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Jeff J., Panel 59 Delegate | C.C.A.A. Area 93

LITERATURE

Background – Currently the conference does not have a committee for Special Needs/Accessibility, however the General Service Office (GSO) does maintain a desk for correspondence and has been collecting materials and filling requests from members who encounter such challenges. This agenda item comes from the staff member currently serving as Special Needs/Accessibility coordinator and is based on input received from the fellowship contacting the GSO with needs expressed. Current publications include: 2 A.A. guidelines and a Special Needs Workbook (in progress)

Literature Agenda Item – A request to develop a new Special Needs recovery pamphlet for newcomers or prospective members.

A. Do you know someone or are you a member with Accessibility needs? (check all that apply)

1. Yes, I know someone ____ 2. No, I do not know someone ____

3. Yes, I am a member with accessibility needs ____

(If yes to #3, what is your accessibility need (optional _____))

B. Do you think a pamphlet of this nature could reach those members who suffer from alcoholism and experience accessibility issues? Yes ____ No ____

Why? _____

C. Do you have any input that you would care to offer as potential content in said pamphlet?

(Feel free to use the back of this page should you not have enough room)

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Background – This item originated from a literature committee in Southern Wisconsin. Reviewing the pamphlet “A Newcomer Asks” (P.24) the section headed “What advice do you give to new members?” Their strongest benefit to note was that ‘the best recoveries are firmly rooted in the basic principles of the A.A. program’.

Literature Agenda Item – Consider request to add a sentence to the pamphlet “*A Newcomer Asks*” that encourages newcomers to obtain and study the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

Do you agree with the addition of this sentence in future printings?

Yes ___ No ___

Why? _____

Background – N/A

Literature Agenda Item – Consider request to develop a second volume of *Daily Reflections*.

Do you currently utilize Daily Reflections in your recovery ‘tool kit’?

Yes ___ No ___

Do you currently see a need for a second volume of this booklet?

Yes ___ No ___

Any thoughts? _____

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PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI) | FINANCE

Background – 2008 GSC approved a motion to develop a wall poster for young people with information on A.A. for use in schools, a member (also past delegate) asked if this could be expanded in generic form to be used elsewhere (ie workplace, hospitals, doctors office, etc)

PI Agenda Item – Consider request “to develop a generic A.A. poster or posters for places such as hospitals, places of employment, doctors’ offices, etc.”

Do you see an application in your community where this would benefit prospective members?

Yes ____ No ____

Please Explain: _____

Background – An Area which includes the State of Nevada and parts of California expressed the need (with unanimous support) to have a wall poster that groups could use utilizing the seventh tradition long form.

Finance Agenda Item – Discuss request to produce a Seventh Tradition Poster

Would your meeting place allow you to leave such a poster on the wall? Yes ____ No ____

If such a poster were available would your group utilize it?

Yes ____ No ____ Not Sure ____

Which services does your group support with group contributions? (check all that apply)

Central Office ____ GSO ____ C.C.A.A (Area 93) ____ your district ____

H&I ____ Other _____

Do you know what general service District you are in right now? Yes ____ No ____

Do you know what general service Area you are in right now? Yes ____ No ____

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CPC | PI | TF | GRAPEVINE/ LA VIÑA

Background – Good News! Grapevine has now gone staple free. This will expand its ability to be used in facilities which previously disallowed magazines with stapled bindings. This year three of our conference committees have placed importance on discussing the use of the Grapevine and La Viña (Spanish language magazine) in their endeavors.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Agenda Item – Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in C.P.C. endeavors

Public Information (PI) Agenda Item – Discuss suggestion that Public Information committees “explore the use of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in their endeavors.”

Treatment Facilities (TF) Agenda Item – Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in Treatment endeavors.

A. Do you currently have a subscription to A.A.'s “Meeting in Print”? Yes ____ No ____

B. Are you aware of Grapevine's Web Site - www.aagrapevine.org? Yes ____ No ____

If No, are you going to check it now that you've read this? Yes ____ No ____

If you answered yes to one or both of the above, How do you currently utilize your Grapevine subscription? _____

Do you ‘pass along’ your copy to other members of your group? Yes ____ No ____

How about newcomers? Yes ____ No ____

Please offer any thoughts: _____
