

Summary – Host Committee Meeting December 28, 2025

Meeting Minutes and Event Planning

Bonnie and John discussed the lack of minutes from a previous meeting and noted that only Pixie had responded to a recent invitation. Bonnie mentioned updating her calendar and reminded John to check the website for upcoming dates. They briefly talked about family Christmas activities and the condition of a mutual acquaintance, Dar. Bonnie also mentioned a potential human slot machine event at the AA convention in Owensboro, but expressed uncertainty about her ability to attend due to a family commitment in Orlando. They considered trying the event at speaker meetings and the sponsorship rally instead.

New Year's Schedule and Updates

The group discussed post-Christmas activities and decorations before transitioning to business matters. Bonnie mentioned upcoming schedule changes for New Year's Eve and the following week, planning to distribute new schedules to group representatives after their final meeting on the 29th. The group clarified that Tim had undergone surgery and was expected to return home on Monday. They also discussed the status of group representative positions, particularly regarding Olin's group, with Pam confirming she would continue in her role despite the group's planned move.

Financial Updates and Fundraising Progress

The meeting focused on financial updates and attendance. Bonnie presented the Treasurer's Report, highlighting a beginning balance of \$6,480.21, total deposits of \$434.25, and an ending balance of \$6,914.46, with a working balance of \$3,914.46 after seed money repayment. The fundraising progress was also discussed, with \$2,477.94 raised towards a goal of \$3,165.06 before September. Pam made a motion to accept both the Treasurer's Report and the budget, which Dawn seconded. The meeting noted the absence of Carolyn and Pixie, with Carolyn potentially joining later and Pixie confirming non-attendance.

Convention Fundraising and Display Plans

The group discussed plans for fundraising activities at an upcoming convention, including creating flyers for donation baskets and determining how to promote various fundraising items like plants, butterflies, and a quilt raffle. Dawn proposed using the hospitality room to showcase Al-Anon's 75th anniversary history through videos and archives, which John's confirmed would be feasible, with John offering to check with the convention center about available equipment and fees.

Convention Logistics and Planning

The group discussed logistics for an upcoming convention, focusing on video display options in the hospitality room and potential photo booth setups. Dawn agreed to arrange for a video to be looped in the hospitality room, while Bonnie suggested creating a themed photo area with "75" and a shoe design. Lee, the AA chairperson, confirmed plans to print flyers for distribution at local meetings and discussed coordinating an AA speaker meeting, though the group clarified that hosting responsibilities would be Lee's decision. The team also reviewed convention-related tasks, including sending out guidelines to members and coordinating fundraising efforts, with a walkthrough of the convention center scheduled for August 30th.

Slot Machine Profitability Review

The group discussed the profitability of a slot machine game, noting that a recent test run at John's was not successful. They considered adding a fourth fruit and adjusting the odds to \$2 for a shot at \$10 or \$20. John suggested trying the game at a Friday or Saturday night meeting to determine if the poor performance was a fluke. Bonnie agreed to approach Mike Boer about using the slot machine at the clubhouse, pending approval. The group also briefly discussed the possibility of implementing a room and registration raffle, with Lee suggesting a strategy for maximizing fundraising through ticket sales.

Convention Fundraising Raffle Basket

The group discussed a fundraising idea where convention attendees could contribute to a raffle basket, with Lee suggesting this could start a few weeks before the convention. Pam shared that they had previously used similar incentives for early registration but without raising money. The conversation ended with Bonnie mentioning that convention registration was now live on the website, noting they had not yet received any reservations.