

Arkansas

CENTRAL OFFICE COR MEETING REPORT



Attendance: (13) Savannah B - Barely Legal, Shannon L - Bridging the Gap, Sandy S - Reservoir, Natalie R - Cabot, , Paul M - Downtown Nooners, Tammy A - Sherwood Group, Marci H - Saints We Ain't, Melissa P - F Street & COR Secretary, *Charlie H - Beebe Group, *Joe R - Bridging The Gap & Board Chair, *Matt H - Pig Pen & Board Secretary, *Perry D - Cosmopolitan & CO Liaison, and *Bob W - Reservoir & CO Manager (*Board members) **COR meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm**

September 26th 2018

REPORT FROM AUGUST WAS APPROVED

Thanks for your service, Matt. Welcome
Melissa as new Secretary.

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OVERALL TOTAL!



Financial Report approved. Bob went over the finances, and income was down for the month (due to donations being down). With bookstore purchases also being way down, expenses were also less than normal -- \$2191 less than last year. So, this month CO still ended up ahead by \$2834. Thanks, Bob.

Liaison Report. Perry has been busy visiting various meetings to talk about services Central Office provides. He attended District Twelve business meeting in El Dorado and plans to attend Area Assembly this weekend. He has letters printed up for Group Relations for the Chili Challenge and November - Gratitude Month. CO will not pass out collection jars or envelopes due to the large numbers that were not returned last year. Instead, letters will be sent to GSRs, and money can be collected however each group decides. Matt made a poster appealing to 12 steppers, which Perry took to El Dorado and will also set up at Area Assembly this weekend. **WARNING WARNING WARNING -- REPEATING INFO!** Still getting the word out about the 'Sharing Our Sobriety' Program. This is a program that is fellowship-wide and that most other COs around the country do on an ongoing basis. Perry asked the CORs to get this message out to their groups, and if you need more fliers or envelopes to contact him. Perry said he would be glad to come and visit your group with this information as well as any other projects CO is working on. Perry is still handing out sign-up sheets for everyone to take back to their groups. These include: After-hours phone, In-house volunteer shifts, 12-step callers, speakers, ride services and of course the Activities Committee. Perry is working with District locally and at the Area level to get people all over the state to volunteer. **Thanks, Perry.**

Are You New in The Program?

Volunteer and general office report: We still have 2 In-House Volunteer positions available. If you have someone you are sponsoring send them in to fill out an application. Central Office is a great place to get into service work early. All you need is your sponsor's approval. Central Office now has 160 names on our After-hours volunteers list, which we rotate through. The more we have on the list, the less the same people's names will come up to take calls. When a caller is new to the program, about to slip, or coming back into the program, the volunteer taking their call sets them up with a 12 stepper. Do we want to have instructions or a list of suggestions available for 12 steppers?

Activities, Sponsorship Committees, and Event Financial Report: CO is having meetings on some Mondays and putting together a Sponsorship Workshop going strictly by the Big Book, using lots of references with page numbers. We have good sponsors, Perry, and lots of good ideas. Progress is slow, but steady. Reviewing event financials, the Arkansas Travelers Roundup event had a net gain of \$84, which is nearly triple of what it ever was in the past.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: **Chili Challenge Is Saturday Oct. 27th!**



Plans are in the works for our 3rd Annual Chili Challenge! We are going to use our Western theme again with a jail and a Chili Sherriff, chili sampling for the contest, chili and chili fixin's, a speaker (Mark B of Bridging the Gap), and a band (Baxter K and The Lurking Notions). We will have trophies and prizes. We have flyers to take out to all the groups. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THESE EVENTS!** We are also needing a new Activities Committee Chair and Activity Committee Reps. Talk to your sponsees!

Old business: Sponsorship/Traditions/Service Workshops: Central Office has been getting flooded with 12 stepper sign-ups as a result of our extra efforts to get them. Great job getting the word out, and a special thanks to everyone who signed up! **New Business:** We are needing a new Activities Committee Chair. Activities Committee meets at CO every 3rd Sunday at 2pm. But a new chair could pick a different day and time if they want. Also needing Activity Committee Reps. CORs are asked to communicate the need for these service positions with their GSRs and groups. *Prayers*