

3rd Quarter Report Summary

Grapevine

- New Prayer and Meditation book is out for sale at \$13.99 in English and Spanish.
- Deadline for resumes for non-trustee Director for Grapevine is Sept 15.

Grapevine App

The new Grapevine launched Sept 1. The testing resulted in suggestions like making a reference to an article a link to that article. And to add a daily checklist, 10th Step list. Bugs are fixed. Loading into app stores like Apple. You can download the app for free and get everything that is free now like the podcast, sobriety calculator and Daily Reflections. If you have an existing subscription, you can get the app free until that subscription runs out. For just the app \$2.99/mo. or \$28.97 yr. and you can use the app and the website, and you can use it on two devices. 15% goes to the store, it is included in the price, and you purchase it from and we will be able to subscribe through the app. Of course, you can still simply maintain a magazine subscription without any changes. \$54.00 yr. for the app and the magazine. Frequently asked questions and subscription link on aagrapevine.org.

AAWS

- AA for the Older Alcoholic is now a booklet and for sale for \$2.00.

GSO

- GSR and DCM kits are starting to get shipped again, keep in mind we still have out of stocks from paper shortages. There is a QR code placed inside the kits for downloading missing pieces until they are in print mode.
- International Licensing is nearly current, and all communications including over 3,000 emails have been caught up.
- Staff rotation for the next 2 years is Sept 15.

Participation of Online Groups

- We have a letter on the way with sample questions, some are multi parts. We will send a QR code for easy sharing. Please return all responses by October 6th.

Projected timeline for the 74th Conference:

- Early September – Digital Final Report from 73rd General Service Conference.
- Sept 15 – Deadline for Proposed Agenda Items (remains on agenda to try to extend this for next year)
- Early October – Preliminary Agenda
- Early November – Updated Preliminary Agenda
- November 13 – All materials in for the background
- Feb 10 – Current committee reports in for the background.
- Feb 16-23 – Background to delegates via dashboard. Each committee released through the week as it is completed.

Inventory Committee for the GSB Inventory

- Final list of questions and facilitator will be presented in Oct GSB meeting, Inventory will be the Jan GSB meeting, report at the 74th Conference.

CPC/Treatment & Accessibilities

- We are working with PI to develop Service Cards that you can add your own CPC contact info on.

International

- Collecting funds for sharing to help all GSO's be able to participate in the biannual world meeting called Rodella.

International Conventions/Regional Forums

- Flag ceremony will be digital and for free, the committee recommended to the GSB that a digital option be added to the 2025 International Convention for the big meetings Friday, Saturday and Sunday (for a cost).
- 2025 Souvenir book and are discussing options for maybe having a souvenir bag that works with stadium guidelines.
- Sub Committee to see if adding virtual forums to the schedule of Regional Forums might be helpful.

Literature

- The pamphlet AA for the Black and African American Alcoholic is recommended to retitle to: Black in AA – Experience, Strength and Hope
- New ACM for 4th Edition Spanish Big Book
- Still reading stories for the 5th Edition English Big Book
- 12 Steps Illustrated, seeking additional clarification and direction from the 74th Conference Literature Committee on the graphic style that is wanted.
- 12 Concepts Illustrated Video– reaching out to Great Britan to talk about sharing assets and contract information.
- Asked for budget at the Oct GSB meeting for production for the video Too Young.
- Recommendation to the Oct GSB meeting for how to collect feedback from the fellowship about future changes to Bills writings.

Plain and Simple Language Translation of the Big Book

- Possibility we will have a reading room again at the 74th GSC.
- No decision for title, color of cover or size of the pages, it's still in discussion.
- Project funds are at about \$142,000 so far.
- 12 steps on the left side of the page and explanation on the right side was decided it was too close to the line of "changing the steps", so it was sent back to the writers.

Nominating

- 3 candidates for GSB Chair, includes class A and class B.
- Budget for consultant for Board Chair search not to exceed \$15,000 was approved. Actual proposal is \$7,500.

Public Information

- Google ads are dropping us because we no longer qualify, we are researching to make sure it's appropriate. More will be revealed, and we will report what we find out.

Finance

- Cash is low, the first half of the year is cash negative, mostly because the hotel industry requires full payment before the conference, this year we are still paying on things from last year – the second half is cash positive; contributions are higher and we don't have conference expenses.
- Don't anticipate we will need a draw for this year.
- Reforecast of the budget -conservatively keep revenue where it is (up 7% over budget: (contributions are over \$4 million and Literature sales are almost 8 million with a gross margin of slightly over 4 million YTD), expenses are higher than planned due to travel and meeting expense (up 1% over budget: total operating expense is almost 9 million YTD).
- Reserve fund is just over 7 months of the 2023 budget.
- Cost per conference member is about \$10,000 and total cost is about 1.4 million.