IG meeting 11/17/18

PA- co-chair

John DH- chair of IG

Dorothy- co-secretary

Leslie

Earl-delegate

Cory

Jon- treasury

Kelly- literature chair

Dan- workshop chair

Phoenix

Jack

Secretary Report

Dorothy- read minutes from October

Motion to accept- Kelly

Jon seconds

9 accept 1 abstain

Treasure Report

Jon- see report; We haven’t given money to Chapelwood yet for workshop. It netted $367. A fair amount of money is coming in from meetings. Between the workshop and meetings we have over $1000. We currently have $1642 in non designated funds which is enough to do a 60/40 split to FWS. But I feel the delegate fund should be increased before we do this.

Discussion about non-designated funds.

Cory motioned to approve treasure report

Dan Seconded

11 accept

0 no

1 abstain

Literature Report

Kelly- see report

Earl- Board is looking at raising literature cost after the first of the year.

If you want to make a large purchase may want to make before that.

Kelly- I haven’t had anyone reach out to me since October for literature.

John D H- I would like to try to keep cost down on literature. May be a good time to get more literature.

Fundraising Committee

Jack passed out information sheet on possible fundraising ideas from SAA.

Jack- Phoenix and I met with Jim, the treasurer of SAA. Discussed fundraising called “Giving Thanks” that was started by a few men in SAA.

They started it off on their own without Intergroup- raised $2000 the first year and $35,000 this past year. They only do one fundraiser a year.

They put a flyer out in December and have a meeting to decide where the money is going to go. They use a home in River Oaks or an area close to where everyone lives. They have no speakers, no events just fellowship “giving thanks”. ISO (SAA’s FWS) revenue has gone up from $300,000 due to fundraisers around the country.

FWS’ income is $300,000 and has been that for a while and donations have gone down. Their main revenue is book sells.

Our plan is to give 40% to FWS off the top. Then we need to develop a budget.

Discussion about report:

John DH – working on 501C-3 so donators can get a tax deduction.

Phoenix- Some things that jumped out to me are no shame-hits. Just a very simple bringing it forward- that these are our needs. A lot of people have the autopay set up and that’s a constant income coming in. The time, the space and food were all donated so 100% went to their ISO.

Jon- I think the biggest thing is to articulate what we are trying to raise and why. And then keeping it simple- it keeps our cost down.

Congratulated Dan and Ashly on a successful workshop.

Workshop report

Dan- Had 52 paid, 51 of those attended and a couple people walked on. We also had more men this time and the room was full.

About filing 501C-3

John D H- Started asking about the 501C-3; called IRS and found out we are already incorporated. Have all paperwork in the binder now. We are considered “charitable” to become tax exempted- just need to file. As of yesterday we filed to be a 501C-3. On Dec 16 I will inquire again as to what the status is.

When we get a letter of determination we will be exempt from paying taxes on literature. We send the letter to FWS.

John D H- Need to talk about money to give to Chapelwood. In the past we have given $200.

Dan- I think they earned every penny of it.

Jack motioned to give Chapelwood $200 for the workshop.

Kelly seconds

12 accept/unanimous

John D H- What we would be like to give to FWS?

Cory- I would like to make a motion to give 40% of funds not designated to FWS or 40% of $1,100.

Discussion- Jack said I would like to wait longer until we figure out this fundraising thing. John D H – We have money in future workshops.

PA- We have to consider that the ABM next year is in Sacramento. It will be more expensive.

Jon- We haven’t given to FWS in awhile.

Dan seconded.

11 accept, 1 no, 0 abstain

Election of Officers

John D H- Cory said he would tentatively be co-chair, Dorothy tentatively said she would be secretary, Jack said he would be treasurer, Leonard would be co-treasurer, and David M said he would do communications. Kelly will continue as literature chair. Will vote at next IG meeting.

John D H is willing to step down from chair of IG if someone is more enthusiastic about chairing.

Jack- I think John has done a good and keeps things functional. I would like him to continue as the Chair of Intergroup.

Round-up in Houston

PA- We need 2 chairs for Round-Up. There is a lot of help. We need to take care of finding the hotel and get hospitality suite ready.

John D H- I think the most important thing is to find the venue. We have had other people who have chaired previous workshops that might do a good job as chairs.

Meetings

Monday noon meeting is moving to St Phillips in the Galleria.

Some of the meetings are not meeting during the holidays.

Meeting adjourned.