debbie, Iron Horse?)
 - Shared personal experience and purpose of committee.
 - Discussed qualifications to be on the committee.
 - Is it possible to extend the GSA meetings to let individuals have a Q&A session with zone reps?
 - Thanks, great idea...
- Treatment Committee (Nadav, How It Works)
 - Shared Personal Experience and stressed the importance of committee.
 - Expressed growth and better organization within the committee.
 - The committee has been allocated far too much money. Nadav claims they don't need it.
 - Steering committee has discussed the finances and by-laws regarding the treatment facility but has not come to a conclusion regarding what to do with extra funds.
 - Is there further communications regarding treatment committee attending outpatients in the area?
 - We do not go to outpatient facilities. They still don't attend every inpatient. Growth looks promising though.
 - Jessie cleared up any confusion about the Renaissance House. The meeting is there per the request of the facility.
- Financial Chair (Chip)
 - Went over the qualifications and expectations/responsibilities of the position.
- Envelope System (Sue)
 - A way for an individual to donate to central office as a tax deductible donation. Anonymity is kept. This helps keep central office running.
 - Chuck B. commented that if we donated, even a small percentage, more than the standard dollar to the basket, we could have enough money to send everyone to conferences and conventions. Food for thought
 - Forms are to be found at central office or on the website

The following are pre event feedback received:

1. Visit with groups and communicate what the intergroup and central does and how it does it.
2. Help to get Zone and Steering Committee representatives active.
3. Have a copy of the By-Laws and committees on the website.
4. CC meeting environment is unattractive.
5. CC and office are run by a few personalities that are dominate oand spiritually unprincipled.
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7. More prayer and patience
8. Encourage minority opinion.
9. Have a day of sharing about the central committee and its office.
10. Look at other intergroups for a model.
11. Delegate steering committees representatives responsibilities.
12. Stronger chairmanship. Roberts rules should be used.
13. Why does the buffalo intrergroup zone boundries extend into other intergroups? Example zone 5 is in the Niagara intergroup, Zone 6 is in NYPENN. Shouldn't the geographic area of buffalo Intergroup/CC be narrowed so that the other intergroups are allowed to better serve there respective regions without competition?
14. Hows the principle of rotation at CC?
15. We have the same faces down at CC year after year, or do we step down and loose our voice on the body to become just a servant in silence?
16. Central list of speakers so groups that want speakers can get them.
17. Budgets for committees not individual accounts.
18. Monthly presentations on AA service and the traditions.
19. Less emphasis on speedy business meetings and more emphasis on helping drunks.
20. I have an issue with the way people treat Terry at Central Office.
21. I Have an issue with private ballots. This is an open honest program.
22. I don't like the Adams Mark Hotel for the Convention.
23. I think there should be term limits on the executive committee.
24. We could use more space for the CC meeting.

The following are excerpts from the open mic portion of the event:

Tony T – Lack of participation boils down to individual responsibility. Separation of the office from the committee.

Sean C- CC Low turn out. Try to define the problem. Is CC relevant? Need to look at the big picture. What are we not doing? Why isn't CC attractive. No one seems to know what the CC and committees are? Focus on central committee as the problem not the groups and meetings? There are many meetings without a lot of groups. Would like to hear discussions

Chip – Flash back to previous CC inventory. Preaching to the choir. Been asking people to get involved, new frontiers etc.. the only way to get other people involved we as individuals need to have an impression and solicitate at a person to person level.

Terry- Observations, looking at her part. A lot of the time the membership says it dry, another business meeting.... Maybe we have less CC meetings. There is a lot of miss and non information. Terry thinks people don't want to do another meeting. Maybe virtual meetings would help. People need to be getting all the information. Invite groups on a personal meeting. People come into the office with ignorance and they get beat up publicly. Topics rarely are just openly discussed at the CC meetings.

Jake- The By-Laws need to looked at because they are out dated. Hurts the servants due to the structures in the By-Laws. Power tends to become part of the elders in the room instead of refering to the By-Laws. The steering committee was very active at one point. The steering committee reps need to be out sharing a positive experience. Bring an attitude of Love and Concern to the meeting and be informed about what is happening at CC. Taking time personally to help other alcoholics is essential. Need to get back to the application of Roberts Rules in the CC meetings in its simple form so there isn't chaos during the meetings.

John- we should all be a service sponsor for someone else. Accentuate the positive. Revamp the New Frontiers, have committee chairs report there committees activities. Need people to stand for positions. Usually service position elections are unopposed.

Jesse- Committee experience... asked by his home group get involved/check out what was going on with the Treatment Facility Committee and inform them. HG asked him to help solve the problems he experienced at the treatment facilities meeting. He decided to make it personal to succeed in helping the committee and took actions to help people become aware and get involved. Look at Central Committee as opportunities to do great things and all the great things that are happening at CC. Expressed a concern about the web page and its use because a lot of people asked about it.

Nadave- Expressed concern that after this event the real work starts. Addressing the problems of CC. the lack of participations speaks for itself. We are responsible to right the wrongs. Need concrete objectives. Make a list from this inventory. Follow up is very important from this point on.

Hank- 3 yrs sober/new and didn't know what CC was. Had attend about 1500 meeting to that point. In attending CC meetings to gain an understanding, he felt they were very "off putting meetings" no welcoming sense. There wasn't a way to help someone

who doesn't know what's going on when they walk into the meeting space. In 1500 meetings he never once heard from or of a Zone Representative. There is an outreach problem. There are a small insulated group of people doing the service and they keep saying this is how we do it. We are obviously doing something wrong. Need an ADHOC to make clear objectives with accountability. Diane- Outdated info in steering committee info. Said they used to get 200 people at the CC meetings, there were no rules of order and used to fight a lot. Were spoiled by treatment centers which has attributed to loss of our passion for helping drunks. Asking people for their opinion in a personal way is very important.

Chuck- the Inventory is a good start. Sponsorship of service is very important. The GSO AA general Service Manual a lot of the info we need. Bill and Bob visualized the service structure and translated it in the Service Manual. Groups aren't as aware of service. Literature is available on all the issues we face. This event is a tribute to what AA does. There are a lot of people that can help the less experienced in what we are trying to accomplish in this inventory outcomes. We aren't that far off the beam, a little bit of love and guidance here and there will be very beneficial.

Jackson- Current ADHOC committee shouldn't necessarily generate a action items and objectives list from this event. Look at possibly having groups or meetings to host chair central committee meetings.

Alan- the Adams Mark is the right size for our convention. The Marriott is to small, we had to turn people away in the past. The Adams mark is also slated for the 2016 convention.

Christine- CC meeting environment is important and this includes Roberts Rules. As an individual get informed about CC committee and how the intergroup functions. People don't like the environment and don't feel like they are welcomed.

Wally- the phrase service work should be service responsibility because Bill AND Bob gave the groups and individuals the responsibility for the health and running of AA through the conference structure. We need substantial unanimity. The guidelines say this is a partnership of groups, but there isn't a lot of participation. We need to reach out and figure out which are groups and which are meetings. Reach out to the groups first, we know people who just attend meetings aren't going to be around for service responsibilities. Reach out to the meeting after getting in touch with the groups.

Respectfully Submitted

Derek H.
ADHOC Chair