John opened the meeting at 12:31 PM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Request cell phones to be silenced, and circulated sign-in sheet and 7th tradition basket.

**Chairperson’s report;** Sadly, I have to report that Toni stepped down as Chili chairperson for personal reasons. I expressed our gratitude for her service and assured her she would be missed. I’ve sent flyers to the Districts 10 and 12 and Area 20 websites, but was unable to log in to the Area 75 site to request posting the flyer there. I’ve copied the Area 20 Spring Conference flyer to pass along to the next committee as an example for Tri-County 2025. Thanks to Ted and Pam for their efforts in working out the PayPal details. We got it up and running on Jan.25, and will be able to pass our learning experiences along to the next committee. If anyone has questions about the conference they can email tricounty.confrence@yahoo.com or call me at 847-421-1341.

**Alternate chairperson’s report;** Allan – no report

**Secretary's report**; Posted on the website. Motion to accept by Steve; seconded by Bill

**Treasurer's report;** $4,741.01, paid for the raffle prizes, paid for 1 receipt from Terry paid and we have 29 signed up for banquet and 3 paid by PayPal. Motion to accept by Allan; seconded by Bill

**Old Business**

Vacancies:

Co-secretary \_\_\_\_STILL OPEN\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chili Co-Chair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_BETH stepped up for chair and Kim volunteered for co-chair\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

50/50 raffle co-chair : \_\_\_Kim stepped down and Jennifer stepped up\_\_\_

Website Co-Chair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_STILL OPEN\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Subcommittee reports and discussions**

**Alcathon** – Felicia – all slots filled for alcathon and no report all looks good we will need printouts at every desk.

**Al-Anon** – Helen – all set presentation I amnot sure on the 430 alcathon and might have someone for that spot. We will do the sponsorship dating game for the skit

**Chili** – Beth I have all 3 bins Toni dropped them off I have bowls a crock port and power strip cords

Napkins I have a bunch of unopened creamer.

**Corrections** – Patrick M., Tom B. – slight change in the venue 2-3:30 PM Bill Nee cannot make it and Tom and I will step in and handle that panel. Corrections Panel

**Decorations/Banquet** – Terry V., Deb H. - Hi John and all committee members. I am sorry that I am unable to attend this months' meeting.  I really like hearing about the progress that each committee has done. I believe we have an awesome group this year. Deb H. had told me that she will not be there, either. Ironically, we both have had surgery recently. I want to say thanks for all the great help she has been as my co-chair. I am happy to say that ALL of the 32 table decorations are done! They are packed and ready for transport. I WILL need extra vehicles to carry everything. John and Billy have volunteered to help. THANK YOU BOTH. The last fine details have been taken care of with the caterers, as well. They will be there to start unloading and setting up by 5:15. So, we will need to have the buffet table ready for them. The only item that I still need to buy is the Sterno. I don't want to have that laying around so soon. Pam sent me a check for $152.03 to reimburse me for the cost of Sam's club purchases. Thanks, Pam. I will probably send you the collection of receipts for the decorations shortly. If anyone has any pressing questions for me, I can be reached through email... [enchantedattic@hotmail.com](mailto:enchantedattic@hotmail.com) or call 847.650.2251.  I look forward to being at the next meeting in March. See you all then.  Terry Valentino

**Entertainment** – Jesse C., Lucretia M.

Ice cream details – no updates I know I am doing ice cream am I supposed to get it or are we get it as a committee, Jesee has people to dish out the ice cream and we can do this after the banquet

Bill – I thought we would have this in place of entertainment instead of entertainment after the speaker. If we have ice cream social after the banquet then people will not be lingering around

Why we will have the cake. Answer this will be done after the speaker not after the banquet.

Ice cream social is included in the price. They will need to have a sticker if they bought the banquet, and people who come at the door can pay for the sticker at registration to go on the badge.

? = Why do we need a cake then? We can have an hour difference after the banquet they get the cake and after the speaker it is a ice cream to mingle. Terry said she would take care of the cake with dinner.

Someone suggested we not charge for ice cream. It was then suggested we have a donation can instead of charging for the ice cream social. It was agreed upon we will have donation cans for the ice cream.

**Hospitality** – Bill V. – passing around the sign up sheet and have most slots filled. We close t only during the banquet at 6pm. We give out one drink at the meal. At 7 open again until 9 PM. And this overlaps with the speaker, however, some people may want to come get coffee, and I can be available even if there are not a lot of people around. I purchased a few things so far and cannot buy diet pop a it will not be good then. The creamers will be good. Will not be at the next meeting hip surgery. I have been passing the chili sign up sheets.

Janette – I am in touch with Area 75 and they have the conference posted from 8-11:30 PM. I will ask her to change to 8 PM. We will have ice cream social until 9

**Outreach** – Pam H. - okay, Sean has the sign for outside and has to get the. Printed more registration fliers today and for the 4 clubs in Racine

We will have many printed for the next meeting.

**Raffles Main** – Haley B., Frank B. we have both prizes purchased and tickets and spinners I will need a cash box and will make a poster for it.

**50/50 Raffle** – Rick., Jennifer – all set

**Registration** – Berto G., Steve K. – I will get new name tags and no longer need to work on stickers for ice cream. We are planning to create a book at registration for name and sobriety date to add up all the years of sobriety. Signage needed for registration table. We need volunteers. Bonnie and Kevin will help out, and Bill has a guy with oxygen tank he is good if he is sitting down. Open until the banquet

John: For count down we would have separate books. Berto: Yes

**Set-up/Clean-up** – Ken C. – not much to do beforehand anyone who has anyone to help please let me know. We will be there on Friday for set-up. We can get in at any time I think 5:30-6 PM. Bill will confirm.

**Website** – Ted T.

Status of on-line banquet tickets? We had a few people register on line. The website looks good on a computer and not on the phone. I tried to clear that up so I will continue to work on and try to simplify that.

**New Business**

Perhaps a disaster plan could be put into place if we have 300 people show up? I don’t have an answer for that and maybe will we would need an overflow. The 2015 conference at the holiday inn we had a mob and the hotel shuttled people in remote parking, and it worked out. What would we do in our various areas? I don’t have an answer and think it is something to consider.

List of signage required – John said he would be happy to do signage what signed to make and what they say?

East entrance: “Use main entrance” (with arrow)

List of readings for main meeting – I couldn’t find a previous program? How it works preamble. Open meeting – open meeting statement and anonymity statement. Reading before the panels?? No just housekeeping. Bill had suggestions and gave to Felicia? She gave them to John and he will make several copies and laminate them

Housekeeping suggestions for panels & Alcathons

Who needs volunteers?

Haley – will need some for the raffle Bonnie will put herself out there and we can use a spot on the registration table. t

Do we use greeters? No

Do we give any gifts to our main speakers? No – we pay for their banquet and I need t know if the speakers are going to the banquet and if they are bringing a guest? Yes the main speaker is coming with a guest and will give me the info shortly.

Kick off speaker coming alone.

Al-anon will probably be there for the banquet and when asked for +1 and he did not know.

Locked room for treasurer.

Bill- the last meeting Terry was concerned and asked about the tables and did we find out about that? Noon has reached out to the church, and Bill will see if I can work on that.

Most of these we had a lot of space available for grapevine and archives and different things there. And the D12 grapevine would be willing to come and bring Victor E. Does 10 have archives and want to bring? Sean would be interested

Raco will be there and usually

Lorrie- My panel is Just for today – I will print the poem for my panel. This would be a cool idea for the conference. Check prices for a wallet size card maybe bigger than the panel I can put the date of the conference on it. Terry has them in picture frames for the tables, and already has bookmarks for each seat, but it was a good idea anyhow.

John read the panel suggested reading, and we all agreed to it.

Berto - Next month Helen & I will be out of town and Steve will be here. Are we meeting 2 time before the conference as we have in the past? Bill recommended we meet on the 24th. The registrations closes on the 24th and she needs to let the caterer know. One additional meeting added on the 24th Palm Sunday. Everyone voted in agreement.

The next committee meeting will be 03/03/2024 at 12:30 PM at the Kenosha Alano Club

Close with responsibility statement 1:22 PM

Today’s 7th tradition = $38 and Pam dropped $10 for rent