

CENTRAL NEW YORK AREA 47

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Area Assembly Minutes for February 8, 2015, Syracuse, NY



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Central New York Area 47 Assembly*

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Assembly called to order: Chairperson, Karen Mc. Opened the meeting at 1:00 PM. The Chairperson gave a complete explanation about the Agenda for today's assembly, including locations of the one Committee Meeting room, and one Ask-it-Basket, Exits, and Bathrooms in the building. The Chairperson asked for new GSRs introduce them-selves at the microphone. There was one new GSR and no new DCMs, but Karen Mc, Chairperson asked Dave D. to have a DCM Training Review, because several DCM's asked her if they could have a Review. The Chairperson introduced past Delegates: Bob W. (37), and Tom T. (61) The Chairperson explained that there is only one "Break-out Room"; so we will be using the Main Room for Committees. The **GSR Training:** for the one GSR from the Syracuse Area, will be led by Mike Sutton. The Chairperson explained where each of the Committees would be meeting in the Main Room, and said that Standing Committee Meetings, GSR Workshop, DCM Training, and new GSR Training would start now. **DCM Training:** with David D. would be held in the Main Room. The Chairperson announced that we would reconvene at two (2) PM in the main room.

GSR Workshop: Tom T., Past Delegate (61) conducted the February Workshop "What is the purpose of Area Assembly?" (Chosen by the most votes) Tom shared his understanding: " In 1955, AA was given to the Groups i.e. the Membership of AA. The three legacies of AA: Recovery, Unity, and Service. As in most Groups 10% of the people do the work of the Group. The purpose of the Area Assembly is to unite information that comes from our 93 Delegate Areas, and bring that information to the Conference. The 93 Delegates represent and unite AA's ideas. The Delegates carry the information from their Membership to the Conference. Each Member of AA is responsible to serve AA to the best of his or her ability. "Do the Best you can to help AA as a whole." The whole purpose of each Area is to send a Delegate to the Conference to represent the Membership. The Delegate is the ears of the whole Area they represent. Members voices help move the Area issues to the forefront of the Assembly to find answers. Tom opened the Floor to questions, and many others joined in to share their experience, strength, and hope. The Area is a perfect environment to learn to listen, gain patience, grow in pain, and share pertinent knowledge."

The Chairperson reconvened the Main room and thanked Mike S. for teaching the GSR from Syracuse, and thanked David D. for heading the DCM Review Training and Tom T. for Leading the GSR Workshop. **Review Voting Procedures and count of eligible voters:** The Chairperson gave a complete definition of who was allowed to vote and the Voting Procedure. The Area Assembly completed a count of eligible voters. The number was 45 Total; with 2/3 being 30, the number for Substantial Unanimity. (The Substantial Unanimity number needs to be recalculated; if the number of total voters changes from the original count.)

AREA BUSINESS

Old Business: At 3: 00 PM. Chairperson stated there is no old business, and we moved into New Business.

New Business: Karen Mc., Chairperson Spoke of what took place in Area Committee, and highlighted: the need for a Digital Recording System; having a Greeter at the door to help the New Comer, and the Ad Hoc Committee for GSR Training.

Item One: At 3:00PM Chris M., Area 47 Sound Technician, made the motion: "I move that we migrate away from the current CD recording system and invest \$225.-\$240. in a new digital recording and memory card to use from now on to record the Area Meetings." Positive discussion went on for approximately 17 minutes until the Vote was called for, 38 voted yes of the 45 Voters available, and the Motion was passed.

Item Two: At 3:11 PM the Chairperson introduced her choice for Archivist, Bob D. from Rochester, NY. He is the Past Rochester Archivist. The Assembly by applause greeted Bob D. to his two year appointment.

Item Three: At 3:19PM the Area was asked to choose a Topic for Next June's GSR Workshop. Ralph, from East Side Men's Group in Rochester, NY gave his choice of Three Topics which were: "How to properly bring a Motion to the Assembly."; "Discuss the Right of Decision." i.e. Concept III"; "Discuss Key Pieces of Service Literature". "How to properly bring a Motion to the Assembly." was chosen, by the most votes; which was 15 votes.

Item Four: At 3:33PM Mike S. brought forward the need for an Ad Hoc Committee to; "Develop an Outline for the GSR Training School.", which is held when new GSR's come to Area Assembly. Mike S. offered to be the Leader of the Ad Hoc Committee also, and the Assembly voted yes for the need, with 42 voting yes of the 45 voters. Chairperson Karen Mc. asked if Area 47 accepted her Appointment of Mike S. as Leader of the GSR Ad Hoc Training Committee. Area 47 approved Chairperson Karen Mc's. Appointment of Mike S. as Leader.

Area Officer Reports:

Delegate's Report: At 3:35 PM, Vicky S., Panel 65: practiced reading her two (2) minute sketch of Central New York Area 47. Area 47's northern boundaries stretch along the shore of Lake Ontario, the mouth of the St. Lawrence River to the Heart of the Thousand Islands bordering Canada. On the east, we stretch down east of the Interstate Route 81 corridor to the Binghamton area. Our southern border goes from Binghamton, dipping down into Sayre, PA, to Hornell in the southwest. And our western border swings up to Albion, 40 minutes west of Rochester. We have 11 monthly Area Assemblies and a yearly Delegate's General Service Conference report at a

separate get-together. Area 47 has approximately 675 groups, some registered and some not. These groups have many talented and gifted members that “pass it on” in a variety of ways that there is a solution! They go into correctional and treatment facilities, hospitals, senior housing and schools. They encourage others to grow spiritually by sponsorship, bridging the gap and using the daily Grapevine quote on hand made cards that are sent to those incarcerated or hospitalized. They celebrate sobriety with sober Holiday events, member and home group anniversaries with dinners, speaker meetings, alkathons, dances and entertainment. There are many Workshops, Conventions, Retreats, Camping Weekends and Days of Sharing to educate the fellowship about general service and living sober. They are reaching out to inform the public and professionals by supplying many offices, waiting rooms, bulletin boards, rest stops and information centers with literature, Grapevines and meeting lists. Libraries and schools are supplied with pamphlet racks and books. Annually, our Syracuse groups work together to man an AA booth at the New York State Fair to inform and answer questions. Our young members have been enthusiastic in planning the next Empire State Young People’s Convention in Rochester, NY. Area 47 is diligently seeking God’s will for His ways of passing on the three legacies to our next generation. DCM’s are helping GSR’s learn about the Traditions to encourage spiritual growth within the groups. Our Area Assemblies and Committee meetings are the training grounds for our next Delegate by learning about and practicing the 12 Concepts. We look forward to growing spiritually and passing on what has been freely given to us by God’s grace!

Vicky’s Delegates Report: “I passed out the Preliminary Conference Agenda items and Highlights from AAWS. Since we don’t have a Finance Committee I wanted to bring this to your attention. It costs G.S.O. approximately \$5,800 to send the Delegate to the General Service Conference. They request from each Area to pay \$1600 which has been sent to G.S.O. from Area 47. Question is do we want to send more to help pay the expenses. Do groups, districts or the Area want to contribute more to help offset the Delegates expenses?

There is a position opening for a General Manager of G.S.O. I just received information the there is an opening for G.S.O. Staff Member. Please contact me if you are interested to apply.

AAWS Digital Publishing Program has more EBooks available. You can now get Big Book 4th Edition, Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, As Bill Sees It, Twelve Steps twelve traditions, Daily Reflections, Living Sober, Came to Believe.

The Grapevine Online Subscription is very good. You get stories of the week, Daily Quotes and you can search articles from the Archives. It has been brought to my attention that I encourage you to utilize the Grapevine Magazine for introducing AA to the public, send in to Prisons, Doctors’ offices, Treatment Facilities or gift one to one another. You can also purchase a bundle of older Grapevines at a discounted price.

Here is a February 5th quote for the Day: "As individuals and as a Fellowship, we shall surely suffer if we cast the whole job of planning for tomorrow onto a kind Providence. God has endowed us human beings with considerable capability for foresight and he evidently expects us to use it. Therefore we must distinguish between wishful dreaming for a happy tomorrow and today's use of our powers of thoughtful estimate -- estimate of the kind which we trust will bring future progress rather than unforeseen woe." *AA Co-Founder, Bill W., April 1959 "Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need,"*

“This makes me think of how we should be planning and visualizing ways to reach out to the still suffering in our communities. In what ways are we carrying the message to the still suffering Alcoholic. Are we going in to Treatment and Correctional Facilities? Are we educating our Doctors and businesses of AA? Do our Schools and local Libraries have copies of Big Books and pamphlets? How about are we working with Drug courts and treatment facilities to bridge the gap and inform them of what AA is? Let’s find ways to improve on carrying the message to the still suffering Alcoholic.” “Thank you for letting me Serve you as Your Delegate.” Vicky S.

Alternate Delegate Report: At 4:01PM Anita L., Alternate Delegate, Panel 65, spoke about Concept II: “ Last month we learned that our Founders, Dr. Bob and Bill W., relinquished their power to the AA Groups via the establishment of the General Service Conference. This body of trusted servants is elected by the 93 Areas in the United States and Canada every two years (on odd or even years). The Groups have elected GSR’s that attend Area and it is from this body of trusted servants that the Delegate is selected to represent their Area at the annual Conference in New York City. The flow of information from the Group to the District, to the Area and then the General Service Conference is thus assured.

The massive flow of information and resulting chores is too much for servants that are busy serving others locally and requires delegation to chosen service representatives. Now don’t feel that we just got the power and are giving it away! No, we Alcoholics are delegating and cooperating and meeting annually with Trustees, selected workers and Delegates from other Areas to do the business of AA World Services. We have been given the general responsibility for the maintenance of AA’s World Services and so become the service conscience for AA as a whole.

Armed with the knowledge that we are more than just another Bozo on the boat, that I can and you can help keep the life raft that saved our lives afloat, makes me proud. We had Founders that cared about our future and they worked diligently to put a framework in place to serve us into the future.

Concept II states “The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for AA World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.”

Chairperson’s Report: Karen Mc., Chairperson Panel 65 reported: Area Committee meeting: consider renaming this meeting; refocus the session – officers, DCMs, Committee chairs use to provide updates, discuss topics, challenges; proposed motions; discussed creating a new GSR Buddy system – not needed at this time; suggestion to provide greeters at future Assembly’s – welcome new GSRs,

locate their DCM when appropriate. Is a suggested guideline or format needed for the GSR and DCM Schools? Several Hosting districts have asked for this. Ad Hoc committee motion was discussed to address this; motion to be brought to assembly under New Business. Budget worksheets were distributed to Area officers and committee chairs to use as background in the development of their proposed July 2015-June 2016 budget requests. Bring back to March or April Assembly. Several had requested some status on their current budget standings. New Archives Committee Chair was approved Bob D. by the Area Assembly. Dave Mack has stepped down as CPC chair due to health issues. Have candidates now for the Open Corrections, CPC and Grapevine chair positions. To be presented at March or June Assembly depending on timing. March and April assemblies will be focused on the GSO Conference Agenda Topics. May 16th is the Day of Sharing. The June Assembly GSR Workshop topic is; "How to properly prepare a motion for Area Assembly."

Secretary's Report: At 4:07 PM, Peter G. Area 47, Panel 65, reported: The January Minutes were copied at the RAI, Inc. Central Office. We pay \$125. monthly for all copier use, ink is included, use of facility for storage, printing and assembly of minutes, and Bulk Mailing Assembly. Our first Case of Paper cost us \$53.78. (We are waiting for a rebate to bring this cost lower.) I was wrong about the volume of paper we will use. Our cost will be lower monthly; due to Double Sided Printing. In fact with Double-Sided printing, a case of paper will last at least 3 months. We used three (3) Reams of paper printing January's Minutes costing $\$5.37 \times 3 = \16.14 . I will continue the "Over-run" of Area Minutes of 25 Monthly Minutes for the "Reports Table". The OL5425WX Side Holding Stickers cost \$23.90, and this cost should cover 4 to 5 months; making \$5.98 the approx. monthly cost. Our cost for the full two years of US Postal Strapping to Bulk Mail the minutes is estimated at \$25. or just over \$1 per month. The Staples used to hold 247 ea. = .50 cost approx. We are adjusting our monthly US Post Office Mailing Costs (Approx.) from \$79.00 a Month to \$70.00 monthly. Our US Postal cost was \$68.20 for January's ground mailing. We reported the White Lazer Address Labels cost of \$41.02, and this cost will be Transferred to the Registrar. We wanted to be sure we had the correct labels, that our Registrar could use them, and they were good. John F. provided Labels quickly, and will have Approx.10 months of Labels. My estimate for the cost of January minutes is \$216.82. (Not \$339.94 which I reported last month.) I will still need two checks every month: Rochester Area Intergroup, Inc. (RAI, Inc.) for \$125. (Fixed), and I am adjusting the US Post Office Check down to \$70. Per month from \$79 per month; last month's check.

NEW DUE DATE FOR REPORTS TO MAKE THE MINUTES: Per Area 47s request on 2/08/2015, I need your Reports three (3) days after the Area Meeting. (NOTE: We meet on Sunday and the Reports are required three (3) days AFTER or Wednesday 12:00 PM. **AT THE LATEST.**) Please remember that **Our Chairperson asks that everyone please email to: chairperson@aacny.com** your motion **in writing at least one week ahead** of the Area Assembly and Area Committee Meeting. As your Secretary I ask that if you plan to bring a Motion forward please print or type it and turn a copy in to me. Please put your name and phone number on the Motion; so I may call you if clarity is needed.

I want to thank all who helped with the printing, folding, stapling, side labels, and Mailing of the January 2015 Area 47 Minutes. The "Area Minutes Team" or "AMT" was able to turn the Minutes around quickly. We have 10 people who helped in the functions we need to complete the Area Monthly Minutes. New comers are welcome! Please contact Richard L., DCM 103 (585-698-8244) or me Peter G. (585-338-1642) if you are interested. "Service Work Helps Keep People Sober." I thank all who are willing to do this Service Work and be part of our Team.

Treasurer's Report: Barb C., Area 47 Panel 65: (**Treasurer's Spreadsheet - last page of Minutes**) reported the WEB Committee placed the Treasurers Report in two places on our WEB Site. There is also a copy of our Tax Exempt Form on our WEB site, for those who want to purchase materials needed for the Area Assembly. Barb presented the January Treasurer's Report, and asked for the Areas' Acceptance; 2nd, and Passed being Accepted by the Assembly.

Recording Secretary: Carrie C., Recording Secretary, Area 47, Panel 65: with the assistance of those present, and as of this February Area Assembly, the DCM Lists, and Trusted Servants Lists are updated; except for Mike S., sorry Mike. We may need to wipe the slates clean at the Area 47's Election time. All lists have been updated; as of this date 2/08/2015. Thanks for letting me serve.

Registrar's Report: John F., Area 47, Panel 65 reported: At February Assembly in Syracuse was visited by two new GSR's, processed two Group Information Change Forms and one DCM Change form. Was asked by two DCM's to provide Group Information Sheets. Working with Recording Secretary to update GSO's listing of Area 47 DCM's. Special thanks to Michele S., DCM 0807, for getting me to and from Area Assembly safely and thanks to all Area 47 Servants courageous enough to brave the winter weather and be in attendance. Hope everyone made it home safe. Any questions? Reach me via email: registrar@aacny.org; "Thanks for trusting me with this Job. Peace!"

Area Standing Committee Reports:

Archives Committee: The New Archivist, Bob D. was just installed today. No Report has been turned in at this time.

Accessibility Committee: Noella W. Chair: reported that there was one (1) person who attended the committee meeting. At the meeting bathroom measurements and issues were discussed. The man who attended the meeting is part of Rochester Accessibility. They also discussed a New Form that the man from Rochester, said was going to be used to update, if a meeting is Handicapped Accessible. In the bathrooms for the Groups who say they are Handicapped Accessible there are certain measurements that must be in place, and the Bathroom Stall Doors also need to be a certain width. The outside doors leading into and out of, must be a certain width; to allow wheelchairs and walkers access. Through a friend I have learned that there may be Grants available to make bathrooms accessible. I will have more information next month. We talked about how we can get information to the Groups that are Handicapped Accessible marked on Newsletters. In Rochester, NY they can include this information in the Monthly Mailings. I will contact the Office Manager at the Central Office to confirm that this can be done. We discussed how we could put kits together, with tape measure, small clip board, paper, pencil, and how we can get the Groups to return the kits.

Treatment Chair: Peter B. Panel 65 reported that there were four people in attendance. One of the attendees was about to help bring a meeting into a treatment facility for her first time. At our meeting we discussed at length our experience with bringing meetings into rehabs. Some of the ideas that were touched upon were that we were guests at these facilities, and therefore must follow their rules, act in a manner that is courteous towards staff and clients, and represent AA in a positive manner while sharing our experience strength and hope. Also discussed was using various AA pamphlets as an aid to speaking in front of people not familiar with the AA program. The members that had experience all agreed that taking meetings into rehabs was a very positive and important part of their sobriety.

Cooperation with Professional Community Committee: The Chair reported that Dave M. called her and said that he has just had one of his knees replaced, and cannot sit for long periods of time or be in a vehicle, sitting for a long period of time, and that he needed to step down from being the Chair for this committee.

Public Information committee: Laurie S. reported that there were six (6) people who attended her meeting. Laurie said they discussed their personal experiences reaching out to their local communities and familiarizing them with what AA has to offer. In Cortland, NY they changed their date and time of the meeting at the university. In Rochester, NY they are reaching out to new and potential GSRs to stress the importance of AA Service Work. In Owego, NY AA Members gave packets to their own Physicians. The committee talked more about reaching out to Physicians, and especially their own Physicians. In Service – Laurie, PI Chair

Corrections Chair: No Chair Appointed yet. Michelle S. filled in: I stood in as Corrections Chair and there were 6 attendees at the Corrections Committee and we talked about how different counties have different requirements for members who want to bring in meetings. For example the State Facilities require that you are off paper for 1 year and Monroe County is 4 years. We also talked about how administrators of the facilities may be more open to AA and some who may not be. We reviewed the Corrections Correspondence pamphlet which is a program where you can write to an inmate and share your experience, strength, and hope. You can fill one out and send it in to GSO will provide you with an inmate who is looking to connect with an AA member. There are suggested guidelines on the kind of correspondence you have with the inmate and it is suggested you provide an Intergroup Address or a PO Box. Also if anyone knows of a member who would be interested in becoming the Corrections Chair please either let me or Karen our chairperson know. I can help out until we find someone. Thanks, Michele Smith DCM 0807

Website Committee Chair: Colleen K. Reported: Three web committee members met with John F., registrar, and Carrie C., recording secretary. We discussed the evolution of the current email distribution lists. It was agreed that the minutes will continue to be emailed by the web team, but from the webmail@aacny.org <<mailto:webmail@aacny.org>> address rather than from the secretary's address. It was suggested that as panel 65 prepares to rotate out in the fall of 2016, Area e-mailboxes be purged. We will discuss that further. The committee will research email subscription plugins for possible use on the site as well as a plugin called "Participants Database." We will be confirming automatic back-up at I Power and updating some plugins in the next week or so. The web team will begin sending a welcome e-mail to new trusted servants as part of the Area's effort to help newcomers feel more welcomed and informed. Yours in Service, Colleen (315-427-5307) website@aacny.org

Literature Chair: Rob S.: No Report Given. **Grapevine Chair:** No Report Given **Finance Committee:** Unassigned.

District Reports: None Given

Open Forum: "Two Minutes at the Mic" 1) "My name is Rob S., and I am an alcoholic. My Home Group is "Canandaigua 515 Happiest Hour Group"; I am currently your Literature Representative. When we get the upcoming Agenda Items we will need to form some kind of a committee to review the Agenda Items that are up and publishing, and I could really use some help with that because I am a devil's advocate, and I have a lot of questions about some of the publications, and why we are doing them, and why we are raising book prices, if we are exceeding percentages on monies in the budget already, like it says here in the high lights I mean I don't understand that, so we are 18% over budget for the month the sales of some literature, and yes we ordered too many of these Seventy Fifth Edition ones which resulted in an excess unfinished inventory. You know the prudent reserves up there, where it should be, and the Prudent Reserve fluctuates up and down based upon contributions and literature sales and they decrease it when it gets too high; the literature does, and so I am just kind of like at a loss, and I'm the devil's advocate, I just don't understand. Why if the Prudent Reserve is where it should be why ever though we haven't raised book prices for three years, that's not a good reason to in my opinion to just raise books. I like to know the nuts and bolts, because I am an anal alcoholic. I mean I want to know why you have monies coming in and you know they tell us it's not a shell game, you know to pay for Pensions that are unfunded and other things. I'm just very curious as to you know, we are just one small area here, and you multiply this by all the times all the assemblies and literature, and we try to get it at a discounted rate because of the volumes, so Joe blow who is just ordering, one book, one Big Book out there and is having it shipped to him from AA World Services. That's kind of cost prohibitive almost. It's expensive. So that's my two minutes of wining and crying, but I will need some help when we get into the Literature Committee when we get into some of these pamphlets and some of these other things and the history of it. Thank You

2) Hi my name is Lenny and I am an alcoholic. I'm the GSR for the Eastwood Group, and I am here today to share some of the

concerns of my Home Group and to; well so we have decided that we are going to pull funding, our group funding of Area 47 and we would like to tell you why, number one, there are a couple of reasons for this so bear with me: First is the agenda the agenda was changed, and that change was not brought in front of the Area Assembly. The Assembly belongs to the Groups any change like this should be brought to us, for us to vote on. The GSR school was changed from fifty minutes (50) to thirty minutes, and I mean that is the place where the new GSRs go to learn about their position. We come here to Area to learn we are here to make sure that AA is still here for the still sick and suffering alcoholic, like that have not been born yet, but we are here learn, and you know we are here to grow spiritually, and to deny that kind of education to the GSR, I have been a GSR for a while now and frankly I am still new, there is so much that I don't know, and I remember coming to my first Area, and just being like, other than the fact that it was completely electric, and I was like oh my God this is awesome. I said what is this? I did not understand anything, and to shorten the amount of time for individuals that are just coming in to learn, that seems very counterproductive to me. You know these GSRs are representative of their Home Groups, and they are the ones carrying their Home Groups conscience, why would we want to cut their learning short, or any of our learning short, for that matter. You know by changing the amount ... well actually the GSR Workshop is still the same amount of time. Um by changing business it is like it's only forty minutes. You know by making so many rules along with the necessity of presenting a motion a week ahead of time, like that totally takes God out of the equation, and this is a spiritual organization. We are here for God. God guides us, our Higher Powers. Please don't be offended by my use of the word God. Um next we have a committee that is still without a Chair. The Finance Committee, and as a result of gossip, we do not have a committee chair. The Finance Committee voted unanimously to have Cindy be the Finance Committee Chair, and that was suggested to our new Chairperson. Um because she came to us looking for suggestions, being new to the area and not knowing people, um and Cindy was suggested and she had conversations with our Chairperson And everything was going fine, and then as a result of gossip, she was told that her services were not required, and I feel it is necessary for the assembly to know this information. This is not a dictatorship. Thank You.

3) My name is Mike I'm an alcoholic. First of all and for all I know my Group is still going to fund Area. First of all the agenda is always set by the chairperson, or whoever runs the meeting, and that is what you do. I used to run meetings. As far as the school or the GSR Workshop there are so many things going on in here, and I don't know what causes it but it is different ever time. I have been in some meetings that the work is flown through, and I have been in meetings where a topic will be talked about for an hour and a half, and takes away from everything that is on the Agenda. I feel by pulling funding it is just like saying I'm going to take my ball and go home, because I don't like it. I'm not going to stay to try to correct it, or to try to make things better. So that's what I say.

4) My name is Mike, I am an alcoholic, um DCM for 0420. I don't know exactly what the AAWs Policies are. I don't know if a conference agenda item is required, but if you look on the dust jacket of "Pass it on". It says on the front of it, and maybe our Delegate can address this, but ah I am thinking of calling GSO about this. It says on the front of this, that a non AA member who is a typist said; "That isn't it unfortunate that Bill Wilson is being considered one of the best social architect of the twentieth century, but yet he never did anything with his life." How sad is that. I read that in AA literature on the dust jacket of "Pass It On." I would love to know why is that there. Bill Wilson did nothing with his life? His estate would be worth billions, even if he just patented just the creation of the boomerang. He was the first American who constructed a boomerang and makes it work and it came back, and almost cut him to ribbons. My point is, why are we are putting this in our literature, that our Founder never did anything with his life. It's sad he never did anything with his life, and we want newcomers to take us serious. Thanks.

5) My name is Dave Davis and I'm an alcoholic. I'm the GSR for the "Monday Night Big Book Group", in Irondequoit New York. I just wanted to address Rob's concern about the literature and the cost of it. I would say that the General Service Board they project what they are going to need by actuals; what happened let's say in the last six months or last year. The budget is going down, now there is an excess and now they decide to raise the price of the literature, but it has not caught up with itself yet, in other words they projected that they needed to raise the literature to meet expenses, and now they did better than they thought. But if you want to find out more about it, I would suggest you go to the North East Regional Forum Vicky mentioned in Albany, NY because there they have... it is put on by the by the General Service Office and the Grapevine and you will find a lot of details of the expenses, and the budget. There is so much to be learned there, and only a couple days. You will see the Manager of the General Service Office, Trustees, people who are working as Staff Members. All those people are there, and they can answer these questions. It's a wonderful experience and unfortunately two years ago when we had it five members from Central NY. Tom T. was there and he brought two people with him, and I came alone, and another person from Rochester. That was it and our Delegate was not there and it is a requirement. Ok that's it.

6) Good Afternoon my name is Catherine, and I'm the DCM for 0700; up near Watertown, actually in Watertown. "The power of the purse is within any Groups rights." and I'm sure after a little bit Anita will be getting to that Concept.

7) My name is Carrie, alcoholic. I want to thank you Vicky for your report today, and you asked who buys e-books, and I do buy e-books on Amazon, but If you pay attention to the reviews about our lovely e-books. I never pay much attention to the fluff books. I pay attention to our book Alcoholics Anonymous, and the other books. I'm very concerned that there are no page numbers. So if I go to Monday Night Big Book and they say we are on page whatever, and I whip out my Kendal, I will not be able to find my page number very quick. Thank You

Ask it basket:

- 1) Karen Mc, Panel 65 Chair answered the 1st Question: While it might be nice to have a specific format for GSR and DCM Schools, wouldn't it dampen an enthusiastic leader from doing their own research for this school. I believe that a suggested format is just that, it is suggested format only; they may choose to use their own format.
- 2) Vicky S. Panel 65 Delegate answered the 2nd Question: As we move forward what is your greatest hope for Area 47 and what is our biggest problem to overcome? Answer: I have been talking about Leadership in AA, I hope all of us take this as a personal responsibility to lead by example and respect each other. Start thinking about and visualizing a plan to reach out in

our communities of the best way to carry the message to the still suffering Alcoholic. What areas need our attention? Are we going into schools, treatment and correctional facilities? Are we reaching out to Cooperate with the professionals or doing things to make the Public aware of AA? I hope we are focusing on our primary purpose because this is so important because lives depend on this.

Assembly was ended: Karen Mc. Chairperson called for Area Assembly to close with the Declaration of Unity at 4:44PM.
 “Thanks Syracuse for Hosting our Assembly.”

Next Assembly: **To all AA Area Members: the church requests that we not come onto their property until 12:30 PM; when they will be finished with their church services. Thank You in Advance.**

The March 8th, 2015 Area 47 Mtg. is held by Bath 500 at: ***Bath Baptist Church, 14 Howell Street, Bath, NY 14810***

January 2015 Area 47 Treasurer’s Report

1/1/2015	Opening Bank Balance		\$9,545.87				
General Account							
1/1/2015	Opening Balance		\$8,897.06				
Income	Contributions	\$1,938.47					
	Dec deposit exchange rate adjust	-\$93.75					
Expenses	Accessibility	-\$13.96					
	Delegate	-\$164.22					
	GSO - General Serv Conf	-\$1,600.00					
	Literature Chair	-\$70.09					
	Minutes - supplies	-\$64.92					
	Recording Secretary	-\$61.18					
	Registrar	-\$14.29					
	Roch Intergroup (minutes)	-\$125.00					
	Secretary	-\$53.78					
	Treasurer (incoming + outgoing)	-\$84.81					
	Deluxe Checks	-\$27.25					
	US Post Office (minutes)	-\$79.00					
	Web Chair	-\$477.30					
	Total Expenses	-\$2,835.80					
1/31/2015	Closing Balance		\$7,905.98				
Grapevine Account							
1/1/2015	Opening Balance		\$295.67				
	Sales	\$158.00					
	Reorder	\$0.00					
1/31/2015	Closing Balance		\$453.67				
Literature Account							
1/1/2015	Opening Balance		\$353.14				
	Sales	\$890.35					
	Reorder	-\$159.90					
1/31/2015	Closing Balance		\$1,083.59				
1/31/2015	Closing Bank Balance		\$9,443.24				

Itemized Expenses			
Conventions/ Workshops	Mileage & Tolls	Copy / Print & Postage	Literature & Gen. Oper
	-\$13.96		
	-\$164.22		
-\$1,600.00			
	-\$15.30	-\$54.79	
		-\$64.92	
	-\$5.23	-\$55.95	
	-\$12.33	-\$1.96	
			-\$125.00
		-\$53.78	
	-\$56.29	-\$28.52	
			-\$27.25
		-\$79.00	
	-\$207.37		-\$269.93