



OA REGION 5 TREASURER
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Dear Region 5 Fellowship,

At the Spring Assembly, you are given the opportunity to see the entire year's finances. I know it is sometimes difficult to truly evaluate the numbers when you cannot see the entire year. For example, at the Fall 2019 Assembly we had Convention expenses but not income. Now you can see the entire year's financial statements.

As of December 31, the balance in our checking account was \$40,780.90. In the savings account, we maintain \$13,709.80 as a prudent reserve. Combined, the balance was \$ 54,490.70. In an effort to reduce the balance, we have increased our budget for 2020 to World Service by \$5,000. This means we will donate \$13,600. This allows World Service to help spread the word to the public and throughout the world.

We collected \$25,716.81 from Meeting Contributions compared to \$23,152.63 contributed in 2018. That is a increase of \$2,564.18. 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. 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.

As you can see in the Contributions Report, I get checks and do not know what Groups they are for. Please review the contribution listing and pay attention to the notes at the end. They give as much information as I have regarding contributions I was not able to match to a meeting. 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.**

During the 2019 Fall Assembly, the Finance Committee proposed a new budget for 2020. The budget was approved. At the time we budget, we do not know what the Committee of the Whole will decide to do in 2020 and what committees will be created. Therefore, the budget can be changed based on funds requests that come out of the subcommittees. I am confident we will be able to meet these funding requests.

Thank you to the Finance Committee for their work and review throughout the year. You have been so kind and loving. I truly enjoyed getting to know you better. To be on the committee, you don't need to know a thing about accounting. As a matter of fact, it is beneficial for us to not have a bunch of accountants on the committee so that we are sure the statements we provide make sense to our Reps.

My second term as Treasurer ends at the November 2020 Assembly. I urge you to pray about stepping into the position. I have absolutely loved doing it and will be happy to help you transition into the role. Despite what I would have thought, it has strengthened my program. I am so grateful for our talented Board members, Trustees and Committee Members I have had the privilege to work with and get to know. Through this experience, 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