



OA REGION 5 TREASURER
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Dear Region 5 Fellowship,

The fall assembly is an exciting time for the Treasurer and the Finance Committee. It requires several reports, balancing, and projections. Let me see if we can summarize some of the reports.

As of September 30, 2019, the balance in our checking account was \$55,666.21. In the savings account, we maintain \$13,708.76 as a prudent reserve. Combined, the balance was \$69,374.97. While this sounds like a considerable amount of money, keep in mind our Milwaukee Convention took place at the end of September. This means we collected the money but did not yet reflect the expenses. I am still working on the numbers for the convention and will have a report for you by the time of our Assembly. It will also be included in Packet C when it is released.

We collected \$19,539.60 from Meeting Contributions through September 2019 compared to \$17,847.41 at this time in 2018. That is an increase of \$1,692.19. Please let your Groups know how important and appreciated their contributions are. Quarterly contributions, no matter how much, keep a consistent cash flow. While OA has no dues or fees, it is not free. With the increased suggested member contribution of \$5.00 at Group meetings, we should see an increase in our cash receipts. Our 2020 budget reflects that assumption.

Make sure to download the Contribution Form on the Region 5 website's FORMS tab. As you can see in the Contributions Report, I get checks and do not know what Groups they are for. Also, **if you do not know your group's number, please look it up on the OA.org website in the Find a Meeting section.** Your cancelled check serves as your receipt, however, if necessary, you can request an email receipt. For a mailed receipt, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. To speed up delivery of your contributions, please note the **Region 5 post office address is Post Office Box 1087, Lombard, IL 60148.** The Post Office is no longer in Indianapolis and they will no longer forward the mail. Also, we are Region 5 not Region V. Please make out your checks to reflect this change.

I tried something new this time with the Group Contribution Report. It is no longer in numerical order by Group Number. The Report is now sorted alphabetically within your state. Let me know if this is easier for you.

At the Assembly this fall, the Finance Committee will present a proposed budget for Assembly approval. The proposed budget found in Packet B, will be reviewed and revised based on the subcommittees' plans for 2020, their budget requests, and the Finance Committee recommendations.

I want to thank the Finance Committee for their work and review throughout the year. I am so grateful for the incredible Board members, Trustees and Committee Members I have had the privilege to work with and get to know. I love our OA members and Representatives. You have been so kind and loving. I so enjoy getting to know you better. Through you, I have forged a more meaningful relationship with my Higher Power.

Please let me know if you have questions. We want you to understand how we use the money you entrust to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri M
Region 5 Treasurer