

BFAA March Business Meeting (3/7/26)

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Roll Call

- Vilma – Business Manager
- Steve – Intergroup Representative; In-Person secretary
- Michele – Treasurer
- Julio – Assistant Treasurer; H&I Representative
- Bob – Literature & Supplies
- James K. – Recording Secretary; In-Person secretary
- Eric – In-Person secretary
- Matt – In-Person secretary
- Ron – In-Person Secretary Coordinator
- Pamela – General Service Representative
- Daniel – Maintenance
- Maggie – In-Person secretary
- Jeff – In-Person secretary
- Toya – Member

Online Attendees

- Catherine – Online secretary; Chip Chick
- Nancy – Website Administrator; Online secretary (part-time)
- James T. – Church Liaison; In-Person secretary
- Blanche – Member
- Pastora – Alternate GSR
- Lydia – Online Secretary Coordinator; Online secretary
- David N. – Member

February minutes approved unanimously.

Agenda

- Officer Reports
- Old Business
 - Book Inventory
 - Group Inventory

- New Business
 - Safety concerns
 - Change online script format/language
 - Checking fellowship contact email inbox
 - Blanche volunteered to check this regularly
 - Nancy will take over administration of Wix account

Officer Reports

- Steve (Intergroup) – No news/report

- Ron (In-Person Coordinator) – we currently have 25 meetings with 34 secretaries
 - Safety concern: Rory (interim Maintenance) intruding upon multiple women’s meetings
 - Blanche mentioned Rory being intrusive in multiple women’s meetings; also, berating members about parking in unmarked spots
 - Vilma also heard reports of the same behavior from Rory
 - Rory interrupted this business meeting to loudly condemn BFAA for “allowing tweakers to camp out here overnight”, preemptively accusing BFAA for letting the church “burn to the ground”
 - Rory was very rude and abrasive and, when asked if he would like to join the meeting and have a conversation, Rory grew defensive and standoffish, declining to participate in any dialog
 - Ron, Julio, and others made it very clear that Rory is not to be present in any capacity at any women’s meetings, not even to peak his head in to check on anything
 - Toya began sharing a verbal altercation involving herself and Rory, when Rory immediately started yelling at Toya including thinly veiled threats of violence against her (“Don’t make me get out of character”)
 - Toya mentioned Rory making similar threats of violence in previous altercation
 - Lydia expressed desire to try to understand Rory’s perspective
 - Vilma explained that, when given that exact opportunity, Rory himself declined to engage with the group

- Robert entered shortly after Rory left and everything was explained to him
 - Robert agreed that Rory's actions are his (Robert's) responsibility and that he (Robert) will have a stern conversation with Rory about his actions, as well as his tone when responding to criticism
 - Robert also reported getting a new thermostat for the heater which will be installed soon
- Pamela (GSR) – Central Office revenue down 6%, while expenses down 3%
 - Agenda Topic meetings scheduled: 3/28 @9:00 a.m. and 4/2 @8:00 p.m.
 - Each meeting will last approximately one hour
 - Anyone interested in becoming the next GSR is encouraged to attend one of these upcoming Agenda Topic meetings
 - District 7 is working on spending down a surplus leftover from Covid
- Michele/Julio (Treasury) – revenue remains similar month to month
 - Julio prepared a proposed budget (first draft)
 - Takes expenses from the past 1-3 years to predict expenses for this coming month/year
 - Contributions need to increase 7.1% (or expenses to decrease) for BFAA to break even
- Bob (Lit. & Sup.) – \$340 literature expenses ≠ \$40 literature sales
 - Current online script says to call Bob for literature purchases
 - Request changing that to say “books can be purchased at meetings or online”

Old Business

- Book Inventory
 - James K. and Eric inventoried all the books that are used in meetings and the average attendance for each meeting
 - After calculating the highest average attendance and counting all salvageable books for those meetings, the following recommended purchases were given to supplement current supply:
 - +4 copies of Came to Believe
 - +7 copies of Living Sober
 - +12 copies of Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions

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- +5 copies of Alcoholics Anonymous (Big Book)
 - +8 copies of Black in A.A. (pamphlet)
 - Approved by treasury; will be sent to Bob for purchases
- Group Inventory
 - More time should be given for members to preview potential questions due to delay in posting them on website last month
 - A flyer will be drafted (by Mary Ann and James K.) with information regarding what a group inventory is and listing potential questions
 - Flyer to be posted on website and on billboard in the room

New Business

- Memorial Day event
 - Julio/ Matt will reach out to Tony/Johnathan to ask if they will coordinate this event
 - UPDATE post business meeting: Tony has agreed to coordinate this event
- Proposed the idea of a budget for the group inventory; will revisit at next month's business meeting (4/4/26)