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Fall Committee meeting

Welcome All,

Thank you for being here today.

By now I have given many 71st General Service Conference reports to districts via ZOOM and in person.

The 71st General Service Conference Final Reports have been delivered to me. I have started distributing them to the districts. I am available to attend your district to give my report.

Not all districts received the 70th GSC Final Conference Reports so I really hope to accomplish that this year along with the 71st GSC Final Conference Reports. I have been believing that we would meet in person so I could deliver them, however that hasn't happened.

On October 10, 2021, I attended a virtual breakfast with the East Central Region Delegates and our Trustee, Cathi C. We discussed what is going on in our areas. It seems like not all of the Area Positions are being filled at the elections. It was mentioned that the new A.A. Service Manual might be helpful in helping people be involved in service.

2021 Budget Reforecast: For the year 2021, there is a reforecast of the budget. This budget includes **\$1,490,572** in additional revenue and \$760,048 in additional operating expenses. Total operating revenue is projected to be \$17,084,572, an increase of 10% from the original budget. Total operating expense is projected to be \$16,416,862, an increase of 5% from the original budget. The committee discussed in detail the reductions and additions proposed in the re-forecasted budget. They also discussed being prudent with expenses and sending a message to the Fellowship about the importance in replenishing the Reserve Fund.

The East Central Regional Forum (flyers included) will be held on November 19-21, 2021 virtually. There will be a Virtual literature fair, presentations and workshops so I do hope that you plan on attending and supporting our region. If you have never attended a Forum before, you will be surprised how good they are.

- Registration is free. That's right — FREE!
- Registration opens: October 25, 2021
- Registration will be available the same day as the event.
- You can register online at www.aa.org.
- Starting October 25, 2021, click on the "Regional Forums Information" on the main webpage, scroll down to the Schedule, and click on the "Registration is open" link.
- All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except communicating about the event and sending the digital Final Report

There are volunteer opportunities for the Technical team. Please contact me and I will give your information to the appropriate person. I will be moderating a panel and I am looking for volunteers to be on that panel. It's great service work for anyone willing to step up.

The “A.A. Service Manual” with the Twelve Concepts has been newly redesigned, revised and updated and really looks wonderful. It is so user friendly and hopefully will encourage people to get active in service work. I have seen it and it looks great. This manual is projected to be available to download as a pdf from aa.org on November 4, 2021 and the printed copy is projected to be available on November 17, 2021. (Print English; 50,000 copies, Spanish: 8,000 copies at \$4.00 each)

The Publishing department proceed with a small-run manufacturing of audiobook CD sets of the abridged and unabridged versions of the book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, in English, French and Spanish, as presented, with revisions to units being ordered as appropriate.

A.A.W.S. announced the September 27, 2021, launch of the new Corrections Correspondence System (C.C.S.). Corrections Correspondence is one of the most rewarding and rarely mentioned forms of Twelfth Step work that extends the hand of A.A. to members inside correctional facilities. As you may know, many correctional facilities suspended in-person A.A. meetings due to health and safety guidelines related to Covid-19.

I have attached a flyer for the 25th National A.A. Archives Workshop, September 22nd – 25th, 2022 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.
Marilyn F.
Panel 70 Area 20 Delegate

My total expenses for 2021 to date: \$241.30