

# Arkansas



## CENTRAL OFFICE COR MEETING REPORT

**August 23, 2017.** 10 attending. Melissa P.-F Street, Matt Brooks-Rock Group, Sandy S.-Reservoir, Matt H.-Pig Pen & Board Member, Joy N.-Taproot, Tammy A.-Sherwood, \*Perry D.-Cosmopolitan, Jeannie S.-F Street & Board Chair, Bob F.-M.O.B. & Board Member and \*Bob W.-Reservoir. \*Bob W. is the Office Manager and Perry D. is the Liaison. The Board meets quarterly, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday at 5:30pm in Jan., Apr., Jul., & Oct. **COR meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm**

### What Did We Learn?

REPORT FROM JULY WAS APPROVED

**💰💰 Old Program Needs A New Start** Donations are down for the year \$749, which is not too bad. However, donations have been coming back up from being down earlier this year. Everything seems to be coming back except for individual donations. Bob thinks it will even out later in the year. Bob did a great job explaining cost, overhead, wages and when and how we are paying bills. We are going to start paying bills at one particular time at the beginning of each month. Overall in July and in parts of August we are making up for our shortages for earlier this year. **New Business Item: The SOS (Sharing Our Sobriety) program was brought up and explained.** We used this program for years and it has just kind of been forgotten about. As a suggestion for each year of sobriety, you, your sponsor, a sponsee or a friend in the fellowship can donate a dollar for each year of sobriety in that person's name to Central Office. We may use the groups and district to get this program going again. **We are talking about getting this started ASAP!** **More New Business:** Bob is also working on a **recurring donation program** where folks that want to donate can do it through a monthly debit to their bank account or credit card. More information on all this is to come.

**👤 Are You New In The Program?** We are **NOW** fully implementing our new **12-step caller program**. Of course, this is all about **our primary purpose**. Connecting the Alcoholic 12-stepper with spiritual tools to the **still suffering alcoholic**. It's what we do!

👋 Most incoming calls unless they are of an obvious business or information related nature will have the question asked **"Are you new in the program?"** The callers' response to this question will be extremely informative as to how the call should be handled. Central Office afternoon volunteers forwarding the phone will be explaining how the new program works to the After-hours folks taking the phone that evening. The text message to the After-hours volunteer the day before has also been changed to inform. The after-hours packet has been updated and has been sent out to ALL the volunteers with the pertinent information about the new program attached. We talked again about having a meeting maybe at Wolfe Street or doing a conference call with groups of people to get the information out or maybe we just continue doing it the way we are doing it. **It will be important to convey this information and to make sure that everyone has a copy of the After-hours pack. Especially those that are new to doing After-hours.**

👤 In-house volunteers are always needed for Central Office. Fill out an application with approval from your sponsor of course. We may have the Sunday afternoon slot filled.

**This Is Getting Hotter!** Our **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Challenge** is the next Central Office event coming up on **November 4<sup>th</sup>** during the day from 10 am-2pm This is good fun, always a good service opportunity and we always need help with the Activities Committee. At 10am there will be Activities and Fellowship followed by a 3 Panel discussion w/questions and answers on sponsorship. Chili tasting and voting will start around noon with lots of good Chili fixins'. We are going to be selling raffle tickets throughout the event and there will be **Live Music throughout**. We have **updated Chili Challenge flyers to post**. COR members are going to get them posted and handed out to groups.

👤 **The sheriff will be on duty.** The Activities Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 2pm. 📍 **We have 1 more meeting before the event. Join us.**

✈️ **The National Intergroup seminars** are coming up Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, in Historic Northern Virginia. Perry and Matt will be attending this annual event. This will teach us about common problems and solutions to most Central Offices/Intergroups. They will be funding their own way. They will have a list of questions and inquiries concerning operations at your Central Office.

📘 **Facebook?** This is another good question for the seminar. We discussed having a Facebook page. At the very least having a listing with our information available. We are going to do more research on this. We want to stick to the traditions. Anyone with informed advice on this is welcome to share.