

Area Committee Relocation Ad Hoc Committee - 29 June 2021

We opened the meeting, almost on time, with minimal difficulties a few minutes after 6 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Carl read the minutes from last month without questions, nor comments and an overall general level of acceptance.

There was talk about \$1,000 being a guideline budget number for a monthly rental from our Area Treasurer Ray M. Although this committee is surely sensitive to the monetary factor in this equation the fiduciary responsibility is of the Area Committees. We shall present our research of an ideal Area Office/Archives Room as tasked by the Area Chair.

It was also determined to adjust our room sizes for each room we will need. Steve M. stated it's not necessary for us to look for a room or hall suitable for Area Assemblies. Therefore, we've adjusted the room requirements. One, to house the monthly AC Meetings for 35-40 people. Two, another room for a capacity of 10-15 to be comfortable for sub committee meetings. And three an Archives Office of around 300-500 square feet.

Rather than pay rent for twenty-four hour a day, seven day a week access we discussed the option of looking at facilities to rent by the night/hour. Carl shared the Area's needs as being two (2) Tuesdays a month, three (3) Wednesdays and one (1) Thursday a month. For approximately 2-3 hours each evening from an estimated time of 7 PM. to 10 PM.

The group members were able to share our progress over the last month with emphasis on contacts. Most of these contacts were by phone and email although there were some "drive bys" to get information off signage. These were.....

1. Holyoke Chamber of Commerce who graciously shared with us several places with names, numbers and emails. These were followed up on with a couple of dead ends and another one that was turned into an assignment

quickly volunteered by one of our members! More to be revealed next month.

2. The West of The River Chamber of Commerce (W.Spfd. & Agawam) were contacted without a reply, yet. Follow up will happen soon.

3. Two other local churches were suggested. One was well received and will be approached soon. Another was a great suggestion and will be the second card played.

4. A facility with a "Hall Rental" sign was noted and will be contacted soon.

5. A contact name and business was suggested and one of us has volunteered to follow up on that. We'll reveal more of that when appropriate.

6. A facility in Holyoke who we consider "a friend of A.A.", was open to us joining them. The only problem was they could not accomodate our nights as meetings were being held there most every week night.

7. Another facility in Holyoke may offer a promising result will be contacted as soon as we get the "green light". Today is not the right time for them to sit down with us. A member of our Fellowship will let us know when it's time.

After digesting our steady progress it was suggested we reach out and ask for help. "If anyone out there has information or knowledge of what this committee and Area 31 need for space we'd be happy to sit down and talk. Please contact one of the committee members or Area Chair with your information. Or if you know someone that knows someone that can help us."

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Gratefully,

The Committee