

Alt. Chair Report

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The Big Book Conference is 2 weeks away. The Committee is finishing up on the final plans. The walk through at the Wheaton Bible Church was fantastic. What beautiful place for our Conference. Meeting some of the staff and discussing final plans was a wonderful experience. Thank you District 41 for hosting our Conference.

Missed the 2017 Big Book Conference meeting this past month. Life is still unmanageable sometimes.

Being a part of the 2017 Spring Assembly Conference is special to me. Can't explain why I guess it's the people at the meetings that make it special. Thank you Districts 23 & 40 for your service.

I did have the opportunity to make amends to our Chair hosting our Committee meeting today. It is nice to have people around you that are so forgiving.

Participated on the NIA Workshop in Lombard with Districts 40 & 41. Enjoyed the experience, but didn't feel very prepared for the Event. Was good to see so many people.

The opportunity that stands out for me since my last report was assisting District 23 with our Winter Assembly. The Chair for the event invited me along to look over the facility that they had chosen. A friend of mine and I arrived right about the same time as the others. There were 5 of us altogether with the Assistant Principal of the school. We saw the Lunch room and felt OK with it. Went into the room where the Assembly would be held and felt that the gym was good enough to have even some tables with the chairs. The gym had plugins for our sound equipment. Looked at the restrooms and saw that they weren't handicap accessible. We had some discussion on how we could make it work. We were glad to see that on our website, District 52 had a short version on what handicap accessible actually meant. I was given the responsibility to talk to Lord of Life to see if it was available on the 10th of Dec. I was to report back to event chair and then we would take a group conscience. Upon talking with our contact person at Lord of Life. He said that he would check. When he called back he said we were all set up and that he was headed for Africa in the morning. At that point I had a decision to make. I chose to say OK. Thanked him. When I called the chairperson back and told him what I had done. He was glad. I was concerned since we said we were to take a group conscience.

Bill writes in Concept III: The right A.A. solution for this problem is to be found, however in the latter part of Tradition two, which provides for "trusted servant". This means that we ought to trust our responsible leaders to decide, within the understood framework of their duties, how they will interpret and apply their duties, how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises. This sort of leadership discretion should be the essence of "The right of Decision" and I am certain that we need not have the slightest fear of granting this indispensable privilege at nearly every level of World Service.

Thank you for your service

Steve Miller

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