

Finance and Budget Monthly Meeting July 2023

July 8, 2023

Present:

Chair: Reino F.

Treasurer: Catherine G.

Alt. Treasurer/Secretary: Aliciea M.

Byron

DCM: Doug C.

District 40 DCM: Doug D.

Past Delegate 69: Troy

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Past Delegate: Deborah

District 31 Treasurer: Christi

Finance Chair 81: DJ

Ron

GSR: Peggy

DCM 33: Cody

DCM: Tony

Past Delegate: Mike

DCM 66: Louis

DCM 90: Julian

Reino opened the meeting at 4:49 pm with serenity prayer & read purpose of finance committee. We went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Julian says she would like to stand for Alt. Finance Chair. Kristi will also stand for Alt. Finance Chair. Doug says DCM can't stand for Alt. Chair because of voting at assembly. Catherine makes motion for Kristi to be Alt. Finance Chair unanimous vote in favor.

No changes for June's meeting minutes. Catherine makes motion to approve minutes. Doug seconds. All in favor.

Tomorrow the '24 budget will be presented. We still haven't heard anything from budget holders. Catherine says we are not moving forward. We don't have it. How can we vote something in we don't have money to do this? We need to shave things off to make this budget work. Donations 50%.

Julian has questions. We are put in the hole from prudent? Catherine says no from convention. \$0 unrestricted funds. Julian asks again if prudent is putting us in the hole. Catherine says we can't mess with the prudent and it's not the reason we are in the hole. We add unrestricted funds to match expenses. To mess with the prudent since it's in the P&P we will have to bring it to the assembly.

Reino says the figure was positive until the 2022 convention when \$10,00.00 was written to the hotel and we never received that back.

Catherine states the convention box on the treasurer's report will be corrected. We don't have money to finish this year out.

Doug states one person gets the floor, and this meeting should be all about next year. We made a budget no one had questions.

Deborah asks do you have a bottom line number that was spent? (actual)

Reino states the expenses for 2022 actual was \$52,000 and budgeted was \$59,000

Deborah says to shave stuff with what was actually spent in '22 is one way to save.

Reino states we have proposed budget but no input except right when we are voting. We let this budget be voted on.

Cody asks what happens if it's a no vote tomorrow?

Mike states that a no vote means no budget passed & the finance committee will have to make a new proposal so we can make it work.

Louis asks questions about the previous budget.

Reino explains the difference between budget and actuals.

This year we used unrestricted funds + income funds. \$33,000 & we have no unrestricted funds. The process we have been using if they don't show then it just carries over to next year. We have never had a fully funded budget.

Paul says we are submitting a budget of \$74,000 and we just don't have it. Some expenses are locked and can't be changed. It would be more responsible to say we have to take a hit.

Cody states that the finance committee recommends not to pass this budget.

Ron states that '23 budget Kris didn't think we could make that but no one in area blinked and now we are dealing with the aftermath. We base the budget on what we could receive.

Catherine states even if we moved back to \$52,000 there would still be an issue. We don't even have \$52,000. We don't have anything in unrestricted funds.

Troy states that in 2020 the area went to DCM and stated that area is fine since we aren't spending money right now. Send money to GSO.

Mike states the most logical thing is say this is how much money we have, and this is what we can spend. We don't work off credit. It's misleading and voting uninformed.

Deborah says in addition her group always sends money to GSO. We need to ask for help for SETA for '23 since we are \$17,000 short paying our bills this year.

Julian states looking at treasures report if we continue with contributions, we will collect \$34,000 and usually the second half of the year we will collect more money. We will have a fully funded budget.

Catherine states that a fully funded budget is when we start with the money we budget for.

Julian disagrees that we aren't as bad off as we seem.

Doug states that at last meeting it was talked about Rick talking to DCMs to bring word to their districts that area needs help with funds. Doug will be at the DCM meeting to represent the finance committee.

DJ asked where he could find the treasurers report.

Reino states the current report will be online.

Louis reads the history of the previous years of budget/actuals. Similar number every year except now. Why has it increased? Where are the funds?

Reino states hybrid meeting has made an increase.

Louis ask how can we present a budget if we don't have money? He agrees with Deborah.

Leia says God's will be done.

Reino states that we have one of two options. Committee has issues on what's going on and irresponsible as an area. We relook at the budget and committee make a proposal, but we need a figure to present.

Catherine suggests that only original committee members should be allowed to vote.

Reino states isn't this like AA everyone or just Doug, Doug, Kris, Byron, Catherine, Alicia, Reino, Troy, and Paul?

Reino states that the committee has increased in size.

Louis asks if it's possible to present budget?

Reino says contracts have been signed for 2024 already.

Julian states looking at numbers you gave you should have \$39,000 where is that?

Catherine states again that the budget is not fully funded.

Julian states \$15,000, \$5,000, the -\$12,000

Bryon asks at this moment how much do we have?

Reino says \$68,712.64

Tony says to my understanding motion made to vote tomorrow do we accept or not accept until the assembly decides what we want to do.

Don says someone should have recognized that we have a short fall.

Reino will mention there is an issue to the assembly.

Reino says he's looking to made adjustments.

Are we going to suggest this budget or not? It's that simple you recommend it or not?

Deborah states she recommends we vote no, and we take it back to see what we can do.

Don states we can't just throw out a number or use "I think"

Reino asked how many would like to be added to this committee? Does this committee want me to strongly suggest no to this budget?

Most agree.

Doug is opposed.

Reino says he was given a script to read since you never know what's going to come out of his mouth.

Ron states we need to be prepared for a yes vote for budget.

Julian reads something from P&P.

Doug motions to close meeting.

Meeting closes at 6:08pm

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