

District 1 Archives Committee

Minutes from meeting #120, June 15, 2019

- Meeting was opened by alternate chair, Lynn S., at 1:30pm, with the saying of the Serenity Prayer.
- Members present were Larry H, Dan B, Lynn S. and Leslie B
- Minutes of the last meeting were read by secretary, Dan B, and accepted by the committee
- Alt Chair Report: Lynn S
Lynn reported that Amy S was interested in becoming the Biographer for the committee. She also added that if Amy did not accept the position, that she (Lynn) would volunteer to take the position. The committee believes this is a worthy endeavor and deserves to be a part of our on-going service to our District 1 membership.
Lynn also opened a discussion on the possibility of the committee participating in future District 1 events, home group events, and Pinellas County Intergroup events. Leslie B said she would check the district and intergroup web sites to see what events are scheduled in the coming months.
- Archivist Report: Larry H
Larry reported that he has put together a 'kit' of useful items to be taken along with the archival material whenever the committee sets up the archive displays for events. The kit contains things like extension cords, tape, markers, clips, etc.
The committee owns an all-in-one printer/scanner that we have no use for. Larry asked the advice of the committee on what he should do with it. Several ideas were suggested. The question was tabled till the next meeting.
Because of an on-going disagreement among a few home groups in District 1 about which home group is historically the first AA group in Pinellas County, Larry has written to G.S.O. in N.Y. to investigate the matter.
Although Larry is continuing to seek information on this question, he suggests that the Archives Committee establish a policy of "silence" in this dispute. There is no set definition as to what criteria must be met for any home group to claim to be the first AA group in Pinellas County. The committee unanimously agreed, and now stands mute on the subject.
Larry reported that the bill for storage rental for the next year will be \$1448.96. (Through Sept 2020)
Larry is organizing and cataloging the committee's vast collection of recorded material, some of which contains speaker tapes. The committee discussed the idea of posting the speaker tapes on the website as a resource for the membership, and also the idea of making the recorded material available to the membership by setting up a lending library for that purpose.
Larry reported that there is a surplus of material in the archives and that he will be giving the surplus material to Tony (Chair) to distribute at the up-coming Area Quarterly in July.
- Plain & Straight: Leslie B
The Article, Panic at the Mayflower Hotel, written by Leslie, has been published in the June edition. The committee discussed what would be a good topic for the next article, and the story of Bill W's last drunk might be a good topic. Along with this idea, Leslie suggested that Dan might create an accompanying power point presentation to be posted on our web site to coincide with the article. Dan agreed. Leslie and Dan will be co-producing the power point presentation.
- The meeting ended at 3pm with the saying of The Responsibility Statement