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Meeting Uncertainty with Resiliency: G.S.O. in the Pandemic

“As a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19), New York State has shut down 100% of operations of ‘nonessential’ businesses/organizations,” the announcement posted to aa.org read. “The General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., located at 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY is closed, effective March 20, 2020, until further notice.”

Given the toll that COVID-19 was already exacting on the New York metropolitan area, this announcement was not unexpected. Nonetheless, it was a first: never in the history of Alcoholics Anonymous had the General Service Office — whose antecedents stretch all the way back to the late 1930s and Bill W.’s small office at Honor Dealers in Newark, N.J. — been forced to shutter its doors. G.S.O. is home to 95 employees of A.A.W.S., plus a dozen more working for AA Grapevine. These men and women, both alcoholic and nonalcoholic, serve a world wide membership of over two million alcoholics in myriad ways: answering letters, preparing bulletins, keeping prison inmate correspondence flowing, processing group contributions, providing new literature (and keeping older literature up to date), helping prepare for the General Service Conference and World Service Meetings, preserving A.A. history in print and digital archives, and maintaining the aa.org website, in three languages, with its 14 million yearly viewers.

As the pandemic worsened, G.S.O. faced an unprecedented logistical, technical and, yes, spiritual challenge. With employees scattered to their homes, how would it continue to fulfill its original function, as described by Bill W., of being a “point of reference on the globe where our few but important universal services can focus and then radiate to all who wish to be informed or helped”?

Even before the New York shutdown order, says G.S.O. General Manager Greg T., “In the first week in March, we formed a task force comprised of myself and senior management and staff. The welfare of our employees and their families was paramount in all of the thinking and planning.” Working to help G.S.O. prepare for the coming crisis was Stephanie L., G.S.O.’s Senior Director of Administration and Strategy.

“As the news of the health crisis developed,” says Stephanie, “we started to forecast and think about how we could move forward. We actually thought we had more time, which we obviously didn’t. The Human Resources department was very important in everything we did. Prior to our closing the office on March 20, we had already said to employees, ‘If you are not comfortable coming in, talk to your supervisor and we’ll arrange to ship your equipment now.’ So, actually, from March 13 to March 20, folks exited at their discretion. By March 19, it was very much a skeleton crew.

Happy, Happy Birthday!

The Over Thirty Club

Keep Coming Back!

These are folks who have donated at least one dollar a year in gratitude for their sobriety to YOUR Central Office. There are birthday envelopes available at the office or you can get them from your Central Office Delegate. We appreciate the people who show their gratitude this way.

Please make certain to include your name and group when sending in your birthday donation.

Jack Mc. 52 years Englewood Winners

Clay E. 39 years Knights of Sobriety

Karolene H. 35 years Lenexa Group

Michael O. 27 years Paseo Group

Samuel J. 24 years North Oak Group

Darlene F. 16 years We Are One

Valerie W. 7 years We Are One

All of these people got their names in the paper because someone took the time and trouble to let us know they were celebrating. Be proud of your old-timers! Call the office 816-471-7229 and let us know of anyone who is celebrating 30 or more years of sobriety. Let them know you care enough to share!

**KAREN 52 YEARS NORTH OAK
GROUP**

**JACK MC. 52 YEARS ENGLEWOOD WIN-
NERS**

DONNA B. 48 YEARS LENEXA GROUP

**CLAY E. 39 YEARS KNIGHTS OF SOBRIE-
TY**

KAOLENE H. 35 YEARS LENEXA GROUP

STARTING NOVEMBER 1st, 2019, THE SUBSCRIPTION RATE FOR THE CHANGING TIMES WILL BE \$15 PER YEAR.

Starting in January 2020, we will only be mailing out copies of the newsletters to those who have a paid subscriptions. Event flyers will not be mailed with the newsletter. After several months of discussions at CO delegates meetings and by the Board of Directors approval, we have voted in these changes. We are not stopping publication of the newsletter. Any individuals or groups wishing to receive the newsletter may have one mailed to them by subscription. The cost will be \$15.00 per year.

The newsletter will as always be available on our website and can be printed out at your convenience. Current monthly flyers will also be available next to the newsletter on our website and can be downloaded and printed, either together or individually.

Copies of the newsletter and flyers will be available at the CO for you to pick-up, free of charge. We will also have copies at the CO Delegates meeting. If you have any questions, please call the Office at 816-471-7229. This is a cost saving effort.

The email accounts at Central Office are :

thedirector@kc-aa.org—Teresa A.

themanager@kc-aa.org— Michael O.

kccentraloffice@kc-aa.org—General Office Mailbox

Calendar of Event—OCTOBER 2020

**OCTOBER 4, 2020 PRIMARY PURPOSE'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY
WYANDOTTE COUNTY BEACH SHELTER 12:00 P.M.**

**OCTOBER 17, 2020 CAN WE TALK 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 2300 CHESNUT
KANSAS CITY, MO 64127 3:00 P.M.**

**OCTOBER 18, 2020 NEW FELLOWSHIP GROUP 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 5931
SWOPE PARKWAY KANSAS CITY, MO 64130 4:00 P.M.**

**OCTOBER 31, 2020 HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT INDEPENDENCE #1
GROUP 10017 KENTUCKY ROAD, INDEPENDENCE, MO 64052 3:00 P.M.
THRU 7:00 P.M.**

**DECEMBER 31, 2020 — A NEW YEARS EXTRAVAGANZA CLASBEY COMMUNI-
TY CENTER SAVANNAH, MO 64485**

**APRIL 24 — 26, 2021 KCMO #1 GROUP 79TH ANNIVERSARY 311 W 80TH
TERR KANSAS CITY, MO 64131**

CENTRAL OFFICE WEBSITE

(www.kc-aa.org)

We have a new feature in the upper right hand corner. You can now view our website in Spanish & 13 other languages. PDF's and flyers will not translate.

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Area Service Schedule

KANSAS AREA 25 COMMITTEE MEETING

- ◆ Hilton Garden Inn- Salina, KS 3320 S 9th St
Salina, KS 67401 785-309-0440

MISSOURI AREA 39 ASSEMBLY

Best Western Inn 3120 S. Limit Ave. Sedalia, MO
1-660-826-6100

Would you please help us carry the message to our siblings behind the walls? It's better to *get* to go to jail than to *have* to go to jail. For further information, please contact us: Missy M. 913-702-7348 / Ted U. 913-940-0610

We have found much of Heaven and we have been rocketed into a fourth dimension of existence of which we had not even dreamed.

YOU WILL BE MISSED

If you know of any member of the fellowship who has gone to the big meeting in the sky. Please send an email to: themanager@kc-aa.org.

Sharon L. Sobriety First

JoAnn S. College Blvd Nooners

Harold S. Bethel Group



District Service Schedule

DISTRICT 9 KS

2nd Thursday of each month at Primary Purpose
3038 N. 52nd St., Kansas City, KS 66109.
Committees meet at 6:30PM, District meeting at 7PM.

DISTRICT 10 KS

1st Thursday of the month at Church of the Resurrection. 8412 W. 95th St., Overland Park, KS 662212
Committees meet at 6PM, District meeting at 6:30PM

DISTRICT 23 KS

2nd Saturday of the month at Westside Presbyterian Church 1024 Kasold, Lawrence, KS 66044 at 10AM

DISTRICT 2 MO 2:00pm.

Savannah Bootstraps, 511 W Market St., Savannah, MO 64485

DISTRICT 3 MO

2nd Sunday Every Month at 2PM at Liberty Group 1323 E. County Rd. H, Liberty, MO 64068

DISTRICT 4 MO

DISTRICT 6 MO.

3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm at KC Group 1, 311 W. 80th Terr., KCMO 64114

DISTRICT 7

at 2:00pm. Simple Sobriety, 1040 SW Luttrell St., Suite A, Blue Springs, MO. 64015

DISTRICT 8 MO

DISTRICT 10 MO

2pm, Englewood Winners, 2530 Crysler Ave. Independence, MO 64052

DISTRICT 11 MO

5:45PM, Eldorado Gr., 1305 S Park St., Eldorado, MO. 64774

DISTRICT 12 MO

2nd Sunday Every Month at 6:00pm Alano Club, 1800 E. 30th, St., Joplin, MO. 64804

DISTRICT 14 MO

2nd Sunday Every Month at 2pm. Hillcrest Presb. Church, 818 E. Norton Rd., Springfield, MO. 65803

New Treasurers, Please let us know where to have the donations sent for your district!

GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE
 PO Box 459
 Grand Central Station
 New York, NY 10163
 Or online at www.aa.org

KANSAS AREA 25
 KANSAS AREA ASSEMBLY
 PO Box 388
 Westmoreland, KS 66549
 Or online at www.ks-aa.org

WESTERN AREA MISSOURI AREA 39
 WAMO TREASURER
 5229 Fuller Dr.
 Kansas City, MO 64133
 Or online at www.wamo-aa.org

KANSAS DISTRICT 23
 Treasurer
 PO Box 1939
 Lawrence, KS. 66044

WAMO DISTRICT 4
 Treasurer / Lewis B.
 2020 Lake St.
 Sweet Springs, MO. 65351

WAMO DISTRICT 6
 Treasurer
 PO Box 410894
 Kansas City, MO 64141

YELLOW CAN FUND AREA 25
 PO Box 23117
 Overland Park, KS. 66283

WAMO DISTRICT 1
 Treasurer Tim C.
 PO Box 62
 Rock Port, MO 64481

WAMO DISTRICT 7
 Treasurer Patty G.
 115 Spring Street #302
 Belton, MO. 64012

KS DISTRICT 9
 Treasurer
 PO Box 12518
 Kansas City, KS 66112

WAMO DISTRICT 2
 Treasurer
 2619 Duncan
 St. Joseph, MO 64507

WAMO DISTRICT 10
 Treasurer
 P. O. Box 453
 Peculiar, MO. 64078

KS DISTRICT 10
 Treasurer
 PO Box 15436
 Overland Park, KS 66285

WAMO DISTRICT 3
 Treasurer; Doni P.
 PO Box 1139
 Liberty, MO 64069

WAMO DISTRICT 17
 Treasurer
 424 Dickenson St.
 Chillicothe, MO 64601

NEW TREASURES, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHERE TO HAVE THE DONATIONS SENT FOR YOUR DISTRICTS

Tradition Seven

“Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”

A 7th Tradition poster is now available on the KC Area Central Office website under the Announcements section.

It is suggested that each group pay its bills and establish a prudent reserve based on monthly expenses. Once this is done, the excess amount may be distributed as follows:

50% to Central Office

30% to General Service Office

10% to District

10% to Area Committee

This is one suggested distribution plan from the pamphlet, “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix. F-3. It is available here at the office.

GROUP CHANGES

NEW GROUPS

STRASBURG AA GROUP — Tuesday 8:00 p.m. 503 W. Mill Street Strasburg, Missouri (NW Entrance)

MEETING CHANGES

SMITHVILLE GROUP — adding a Saturday 6:00 p.m. meeting at Grace Community Church 1550 Hwy DD Smithville, MO 64089

ENGLEWOOD WINNERS — adding a Sunday 10:00 a.m. Men's meeting 2530 Crysler Independence, MO 64052

Central Office Delegate Meeting September 13, 2020

John O. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

On Zoom: Gil (BSAA), Mel A. (Unity), Tori D. – Liberty, Karen W. (Leavenworth), Candy (Lenexa Group), Philip B., Melanie W., Kevin – NKC, Doni P. (Parkhill)

In Person: Group One (Katherine Audley), Olathe Group (John O.), Dawn H. (Parkhill), Anthony (Paseo), Yango B. (12 Gates AA Recovery), Rhett B (NE JC), Berry (NEJC), Julian L. (Roe Center), Susan G. (Board), Greg A. (Board), Tony S. (Board), Art S. (Board), Derrick B. (Board), Teresa, Michael O. , Carl.

Secretary Report - Minutes accepted as read (only report needing approval)

Financial Report - Greg A. gave the financial report

Board Report – given by Tony S. August minutes approved. Office now opened M-F, 10-3

Office Report – given by Teresa. Bills are paid. As of Monday, August 31, new hours. One person at a time in the office. Masked. Curbside pickup. Cash now accepted. Very low on group donations. We understand, of course. Any donations greatly appreciated. We are going to look at our financial numbers again on Wednesday to see if the additional days are bringing in more money. Had some IT issues this past week and we have to purchase a piece of equipment. Backup battery. \$350. Stocked up on items as far as the ordering is going. Michael (5 days a week) and Carl (3 days a week) had nothing to add. Three volunteers now back. Friday, had 10 people come in. Some days, five or fewer. John O. asked how the curbside pickup worked. Newsletter also sent out for the first time. Only 30 subscribed. No flyers included.

Old Business – Delegate secretary, alternate secretary, alternate chair still needed.

New Business - no new business. Derrick invited everyone to We are One annual picnic.

Topic / Group Reports

Dawn (Parkhill Group) brought up the issue of not wearing a mask.

Teresa (Central Office) was called about wearing masks. Central Office is not the AA police. Each group is autonomous. I suggested he attend the next business meeting. Also suggested that he go to another group not requiring a mask. May be an outside issue. It is our responsibility to reflect well on AA as a whole. We as groups go by our group conscience decision.

Vaughn (Turner Group) shared that he goes to 3 different groups and none had 100 percent mask wearing. I am going to keep going until I feel uncomfortable. I will follow my group's dictates.

Anthony (Paseo Group). This is a real serious thing but to each his own.

John (Olathe Group). We followed the state mandate. Initially, we picked up some masks for people who showed up without them. It is a group expense. We have not had a lot of issues. I

have seen people in the group get the box and pass out the masks. We have not had a lot of problems. If that state mandate disappears, who knows what we will do.

Art (NEJC Group) shared that he had talked to the gentleman about his personal rights were being violated. Whether you like the group conscience or not, you abide by it. You have the decision to go there or not go there. A gentleman doing a Big Book study. He thinks he cannot be heard without a mask. Some members objected. Our club has the governor's mandate. You cannot take a group conscience to consciously break the law. Period. That is not how AA operates. Simple solution – put a mask on. People were leaving. He was putting the mask on when he came in the door then was taking it off. We need to be good stewards of the law. We have a member that sanitizes everything. Pamphlets are curling on the edges. Politely ask someone to leave or call the police. Another thing your group can do is get one of those flip up shields. Off my soap box.

Tony S. (Harrisonville Group). Our county commissioner has stated Cass County is not required to wear a mask. We did take a group conscience. We are not breaking any laws. We clean after every meeting. When you walk in, you will see a bunch of people not wearing a mask. Politely turn around and leave if you do not like it. No one has a right to dictate what we do. That is how we do things down there. We want to continue to carry the message. We do the best we can to make everyone comfortable, but you better not come in with a chip on your shoulder.

Julian (Roe Center). I would have brought it up. We are having a problem. People with masks on in the business meeting were voted out. I had one friend got sick. We have choices. Folks have been really stubborn. I cannot hear. Anxiety. I have heard about the personal rights being violated, too. We are trying to not have a group conscience and doing something drastic. I am here for the suggestions. Donations down half. We kept our donations to our church the same.

Teresa (Wing & a Prayer Group). I am sending everyone who does not want to wear a mask to the Harrisonville group. We do have choices.

Katy (KC Group 1). As you are walking into the building, wear a mask. When you sit down, you can take the mask off. We have a notebook where you can write your name down so if anyone does get it, we can notify them. I have anxiety, too. But this mask (irritating) but not causing me to have a panic attack. That is what works for my group. Our business meeting is this Thursday at 7pm. We do have Zoom meetings.

Rhett (NEJC). Electronic payments helped us. A different revenue streams. Some people who go to face to face meetings are still opting to do it.

Casey (Unity on the Plaza). Unity is such a huge group. We have been lucky with technical people. We resumed f-2-f meetings in May. We also have Zoom. We also have a break off meetings meeting in the park. It is changed the dynamics. Also did electronic donations and not passing the basket. Still paying full rent and donated to the entities. Have not had to get into our prudent reserve. About the in -person meetings. In a church, we have to wear masks in the common (**continue on page 12**)

GROUP ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 2020

12 GATES RECOVERY	PARKHILL
BLUE SPRINGS	PASEO GROUP
HARRISONVILLE	PRIMARY PURPOSE
HOLDEN	ROE CENTER
KANSAS CITY GROUP #1	SOBER SKIRTS
LEAVENWORTH	SOBRIETY AND BEYOND
LENEXA	TURNER GROUP
LIBERTY	UNITY ON THE PLAZA GROUP
NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY AA	WE ARE ONE
NORTH KANSAS CITY	Total attendance 26
OLATHE GROUP	

We need email addresses for you group treasurer or someone in your group we can email statements to.

Send info to: thedirector@kc-aa.org

“Our first duty, as a society, is to insure our own survival. Therefore we have to avoid distractions and multipurpose activities . . . Sobriety—freedom from alcohol—through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps, *is the sole purpose of an A.A. group* ... We have to confine our membership to alcoholics and we have to confine our A.A. groups to a single purpose. If we don’t stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone.” **Bill W. / Problems Other**

GROUP DONATIONS

GROUP NAME	AUGUST	YTD 2020	GROUP NAME	AUGUST. 2020	YTD 2020
449 GROUP	20.00	180.00	EXCELSIOR SPRINGS GROUP	0.00	135.00
6th CHAPTER GROUP	0.00	100.00	EYE OPENER GROUP	0.00	364.00
A VISION FOR YOU GROUP	0.00	110.00	FAMOUS BALDWIN GROUP	100.00	150.00
ACORN GROUP	0.00	181.25	FREEDOM 11 GROUP	0.0	100.00
ALIVE AGAIN	50.00	450.00	FRIENDS OF SOBRIETY –PERRY, KS.	0.0	0.0
BASEHOR GROUP	25.00	40.00	GALLITAN UPPER ROOM	0.0	25.00
BETHEL GROUP	100.00	700.00	GRASSROOTS GROUP	0.0	0.0
BEYOUND SOBRIETY WOMENS MTG	0.00	166.01	HARRISONVILLE GROUP	40.00	180.00
BILL'S FRIENDS	25.00	225.00	HIGGINSVILLE GROUP	0.00	304.00
BLUE SPRINGS GROUP	0.00	750.00	HOLDEN AA GROUP	0.0	15.00
BONNER SPRINGS GROUP	0.0	218.00	HONEST DESIRE	10.00	90.00
CAME TO BELIEVE—GLADSTONE BLVD	0.0	0.0	HOPE GROUP	0.00	840.20
CAME TO BELIEVE-O.P.	0.0	0.0	HUMBLE BEGINNINGS A.A.	0.00	100.00
CAMERON CROSSROAD GROUP	0.0	200.00	INDERPENDENCE #1 AA GROUP	0.0	5.00
CHAPTER FIVE GROUP - CLAYCOMO	0.00	680.51	IT'S NEVER TO LATE GROUP	0.0	0.0
COLLEGE BLVD. NOONERS	0.0	0.0	JAYWALKERS GROUP	89.00	479.00
CORE GROUP	0.00	100.00	JUST US GIRLS	0.0	193.00
COURAGE TO CHANGE	0.0	0.0	KANSAS CITY GROUP #1	0.0	0.0
DESOTO GROUP	0.0	25.00	KEEP IT SIMPLE GROUP—O.P.	0.00	612.78
DISTRICT 4 MO.	0.0	50.00	KNIGHTS OF SOBRIETY	20.00	180.00
DISTRICT 7 MO.	5.00	30.00	KNOB NOSTER GROUP	0.0	0.0
DISTRICT 11 MO.	0.00	30.00	LATHROP GROUP	0.00	100.00
DOWNTOWN BASEMENT GROUP	0.00	200.00	LEAVENWORTH GROUP #1	109.38	557.23
EASY DOES IT—LAWERNCE	0.0	100.00	LEAWOOD/PRAIRIE VILLAGE GROUP	75.00	225.00
ENGLEWOOD WINNERS GROUP	0.00	167.00	LEE'S SUMMIT GROUP	0.00	25.00
ENTIRELY READY GROUP	0.0	0.0	LENEXA GROUP	50.00	550.00
EUDORA MIRACLES GROUP	0.0	100.00	LIBERTY GROUP	100.00	900.00
			LIVE AND LET LIVE GROUP	0.00	90.00
			LIVING MIRACLES	0.0	60.00
			GARDEN CITY #1	0.00	95.00
			GRAND AVENUE DOWNTOWN NOONERS	200.00	200.00

GROUP DONATIONS

GROUP NAME	AUGUST. 2020	YTD 2020	GROUP NAME	AUGUST.	YTD 2020
MARCELINE GROUP	0.0	0.0	PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP	55.00	205.00
MI GROUP	0.0	0.0	RECOVERY PLUS	251.71	1007.10
MONDAY NIGHT TURKEYS	0.0	0.0	ROE CENTER GROUP	40.00	360.00
MUSTARD SEED GROUP	0.0	0.0	SECOND CHANCE—WARRENSBURG	25.00	105.00
NEVADA GROUP	0.00	10.00	SEDALIA 12 X 12	0.0	0.0
NEW BEGINNINGS—MARSHALL	0.0	7.00	SERNITY GROUP	0.0	0.0
NEW CHOSEN FEW GROUP	0.0	0.0	SHAWNEE GROUP	43.10	379.17
NEW FELLOWSHIP	0.0	40.00	SIMPLE SOBRIETY GROUP	0.0	50.00
NEW TONGANOXIE GROUP	0.0	0.0	SIMPLY AA—KC	0.00	37.00
NEW VISION GROUP	0.00	60.00	SLATER GROUP	0.0	2.00
NORTH KANSAS CITY GROUP	48.05	373.10	SOBER SKIRTS	67.34	67.34
NORTH OAK GROUP	80.00	749.30	SOBER AT 7 GROUP	0.00	20.00
NORTHEAST JOHNSON COUNTY GR	100.00	900.00	SOBRIETY FIRST GROUP	35.00	245.00
NORTHLAND MIRACLES GROUP	0.00	50.00	SOUTH KANSAS CITY GROUP	0.00	450.00
NUTS AND BOLTS—LENEXA	0.00	300.00	SOUTH LEAWOOD GROUP	0.00	1262.54
OLATHE GROUP	0.00	410.95	SUNFLOWER ROUNDUP		
ONE DAY AT A TIME GROUP	0.0	0.0	SUNSHINE GROUP—LAWRENCE	25.00	750.00
OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE	0.0	0.0	SWEET SPRINGS GROUP	40.00	62.00
OVERLAND PARK FELLOWSHIP	0.00	340.40	THE WAY OUT GROUP	0.0	0.0
P III	0.00	280.00	TICKLED NOT TO BE PICKED	0.0	1000.00
PARKHILL GROUP	200.00	905.00	TONGIE GROUP	0.0	0.0
PASEO GROUP	25.00	225.00	TURNER GROUP	0.00	90.00
PFLUMM SOBER	0.00	681.00	TWELVE AND TWELVE GROUP	0.0	15.00
PLATTE CITY SOLUTIONS	50.00	250.00	UNION HOUSE #1	0.0	0.0
PLEASANT HILL GROUP	0.0	0.0	UNITY ON THE PLAZA	100.00	1000.00
M.C. GROUP	0.00	50.00	WARD PARKWAY GROUP	0.00	700.00
New Path AA Group	317.50	317.50	WARRENSBURG GROUP	0.0	0.0
			WE ARE ONE GROUP	0.00	320.00
			WING AND A PRAYER	0.0	0.0
			WITH NO RESERVATION	0.00	380.00
			TOTAL	2,866.39	24,151.18

room. Can take them off inside the meeting. People are also allowed to ask if they can do a mask-wearing meeting and we have only had 2 or 3 of those.

John (Olathe Group). We created an account a few years ago to take donations via the website. Our meetings did not change. A lot of people did go to Zoom. Nothing official. When attendance was way down, it was amazing the donations that came in. Attendance back to normal. Nice deal to have that website. We have a speaker meeting once a week and we have a raffle to raise money.

Basket has been passed for 7th Tradition. \$44.00

Zoom attendees

Candy (Lenexa). Our business meetings are basically a fight about the masks. Zoom meetings. A lot of people are meeting at the hall.

Kevin (NKC). Secretary unable to hear him.

Melanie W. Secretary unable to hear her.

Philip We are doing in person meetings and Skype meetings. We are not requiring masks, but most people are wearing them. An outdoor meeting on Friday. Initially, increase in donations but that fell off.

Tori (Liberty Group). We are open and following Clay County mandate. Donations have stayed the same. We are not experiencing any big problems. Still planning Alkathon in December.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Susan G.

*****NEW POLICY*****NEW POLICY*****

CENTRAL OFFICE WILL BEGIN A NEW POLICY WITH CREDIT BALANCES. THE CUSTOMER WILL BE NOTIFIED AT 60 DAYS TO USE THE CREDIT WILL EXPIRE AND BE CONVERTED TO A "CENTRAL OFFICE ANGELS" DONATION.

CONCEPT X

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority — the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

Nearly all societies and governments of today exhibit serious deviations from the very each operational responsibility a correspond sound principle that must be accompanied by corresponding authority to discharge it.

This is why we have been at such pains in preceding discussions to define the several authorities and responsibilities of the A.A. groups, the Conference, the Trustees, and our active service corporations. We have tried to make sure that authority in each of these levels is equal to responsibility. Then we have tried to relate these levels one to another in such a way that this principle is maintained throughout.

Central Office SEPTEMBER Finances

Income \$11,249.80
Expense \$12,632.85

2020 SEPTEMBER GROUP DONATIONS \$1,956.68
2019 SEPTEMBER GROUP DONATIONS \$2,625.46

Net Loss = (\$1,383.05) *These are preliminary numbers*

We now have a five month prudent reserve. At the October, 2015 Board of Directors meeting a motion was made, seconded and passed that Central Office establish a six month prudent reserve. We are almost there.

Each group has the ability to make these numbers change If you do not see your home group listed here, it is because Central Office has not received a donation. Please ask why. If your group feels we need to be of more service in some area, please let us know. We cannot change that of which we are ignorant.

As per your request, we are now publishing a more complete financial report. I hope this pleases those of you who have asked for it. If not, please let me know what else you would like to see. After all, this is *your* money! We at Central Office try to be good stewards of it.

Our Accountant, Janet B. of the Lenexa Group tries to come in as soon after the first of the month as possible so you can get final numbers. There will be months, however, that we will print preliminary numbers because of the publishing date. That will be noted above.

CENTRAL OFFICE CALLS			
GROUP INFORMATION	401	DETOX/TREATMENT	9
12 STEP	3	MISC.	104
BRIDGE THE GAP	0	EMAILS	4
ALANON	6	WET DRUNKS	2
OFFICE INFORMATION	397	VISITORS	647
NA/CA/OTHER	11	AFTER HOURS HOTLINE	383

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