

Finance and Budget Monthly Meeting June 2023

June 21, 2023

Present:

Chair: Reino F.

Treasurer: Catherine G.

Alt. Treasurer/Secretary: Alicia M.

Byron

Past Delegate 71: Kris H.

Doug C.

District 40 DCM: Doug D.

Past Delegate 69: Troy

Reino opened the meeting at 8:01pm with serenity prayer. Doug C. read purpose of finance committee. We went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Approved meeting minutes.

Reino ask about budget, Catherine says crickets on her end. Reino says Paul requested a budget proposal for archives for convention in Canada. There was an issue with the amount that is requested.

Reino did insurance a year ago and agent didn't follow through with their part. We still don't have insurance since we are waiting for an inventory list from archives to send in for insurance. Basically, archives chair has been asked numerus times for that list of inventory and still have not provide an inventory list.

Troy asked if conventions attended by committee chairs get pulled out of a hat. Kris states that no that is only for SWRAASA and forums. Troy states that at the Texas State Convention, Area 67 did not have an archives booth set up. He was told that archives called a week before and it was too late since didn't have room for booth. We should go through Bella since she is Area Chair to get something done about archives.

Kris asks if anyone is willing to go to mic during assembly budget meeting to directly ask questions to archives. Kris says talking about this, she is seeking additional funds, we should vote on it. Do we even have unrestricted funds available? Catherine states we have no unrestricted funds. Kris says that's the answer. Reino states, okay, done. Doug C. states we got the answer of no unrestricted funds. Archives has the budget of \$2,170 her expenses come out of that budget.

Byron joins a little late and ask what committee we were talking about. Reino states Archives. Byron states he's never seen a budget that big for archives. Reino says it was surprise. This time we basically go back over what was already discussed to bring Byron up to speed on the finance meeting.

We had a unanimous vote to not increase archives budget. Reino ask if he talks to archives now or at the mic? Troy says as finance chair politely say no. Catherine will report what's going on with unrestricted funds. Kris states give Bella a head up before handled. Reino asked for emails & ideas from past finance chair. He will be gentle. Reino ask if he needed to bring bullet points to assembly? Catherine states to say out of finance committee it was not approved because we don't have unrestricted funds. Catherine states we have no money for '24 budget.

We have \$32,000 unrestricted funds and we need to figure out how to get a balanced budget because unrestricted funds don't live forever. We need to make a change unless groups contribute more. We can't spend more money than we take in or we will end up in the hole.

Byron sums up to committee that we need to communicate to GSRs of the groups the situation we are in financially. Reino states the sad thing is only about 120 or 130 groups attend Area out of 700 groups. Catherine states we should bring to the district meetings... this is how much we to allocate. Doug states we need to get with Rick to talk to DCMs to get the message to districts.

40-60% is what was a spent vs budgeted usually until this last year. Bryon states we need to find where the disconnect is between Area and the groups to fix this money problem.

Doug states area finance committee has a purpose to the area. Rick has a meeting with the DCMs to get the issue to the groups. Finance committee shouldn't tell groups what to do. Troy agrees we shouldn't go to groups.

Adhoc committee proposes a fully funded budget. It will be presented at Area Assembly in July.

Catherine states we will have copy of bylaws, and everyone will get a copy. Troy states it might say fiscal year.

Doug C ask whose bright idea was it to draw names out of hat to send people with money we don't have? Kris states there is a place on the Area website to look at past actions taken place. Troy states he believes it's been taken down.

Reino says again no money for archives motions.

Responsible statement at 9:28 pm. Meeting Closed.