

# Arkansas

## CENTRAL OFFICE COR MEETING REPORT



**June 27, 2018** 10 attending. Matt H.-Pig Pen & Board Secretary, \*Perry D.-Cosmopolitan, Molly M.-Barely Legal, Shannon L.- Bridging The Gap, DeSere B.-Rock Group, Trey G.-120 ½, Sandy S.-Reservoir, Natalie R.-Cabot, Marci H.-Saints We Aint', and \*Bob W.-Reservoir. \*Bob W. is the Office Manager and Perry D. is the Liaison. **COR meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm**

### What Did We Learn?



### John Gets A New Start

**Financial Report** was approved. Bob went over the monthly comparisons, the differences in areas marked with green and areas marked with red and costs vs. expenditures. Bob purchased a new Kohler toilet and explained why we needed to. Compared to this month, last year's donations and sales were up making income up over \$3,000. Cost of goods was down over \$1,000 due to an accounting change. These 3 things brought total expenses down by a little less than \$1,000. The increased income of over \$3,000, plus lower expenses (\$1,000), means we gained over \$4,000 compared to this month last year.

REPORT FROM APRIL WAS APPROVED  
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**Involving Grapevine** Liaison Report. Perry says that he has been a little out of commission and is looking forward to getting back into everything. He talked about the CO Newsletter and the possibility of getting local stories from people that wrote stories for the Grapevine Magazine and if necessary condensing them to fit our format. He has a spiel for the Grapevine Committee possibly at their next meeting. He also talked about getting the SOS material added to the literature racks. Still getting the word out about the 'Sharing Our Sobriety' program. **REPEATING INFO!** This is a program that is fellowship wide and most other CO's around the country do this on an ongoing basis. We have not used it ourselves in a few years. Perry passed around the fliers explaining and a self-addressed return envelope. This is a way to honor someone or yourself by donating a dollar or more for each year of sobriety and help the local Central Office. You can also return the donation directly to Central Office. Perry asked the COR's to get this 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. **Perry says that there is a trickling in of SOS donations.** Perry is still handing out sign-up sheets to everyone to take back to their groups. This includes: After-hours phone, In-house volunteer shifts, 12-step callers, speakers, ride services and of course The Activities Committee. He is working with District locally and at the Area level to get people all over the state to volunteer. Thanks, Perry

**Think Twice Before You Hit That Enter Key!** Volunteer and general office report. We had to reprogram the bookstore computer. Just by hitting the enter key on a Windows update it fried (wiped) the computer. SCAREY! **Central Office is a great place to get into service work early.** All you need is your sponsors approval. We are full up on in-house volunteers right now, although some of our volunteers are taking summer vacations and are having to find replacements to fill their shifts. If you have someone you're sponsoring send them in to fill out an application. We **now** have a growing list of substitute after-hours volunteers for those that cannot answer the bell at 6pm to answer phones over-night. Bob says that we cancelled the expensive landline with AT&T and now have 2 mobile phones with Straight Talk and as simple as that sounds the process in getting that done was exhausting. Bob explained the run-a-round. **There is still a real need for 12-steppers during the day right now.**

### ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: THE CHILI CHALLENGE IS COMING SOON!



We had a great Founders Day and we pretty much broke even which is always the goal. David M. gave a great presentation on the Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous in Arkansas Sterling and Harlan. We had shrimp cocktail, cheese dip, birthday cake and ice cream, live music, bingo, a 50/50 raffle and raffled off some other great prizes. We talked about doing a better job in getting out the event fliers. **WE ALWAYS NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THESE EVENTS!** Talk to your sponsees. **Activities Committee meets at CO every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 2pm.**

**Old business: Sponsorship/Traditions/Service Workshops:** Matt said that he took the idea back to his home group Pig Pen and got interest in doing it from the group. So we want to provide more details. Perry said that he has someone getting together a plan for all of these ideas soon and that his home group had a note in their suggestion box about doing a Traditions Workshop. We went over more details and asked questions about the format. Bob asked that the format be printed. We may end up doing this quarterly and using whatever format the group wants whether it's traditions, service or sponsorship. We talked about doing it at the group's regular meetings or letting the groups pick a special time to do it. We talked about having people with good working knowledge of these issues leading the workshops. We talked about letting the groups decide if they wanted to add any extracurricular activities, like a potluck to the event. Other COR Members did bring it to their groups and had some positive feedback. **New Business:** Perry brought up that the new rotation coming in September and encouraged all the COR's to come back to CO on this next rotation if possible for continuity.

Prayers