

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 6, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- Call to order by Romy at 7:30 pm
- Serenity prayer
- GSR Preamble read by Lenore

- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
 - Stephen P. (Tim A.)
 - Jose (Mario C.)

- **Special Guests**
 - Ed L., Area 09 Delegate
 - Jose A., Area 09 Alternate Delegate

- **Tradition 5 Workshop Recap - Lauren O.**
 - Short form: “Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”
 - Long form: “Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

- **Concept 5 Workshop Recap - Chris L.**
 - Concept 5: “Throughout our world service structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.”
 - Synopsis: “Every member of A.A.’s world service structure has the right to state a minority opinion when they feel the majority has crossed over to the dark side. We have to recognize that there are times when the minority can be right and it is our responsibility to listen to their petition. We have seen many examples where a well stated and well crafted minority opinion can change the outcome entirely. In the spirit of democracy, allowing the minority opinion to be heard is vital to the unity we profess we must have in Tradition 1. Being able to balance the right of appeal with majority decision ensures we will never be subjected to the tyranny of either the majority or the minority.”

- **Panel Reports**
 - DCMC – Romy
 - Upon motion duly made, and seconded, April 2021 minutes approved
 - Attended Area 09 Pre-Conference Workshop
 - Email Romy with any questions or feedback -- DCMC.District12@gmail.com

 - Alternate DCMC – Tim

- Everyone was encouraged to attend Area 09 meetings. Meeting schedule and more information can be found at <http://www.msca09aa.org/>.
 - Sponsorship workshop coming up June 12, the committee still needs volunteers
 - Treasurer – Bob
 - Transaction report for April presented
 - Total contributions of \$1,017.27 received
 - New balances is \$19,207.13
 - Be sure to include your meeting number with all contributions
 - GSO is now accepting contributions online at <https://contribution.aa.org/sca-dev-2020-1/checkout.ssp?is=checkout#login-register>
 - We are now accepting Venmo payments for contributions at <https://venmo.com/district12contributions>
 - Secretary – Vacant
 - Registrar – Susan
 - Yielded report time
 - Be sure to use the sign-in form to record your attendance at our monthly meetings. The link to the electronic sign-in form is shared at each meeting
 - If you are a new GSR, be sure to include your mailing address on the electronic sign-in so that you can receive your GSR welcome kit
 - Be sure to put your email address in that sign-in form
 - You can reach Susan at d12registrar@gmail.com if you have any changes or updates to your meeting or contact info
- **New business**
- Filled service positions
 - Secretary - Tommy D.
 - Accessibilities Chair - Dominic M.
 - Available service positions
 - Literature Chair - vacant
 - CEC Chair - vacant
 - Picnic Chair - vacant
 - DCM Sub-District A - vacant
 - Meeting information
 - List with central office or find current information at oc-aa.org
- **Special Presentation**
- Ed L., Area 09 Delegate Panel 70, presented on his experience at the 71st A.A. General Service Conference that was held virtually on April 17-24.
 - Over 100 hours of virtual Zoom meetings
 - Ed chaired the Literature Committee
 - 2020 record 7th tradition contributions totaling : \$10,256,687
 - individual contributions up, group contributions down
 - Finance: \$10,256,687 in 7th tradition contributions received in 2020, a record number. The Pacific region, our region, was one of the largest contributors.

- 110 total agenda items, 49 passed as advisory actions, including:
 - Develop 5th edition of the English Big Book
 - Develop 4th edition of Spanish Big Book
 - Develop plain language Big Book
 - Revise the A.A. preamble
 - Develop A.A. podcast
- Ed's full powerpoint presentation is available at:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/5ccg1e9bglw5hme/%232021%20Report%20Back.5-5-2021.English.pdf?dl=0>

• **Committee Reports**

- Intergroup Liaison: Gabe
 - Laguna Niguel satellite central office lease extended for another year
 - OC AA Intergroup 2nd Annual Comedy Night, May 22 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Zoom ID: 945 8597 1462 password: BINGO!
- SOCHIC Liaison: Ginger
 - Donations down 80%
 - Remind groups to donate to H&I, still going into facilities and providing literature
 - Donate at <http://www.sochic.club/donation-options.html>
- YPAA Liaison: Lisa
 - AOCYPAA hosting Steps Come Alive on Sunday May 30th (Memorial Day weekend) at the Canyon Club. Hybrid meeting, workshop 2pm, main meeting
 - In person and online, workshop 2:00pm, meeting 5:00pm, games 7:00pm
 - Contact Lisa at 661-755-0245

• **Announcements**

- Next Area 09 meeting is Sunday, May 16th, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm, includes Ed's full two hour report-back from the GSC. Required registration at msca09.org

• **GSR Recap** - Stephanie A.

- Not sure how to give a GSR report? Use the new template provided in the email as a guideline and fill in with information that would interest your group.

• **Birthdays for May**

- Gabe – 5 years
- Wayne – 5 years
- Romy S.–11 years
- Chris L. –29 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 ****