

President's Report

AGM 2022

March 20, 2022

General

Covid continued to make things tricky this past year. We are just starting to see some meetings go back to face to face.

We discovered recently that G.A. Publishing is again selling an illegal copy of our book. We have consulted a lawyer who is giving us some assistance in this matter. So far we have written a goodwill email to G.A. Publishing and will soon be following up with a Cease and Desist letter.

We had a good opportunity to have members from Israel attend our board meeting. We were able to catch up regarding what is happening with the Hebrew translation. So far they have officially translated up to Chapter 12.

We canceled the office phone and hooked up with Fongo Works to have voicemail messages converted to emails. This necessitated us changing our phone number. Stay tuned for what that number will be. We were able to save money by taking this step. We also switched from Canada Post to Mailboxes etc. for our mailbox. This allows for us to have a street address, which makes it easier to deal with various businesses. We also decluttered and cleaned up the storage unit and moved to a smaller unit, again allowing us to save funds.

We switched to Print on Demand to sell our literature. We were left with 30 books which the Public Information Committee will send out to treatment centers. We also provided that committee with CDs and mini books to give out to treatment centers. We also gave some books to the Retreat Committee and some mini books to the Self Support Committee. This allows us to liquidate our inventory and to do some necessary Public Information work.

We are using Lulu for Print on Demand. This has allowed us to lower our shipping costs and to also sell a hardcover. We used the company Publicious to convert our e-book and are now selling that on Lulu as both the first and second edition. We have received mostly positive feedback on how this relationship with Lulu is going.

Board Membership

We have still been chronically short of Directors. Therefore we struck a Bylaw Committee to prepare a special resolution to decrease the minimum number of directors that we require on the board. We will be presenting that special resolution at this AGM. Please review the resolution so that it can be voted on during the meeting. It will be posted on the website.

We have 3 continuing directors at this AGM: Myself as President, Judy B and June S. This is the last year of the last term for all three of us.

We have on the slate 3 people who need to be re-nominated for their 2nd terms: Kheri, who is Vice-President and GSO and Personnel Chair, and Tammie, who is Treasurer and Chair of the Website Committee and is Co-Chair of the Inventory Committee. We also need to re-elect Myra R for her second term.

We have two Directors who were voted in since the last AGM and will need to be officially nominated in today (David F and Kristina W). We also need to entertain nominations for Secretary.

We are welcoming any nominations for new Directors. If the person is in ABA, the requirement is one year of sobriety.

Finances

We seem to be holding our own financially, having a balance just above our prudent reserve lately. We set that reserve this year at \$9,000, which accounts for 3 months of operating expenses. We switched to Scotia bank and that relationship is going well. Dan Cohen at HC Professional Corporation will present a financial report for the meeting. He is willing to continue on as our accountant at the same rate. We will need to vote on that.

Committees

We recently revived the Safety Committee as we needed to discuss the fact that young people are attending our meetings. They are currently working on a guideline with regards to that.

All the committees continue to work on improving things for our fellowship. You will hear their individual reports.

Upcoming Year

I am excited that the Literature Committee has been working on the 12 Concepts. I think that these will allow us to work more cohesively as an entity working on behalf of the fellowship in cooperation with the General Service Representatives Committee.

I am also glad that the Literature Committee has revived working on the Meditation Book. We will be able to extend the sharing of our experience, strength, and hope via this important piece of literature. The process of developing these meditations is allowing the fellowship to have ownership of this endeavour.

Mostly I want us to continue to facilitate helping those who still suffer. I think that the fellowship does a good job of that and the board is proud to be a part of that.

This is my last year as President. I welcome volunteers or suggestions as to who will fulfill that role next March. I am willing to stay on as Past President in order to assist that person.

Respectfully submitted by Amy G.

