

Delegate's Report

October 3, 2010

Bay City

Welcome to Bay City especially to those who are here for their very first CMIA Assembly. I haven't been real busy of late, but did get into district 16 for a delegate's report and a service work shop at the Alano Club in Mt. Pleasant.

The final conference reports are in and are available today. The new Service manual is at the printer but a distribution date still is not available, but should be able to find out soon after the October Board meeting. Also available from the GSO Literature Sales are the new directories, check with our Literature Committee for availability. Remember – the Directories were not published last year so you might want to have an updated copy.

A new PSA, "Titled Animations", approved at the 60th General Service Conference is available for viewing at the AA website, www.AA.org. Remember that the survey regarding E-Technology needs to be in to the GSO by October 15th. The E-Tech committee discussed a presentation on e-book distribution at the last board meeting and will try and continue to look into other possibilities of services we can offer to the fellowship through electronic media. For your information, Hazelden is publishing copies of the first edition manuscript of the Big Book. They contacted the GSO and asked if AA had a legal right to it. We have two first edition manuscripts but they are not the same as the one that they have.

The Archive Dept. has hired an assistant to help Michelle out in the office. The AAWS Board has created a new position at the office, "Director of Staff Services" and announced that Doug R. will be taking on that responsibility; he was the only one who expressed interest in the position.

The Grapevine continues to loose money. Due to the fact that subscriptions have remained flat and that they do not have any new products in the works, some of the trustees think that perhaps it's time to reduce the number of directors. The Grapevine Office does not employ anywhere near as many employees as the AAWS, 13 staff members compared with 80 at the GSO. They will be looking to see weather or not this might cut cost somewhat to help alleviate some of the burden on the Prudent Reserve.

The final numbers and accounting from the International Conference in San Antonio last July will be reported out at the next Board Meeting this month. With an attendance of over 53 thousand and having budgeted for 41 thousand, a comfortable profit should be expected. The amount might bring our dwindling prudent reserve balance closer to where it needs to be.

In humble Service,

Mike K.

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