

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 2nd, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- Call to order by Romy at 7:30 pm
- Serenity prayer
- GSR Preamble read by Mario M. (email Bob if you'd like to read or give a recap for us!)
- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
 - Judi C (Kaeri S), Tara F (Mary)
- **Tradition 12 Workshop Recap: Lauren O**
 - **Short form:** "Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."
 - **Long form:** "And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all."
- **Concept 12 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
 - **Concept 12:** "General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that, though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action."
 - **Synopsis:** "The Concept reviews the six warranties: 1.) The Conference shall never become the seat of perilous wealth or power. 2.) Sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, should be its prudent financial principle. 3.) None of the Conference members should ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others. 4.) That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity. 5.) That no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy. 6.) That though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in action and in spirit."
- **Panel Reports**
 - **DCMC — Romy (dcmc.district12@gmail.com)**
 - Attended the November Area Service Committee.
 - 178 proposed agenda items submitted for the 2022 General Service Conference.
 - Ed gave a talk about his commitment as a delegate. To view his full report, visit msca09aa.org.
 - Attended Serve-A-Thon which focused on traditions 1-5.
 - Visit aa.org and click on the "[what's new?](#)" [button](#) to stay up to date on what's going on.
 - Visit mscadistrict12.org to access lots of helpful resources and information!
 - Highlights of Panel 70

- Kept our business meetings and events (including the Conference process) active through the pandemic with 50-80 GSR's every month. Thank you, Mario!
 - Contributed thousands of dollars to GSO and other service arms.
 - Guest speakers
 - Mock committee meeting and group inventory
 - Sponsorship Workshop 2021 and Traditions Day 2020 and 2021
 - A very successful Labor Day Picnic partnered with Intergroup
 - Please consider standing for a position in January where we will be electing DCM's and committee chairs. Reach out to Bob with any questions.
- Alt DCMC — Tim (altdcmc.district12@gmail.com)
 - December 2021 Area 09 Service Assembly (ASC) — Hybrid
 - December 12, 2021 @ 8:30am - 2:30pm, Hosted by District 10
Walton Intermediate School
12181 Buaro St.
Garden Grove, CA 92840
 - Hybrid Event - Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwod-upjouG9eRYrXtKzID4yWD-Rq-val1>
 - January 2022 Area 09 Service Assembly (ASC) — Hybrid
 - This is the first assembly of Panel 72. Our District will be hosting - volunteers needed!
 - January 9, 2022 @ 9:00am - 3:00pm
UFCW Local 324
8530 Stanton Avenue
Buena Park, CA 90620
 - Hybrid Event - Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlcO-hqT0tG9Pxf3rzncBVcVawLte-mgA>
 - PRAASA 2022
 - March 4, 2022 - March 6, 2022
 - Portland, OR
 - This event will be virtual! - lookout for online registration at praasa.org
- Treasurer — Bob (12districttreasurer@gmail.com)
 - November 2021 Transaction Report
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vScGqwoDT6mGHKmqOUQEMhtKPqyd6HG5g/view?usp=sharing>
- Secretary — Tommy (mscadistrict12@gmail.com)
 - There being no corrections, the November meeting minutes as previously distributed are approved.
 - [District 12 Phone List](#) available
 - Please email Tommy if you are not receiving District 12 emails or to update your phone list information.
- Registrar — Susan (d12registrar@gmail.com)
 - Please complete the electronic sign-in form every month while online at the District 12 Business Meeting. Please include your exact meeting name and number as it is listed.

If you aren't sure, ask someone in your group that would know.

- Email Susan if you have any changes, updates, or questions.
- Your board is here to be of service to you. If you require any assistance, please contact any of the board members.
- **New Business**
 - **Presentation by Area 09 Accessibilities Chair: Andrea C.**
 - Collaboration between Accessibilities/Cooperation with Elderly Community (CEC)/Technology
 - Sharing what they are doing at the area level
 - July had Area 09 FORO, there was a lack of attendance for Accessibilities so Andrea joined the CEC and Technology Committees
 - The committees realized there was a lot of overlap in their work and they wanted to come together to address these issues.
 - Now in the process of creating an “umbrella” for Accessibilities at the Area level to include CEC and Technology committees.
 - Big needs: keep members updated and informed with technology, work with volunteers to help people access technology, set up directions/tutorials online for people to use when accessing tech, help people get established with hybrid meetings
 - In need of volunteers for the Area 09 tech committee, if you're interested in volunteering visit - <https://forms.gle/B85q4GniY9rQbAnA6>
 - For more information visit - <https://msca09aa.org/accessibilities/>
Or go to the ASC this month!
 - **New Service Manual Sneak Peek**
 - Hard copies are now available, we will receive them when we go back in person!.
- **Guest Speaker**
 - **Dean B., Past Delegate (Panel 64), Area 08**
 - Groups want to hear things that make sense and are relevant to them. How will our service impact alcoholics who still suffer? “Never had a spiritual experience watching football”
 - “Rotate on” not “rotate out” there's always something to do in service work! Think about how you want to be of service.
 - AA has benefited from the General Service structure, here to preserve our institution and assure our world services
 - You are a permanent successor to our founders in keeping AA alive!
- **Holiday Games**
 - **Ugly Sweater Contest**
 - Contestants: Lauren O, Susan E, Dolly C, Mary F, Tim A
 - Winner, Lauren O won a copy of [A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous](#)
 - All runners up will receive a copy of the [2022 Grapevine Wall Calendar](#)
 - **Virtual Memory Tray Game**
 - 1st Place - Susan with 22 out of 36 items
 - 2nd Place - Tara with 18 items
 - 3rd Place - Dolly, Tommy, and Dom with 16 items
 - 4th Place - Lauren and Mary with 15 items
 - **'Twas the Night Before Christmas ... (AA Style)**
 - Recited by: Dom, Mary, Tommy, Susan, Lenore, Ed, Chris, Lauren, Lacy, and Tim
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Literature — Stephanie (Romy filled in)**
 - AA is having a sale of 10% off all formats of the Big Book.

- Visit onineliterature.aa.org
- Traditions Day — Lauren
 - Good attendance, food, trivia game.
 - Thanks to everyone who showed up and helped put it together!
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- **GSR Recap: Marie P**
 - Not sure how to give a GSR report? Remember to use the [GSR report template](#)!
- **Birthdays for November**
 - Geri H - 3 years
 - Ronnie A - 4 years
 - Susan E - 10 years
 - Heidi F - 17 years
 - Kristine M - 26 years
 - Mary O - 32 years
- **Close with Responsibility Pledge:**
 - “I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.”

****For corrections or changes to the minutes, please email mscadistrict12@gmail.com****