

Finance Committee July Quarterly Report 2019

The Finance Committee meets quarterly and has received three requests this rotation.

- 1) Research hosting future Area events on reservations such as Little Creek Casino. We want to ensure we comply with WA State sales tax laws as we consider these facilities. After researching this issue, speaking with a tax attorney and contacting Little Creek Casino, it was determined that they can charge us sales tax. This provides us the opportunity to utilize this facility for future assemblies if a district would like to place a bid.
- 2) We also approved the purchase of another projector and screen for the Area from the 5% variable budget. Over the last several years there has been an increasing number of GSR schools, DCM schools, 7th tradition workshops and other events requiring a projector and/or screen. This rotation Area officers have been trying to coordinate the handoff of the Secretary or Archives projector and screen to effectively host their events. This has been very challenging and has put some events in jeopardy of not happening. This additional projector and screen will help save on printed document costs and avoid additional travel and coordination. It can also be used by other committees. The purchase was researched extensively and the total cost was \$522.94.
- 3) With the increased interest in utilizing an electronic basket, a formal request was made to the Finance Committee to research and potentially create a document outlining best practices or Q&A around electronic 7th tradition for our Area 72 members. The Finance Committee is taking action to research and draft a document. This is still in process but you will be the first to know when something is available! We do not have a definitive date as to when this will be available.

Additional Information:

- Area Treasurer (Frank) and I will be conducting a panel on Friday night at the Assembly about the electronic basket so consider attending!
- For those looking for immediate information about the electronic basket, Box 459 published a great article in November 2017 entitled "The Digital Basket." I have attached that to this report.
- If your group or a group in your district has implemented an electronic basket we would love to hear about your experience!

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,

Courtney S.