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AREA 12 - DELAWARE GENERAL SERVICE ASSEMBLY  
DELEGATE'S REPORT                      FEBRUARY 17, 2024

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74<sup>th</sup> GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE - 2024  
"CONNECTING WITH LOVE, UNITY AND SERVICE"

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1. Since the January Committee meeting, I visited 3 (4) Districts. Districts 5, 2/3 & 13. At two of these meetings, we discussed the founders' writings.
  - a. I don't want to get into what I've heard so far since there is a lot more to hear from the rest of our Area.
  - b. I would like to visit districts and have these discussions personally. I believe the discussion we've had so far have been fruitful. Districts 1 (March 18<sup>th</sup>), 4, 5, 6-7, 12, 14.
  - c. I'm available the rest of February and March (except for the 5<sup>th</sup> and the last week), then again in April until before the 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. I discussed with Pamela about having online meetings to discuss preconference matters and these questions. I'm leaning for District meetings as I mentioned and there will be at least residual discussions on the issue at the preconference assembly.
  - e. Recently, a Tenth Step Letter was sent out by the literature committee saying that they regret that there was insufficient clarity over how the discussions over the founders writing should be held. That it was not intended to be a survey or mail-in. It was for the delegates to spark discussions in the Areas. Any mailed-in responses will be given back to the respective Area Delegates.
  
2. 12x12 Survey & founders' writings questionnaires
  - a. Will send out another email – a presentation done by Area 59, Western PA.



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- b. Will also attach the original background information to the 12x12 changes.
3. FAI's (Final Agenda Items) – the topics have been reviewed and released by the Board. I forwarded them to the Districts for their edification along with the Review, Consider, Discuss explanatory sheet.
  - a. No background information has been released yet. Mostly done with the translation process. They're rolling them out and expect to be done by Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b. I hope we get ours in time to at least review them before we depart for NERAASA
  - c. I'd like to meet while at NERAASA with the Districts to discuss Agenda assignments.
4. NERAASA is around the corner. Agenda/Panel discussions was released and sent to DCM's a couple of weeks ago. Lots of great topics such as Online groups, relevancy of literature, money, founders' writings, Communications within AA, and Safety in AA.
  - a. Area 12 involvement includes Chiara, our Area Chair, who will be chairing the discussions on the words of our co-founders on Saturday morning; and Jenna W., DCM District 5, who will be presenting Sunday morning on the Safety in AA service material impact.
5. I've been assigned to Conference Finance Committee, whose responsibility is to:
  - a. Reviews A.A. World Service/General Service Board budget and financial reports.
  - b. Reviews the A.A. Grapevine budget and financial reports.
  - c. Reviews any recommendations that have arisen during the Conference that involves finances.
  - d. Reviews any recommendations directed specifically to the committee.



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- e. Initiates new recommendations if the need arises during the Conference presentations.

Finance Committee agenda items this year include:

- ITEM A: Consider a request that the General Service Board develop supplemental reporting focused on the actual and evolving costs of the various services provided by the GSB.
- ITEM B: Review Self-Support Packet.
- ITEM C: Review progress report reflecting shared experience from the Fellowship reflecting on possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s founders.
- ITEM D: Review video "Hope" for effectiveness and relevance.

With regard to Item C – the conference scheduled a 1 hour sharing session which makes it impossible to hear from all areas. The Finance committee chair requested the conference to schedule more time earlier in the conference as well as a virtual sharing session with all the delegates before the conference begins so our committee can deliberate and see if we can make a recommendation this year.

6. First Delegate Only online meeting for 2024 was Thursday – met with Conference coordinator and the Trustee Conference Committee Chair.
  - a. Discussed some logistics and the draft conference agenda. The Trustee reported that they are looking at cost cutting measures to save about \$113K in conference costs (about 10% of total estimated conference costs).
  - b. Many delegates were unhappy about the allotted time for discussion on the founders' writings since they spent a lot of time gathering information for this conference. The dynamic was interesting as to how the delegates were letting the Trustee know that the Fellowship's interest and the delegates' responsibility to represent the fellowship is more important than trying to fit everything into a shortened and tight conference agenda.



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- c. Discussion about the plain language BB. Some were unhappy with the 90 minutes allotted to each delegate to review it.
  - i. The Conference literature committee will be reviewing the draft all day on the day before the conference officially begins and could consider a recommendation. The draft is complete and could be published by the end of this year if it is recommended by the literature committee and approved by the Conference.
  - ii. What I'm going to need from the Groups is if you have any particular passages or terminology that you think might be lost in the translation, let me know, preferably through your Districts. Remember, if it is like last year, no phones are allowed in the reading room & can't bring in notepaper. I'm told they will give us paper and pen to take some notes. So, keep them brief and easy to remember since I have a lousy memory in the first place.
  
7. Call for stories for revision of the pamphlet DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DIFFERENT. Sent it out a week or so ago. Due by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
  
8. Grapevine magazine (in print) subscription going up to \$36 annually as of April 15<sup>th</sup>. First increase in 12 years. (I've seen the Grapevine financial statement. They're not doing well.) Digital subscribers will remain at current prices and print subscribers will remain at current prices until expiration of subscription. Discounts are provided for volume, multiple and the "Complete" subscriptions. Take a guess what that might be...
  - a. GV is Calling for stories on the topic YOUNG & SOBER> Submissions due by March 15, 2024. See Grapevine news on our website.

Respectfully and gratefully submitted,  
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