

Report from the May 17, 2015 Area 55 General Service Assembly

I would really like to thank the Groups who have responded to letter that went out earlier this about the financial need of Area 55 and it seems there has been an increase in contributions. We were able to pay back our prudent reserve the amount we took out last year to bring it back to the \$3000 level. We have made it through the first quarter of the year that has our most expenses for the Delegate and Alternate Delegate to attend all functions. We are in a better condition than we were last year. We still need to continue the contributions. Again, Thank You!

I also want to address something that came up at the last meeting when I was not here by Bob S., that he read in the GSO bulletin that we have a liability of to our pension fund of 11 million dollars. That is not true. It was an error of looking at something in little print that read 1 point 1 million. It is very manageable and the finances are in good order. My full report will be given to Henry and he will have it in a mailing and it will be here at the next meeting. It will also be in the final report that comes from GSO in August.

Shared a four page keynote address given by Gary L. a Class B Trustee who going out. He gave this to the Conference this year, The Foundation For Our Future. Some of the issues facing us today are: singleness of purpose, social media (anonymity), diversity of membership, diversity of service, size of our membership, the decline of print, technology polarization and litigation. Let us never fear need change.

We had electric voting, you had 5 seconds to push a button and it showed the totals on the screen.

So I am opening it up for anyone to ask questions about what I did in New York or what happened. Statement made by Tim D. about the pension fund, Grapevine having too many stories about drugs and the California law suit about an AA meeting at a club. Shared about a person who comes to Came to Believe and the church has said he is barred from the prosperity and if he comes to the meeting we are to tell him to leave and call the police. This law suit points to us that if we know a person who come to are meeting is dangerous we probably have to do something about it. There is a lot of talk in AA about safety and what is our responsibility. There are laws in our society and we have a responsibility to follow them. If someone is dealing drugs in the parking lot after the meeting we have a responsibility to up hold the law and that may be calling the police. Question, how do they determine settling the law suit? Nancy said she did not know. Question, as our delegate and being your second time, spiritually how do you feel it was? The ole thing has change how I think about AA in a good way. Question, Josh asked if she had any opportunity to express the group conscious of the Area as the result of the Mini Conference. Yes I did make a comment for our Area and I did bring up one of the floor action we discussed about the meeting on line. They are investigating how they are going to do that. We went to the General Service Office and there are about 80 people that work there. They are doing the work we ask them to do. Question about be confused about calling the police because we are not the AA police. Jim S. stated that wrong is wrong and right is right, there is no twilight zone. If there in the church parking and doing something wrong, stand up for the law. I bet if they were shooting your wife you would call the law. Willie R, when we go to these church we are responsible.

In Gratitude: Nancy M.