**PO Minutes for ZOOM Meeting of November 6th, 2023 @ 5pm**

**Attendees:** Joy, Nell, Jan, Susan B, Lisa P, Janet O, Jenny, Laura, Linda.

(Jan chaired the meeting in Cathy’s absence.)

**Opening**: Serenity prayer led by Nell.

Welcome to Lisa P from Franklin County!

**Minutes:** Cathy submitted the minutes from the October meeting prior to the meeting; no changes.

**Treatment Centers** **and Event Happenings**

* Joy – has been making cold calls to treatment facilities; sometimes follow up is difficult. She has several calls out to facilities/centers: one in Jefferson City and an individual with Preferred. Joy wants to make contact with more counselors. Joy shared on Aviary Recovery Center, near troy in Eolia. It is a

wellness centered recovery site; has five counselors; she sent 6 professional packets to them.

* Joy met Nell in Troy and heard a presentation on the DART organization at a provider meeting. DART will be part of the Teen Summit soon; this would be a great organization to follow-up with on their activities.
* Linda – did outreach at College United Methodist Church on October 14. Many vendors present; went well.
* Sue B – a member contacted her about taking Al-Anon literature/info to the Hyland Center. This would be a good complement to their AA program. A program couple has decided to follow through on this task.
* Nell suggested that good outreach can be done at local “Provider” meetings as there are other organizations in attendance such as the Alzheimer’s Association; it’s a perfect opportunity to make connections with other organizations.

**Budget:**

* Balance: $819.20 total to date. No expenses for September.

**Digital:**

* John – no report at this time.

. **Old Business:**

Library Project

* Sue B made contact with three branches; only one has Al-Anon literature (D2) which is Grantsview. No materials at Cliff Cave and Weber Road. Sue plans to drop off a poster with Al-Anon info to a few of these libraries.
* Joy – D28 has submitted their report on libraries.
* Laurie K submitted her report on libraries in D14. Most do not accept donations, but recommendations can be made on which items to purchase at the libraries. Laurie will share more info at a later date re this.

**New Business:**

Supplies:

* The committee has decided to use PO funds to purchase a 6-foot collapsible table with a handle. A motion made for this purpose and approved by all.
* Pop-up-canopy: Is there a need? Sue stated at the Stomp out Addiction event, they had to supply their own table, but a canopy was not necessary. Will keep this line item on the agenda for future discussion.
* Pull down banner with Al-Anon info needs to be repaired. Susan from AIS is checking the cost of repairs.
* Posters: order more posters? Motion made to purchase posters; motion passed. PO will order 50 more posters.

Library Outreach Update:

* How will PO supply books to libraries? Joy questioned if it was decided to use the funds from our PO for the books? Jenny suggested asking libraries if they want a hard copy or an electronic version of some books. Possibly a donation of digital material? If a donation is made to a library for digital material, it would most probably have to be purchased through Amazon. Would this be okay to do? Clarification would be needed for a donation of this nature.
* Nell shared that the Evergreen library system which includes the Little Dixie and Scenic libraries in her area, has a good system for searching books; mostly for the rural areas. Be sure to check it out!

Free Standing Little Neighborhood Libraries:

* Would we able to put info in these boxes? Janet has noticed two in her area, and she plans to drop off literature to the boxes. Jenny and Sue B are aware of boxes in their area and may donate to them. Suggestion made to donate Forums to Little Neighborhood libraries.
* Linda donates a subscription of AFA’s to libraries through her district.

Hospital ER Literature Campaign:

* Joy asked if there is an update on the hospital campaign with ER’s, social workers etc? Has it been tabled?

Spending PO funds:

* Would it be possible to donate to groups that don’t have monies or are on a very tight budget? Is it possible to provide monies/materials to these groups that are doing outreach or would like to? How can we most efficiently use the PO funds?
* AFA’s: Suggestion made to buy a supply of AFA’s to be used in the suitcase for PO events. Possibly donate AFA’s to Districts? The PO group needs to be aware of distribution of the AFA’s so that all groups that would like AFA’s can receive them. Linda suggested buying AFA’s and offer them to groups that are struggling and perhaps they could be used in their area PO outreach? Recommendation made to purchase a case of AFA’s for PO.

Professional Packets:

* This is Al-Anon literature that could be used in the hospital campaign as well as AFA’s. Suggestion made to the group to think about a purchase the group could make, whether material, books, flyers etc.; share your thoughts at the next meeting. Perhaps professional packets as well as AFA’s could be purchased for the hospital campaign.

**Upcoming events:**

* Nov 7 Providers Meeting in Franklin County. Joy and Lisa plan to attend.
* May 15, 2024 Senior Health Fair in Franklin County – has already been scheduled!

**Closing:** Serenity prayer by all.

**Next Meeting**: December 4, 2023 at 5pm.