

Arkansas





CENTRAL OFFICE COR MEETING REPORT


Sept 27th, 2017. 14 attending. Melissa P.-F Street, Matt B.-Rock Group, Sandy S.-Reservoir, Matt H.-Pig Pen & Board Member, Nancy C.-Rock Group & Board Member, Shannon L.-BTG, Karen W.-Cosmo, Erin L.-Pig Pen, Joy N.-Taproot, Sam T.-Back To Basics, *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. COR meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm


What Did We Learn?


REPORT FROM AUGUST WAS APPROVED
Please check your email for the latest report.


 **MORE SUPPORT NEEDED** Bob says donations continue to be down just a little. Income, which is from donations and sales is close for this month. We are however down for the year by \$1144.00. Expenses for the month were up \$3282.00. This is mostly from resale purchases (\$2597.00), which is like a savings account. It will be sold and the money plus some with mark-up will be returned. Some from wages which are more per month this year. Less will be paid in December making the overall less. Overall for August, even with the purchases for resale, we only spent \$181.00 more than came in. **Financial Report was approved.**


 **After-hours Volunteers Have New Instructions** 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. [This is the most important thing your Central Office does!](#)

 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. Most of the time we are going to have a 12-stepper in their area call them. 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 also need to make sure After-hours Volunteers read and understand the new After-hours Packet that was sent to them.** We talked again about *other ways to do a better job* in getting the new instructions communicated. **Especially to those that are new to taking After-hours phone calls. Note:** We now have 5 In-house Alternate Volunteers.

 **GRATITUDE SHOULD GO FORWARD** Liaison Report: Gratitude month is coming up in November and Perry has gathered all the Gratitude Jars for District 9 and passed them out at the D9 meeting for GSR's to take back to their groups. He will also try and make it to all the groups to make sure they have a Gratitude Jar. Bob has gone out and bought a bunch of cheap grocery bags and has printed the information about Gratitude Month on them and Jeannie has said that she will take these [Gratitude Bags](#) to Area 4 Assembly next weekend and pass them to Sunny, Chair of the Group Relations Committee so she can present them to the DCM's at their meeting. We have letters with these [Gratitude Bags](#) explaining what we are doing as well. So, we are trying to reach all the Groups in Area 4. **Old Business:** We have decided to put the SOS (Sharing Our Sobriety) reboot on hold until the beginning of the year. **Noteworthy:** The latest quarterly edition of Box 459 has the lead article on Inter-groups and Central Offices. It is an article about what's going on around the country, the history and more. You can pick up a copy here at Central Office.

 **The National Intergroup Seminars** Are Oct. 5th – 8th, In Northern Virginia. Perry and Matt will be attending this annual event, learning how other Central Offices work and getting new constructive ideas on how we can run our day to day operations more efficiently.

 **SPICEY** The Chili Challenge is coming up on November 4th 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.** [Look for the flyer](#) and enter your own Chili. The Activities Committee meets the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2pm. **Note:** The Sheriff of Chili County and his Deputies will be on duty.

 **Board Members May Be Needed** Three Board Members are up for new terms and may decide not to stand for another term. They will have to be voted in again. If there is anyone interested in being a Central Office Board Member please show up at the COR Meeting on Wednesday October 25th at 5:30 pm. Qualifications: 2 years of sobriety. Having a Home Group. ***Having no other member of your Home Group currently on the board. *Does not include the 2 paid employees/board members home groups.**