DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 4, 2020
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

- Call to order by Romy at 7:30
- Serenity prayer
- GSR Preamble read by Wayne A.

- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
  - Lisa P. (Kim)
  - Betty S. (Gretchen)
  - Kimberly L. (Wayne)
  - Colleen E. (Lynn)
  - Sarah G. (Lori)
  - Bill C. (Chris)
  - Ginger M. (Romy)
  - Anna B. (Mary)
  - Kathy V. (Jonelle)
  - Mike P. (Ed)
  - Richa S. (Kaeri)

- **Tradition 2 Workshop Recap: Lauren O.**
  - Short form: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."
  - Long form: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority–a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."

- **Concept 2 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
  - Concept 2: "When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference — excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter — the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society."
  - Synopsis: "Concept I establishes the "final responsibility and ultimate authority" of the A.A. groups; but, in actual practice, how are they to manage A.A.'s service affairs? By delegation, Concept II declares. Bill and Dr. Bob, entrusted by the early groups to get the program going and to spread the message, found nonalcoholic friends to help them. They formed a trusteeship and delegated to it the responsibility for finances, the Big Book and other literature, public information, the service office and the AA Grapevine. However, as the trustees constantly looked to the co-founders for advice and guidance and the groups also continued to hold them accountable, it was evident that the leadership should be transferred to the A.A. groups as a whole. But if the groups were to carry on their primary purpose, they would have to delegate their leadership role to a General Service Conference. They do this by electing a General Service Representative for each group."

- **Panel Reports:**
  - DCMC – Romy
    - Recap of Area 09 meeting
      - Area 09 has a new website https://msca09aa.org/
      - Next Area 09 meeting is February 14th

- - PRAASA is coming up March 5-7
    - District 12 sponsorships to GSRs to cover $15 registration cost available; contact Romy at DCMC.District12@gmail.com for more information.
  - General Service Conference season is upon us,
    - Conference is April 18-24
    - Area 09 Pre-Conference is April 11 via Zoom
  - Boot Camp coming up
  - Email Romy with any questions or feedback -- DCMC.District12@gmail.com
  - o Alternate DCMC – Tim
    - District 12 Sponsorship Workshop is slated for late spring or early summer
      - Looking for volunteers for planning committee
    - Upcoming events (see below)
    - Some locations are offering live meetings, such as:
      - San Clemente Friendship Center
      - Canyon Club
  - o Treasurer – Bob
    - Transaction report for January presented
      - Group contributions of $1,818.67 received
      - Expenses of $268.99
      - Ending balance of $17,564.83
    - *Be sure to include your meeting number with all contributions*
    - GSO accepts contributions online at https://contribution.aa.org/sca-dev-2020-1/checkout.ssp?is=checkout#login-register
    - We are accepting Venmo payments for contributions at https://venmo.com/district12contributions
    - Make checks payable to MSCA District 12 of Alcoholics Anonymous
  - o Secretary – Lynne
    - There being no corrections, the January 2021 minutes as previously distributed are approved
    - Please email Lynne if you are not receiving District 12 emails, such as meeting minutes – mscadistrict12@gmail.com
  - o Registrar – Susan
    - Be sure to use the electronic sign-in form to record your attendance at our monthly meetings. The link to the electronic sign-in form is shared at each meeting.
    - You can reach Susan at d12registrar@gmail.com if you have any changes or updates to your meeting or contact info.

- **New business**
  - o General Service Conference "Boot Camp" overview
    - Meeting will present overview of key agenda items
    - Spanish translation will be provided
    - March 20th 10am via Zoom

- **Special Presentation**
  - o Guest speaker, Bob M., D12 Treasurer: "Demystifying the Area and its Meetings"
    - There are several different types of Area 9 meetings.
      1. Area Service Committee meetings (ASC)
         a. Issues, policy decisions, recommendations, and other actions of the area are introduced at the ASC meetings and voted on at the three annual Assembly meetings.

b. All GSRs, DCMs, district officers, area officers, and committee chairs are voting members of the assembly.
c. Meetings begin with a briefing by the Delegate followed by the committee breakouts. GSRs can choose to participate in any of the committee breakouts.
d. After lunch, the business meeting begins where any official actions are taken and presentations by the Districts and Area committee chairs are heard.
e. ASC meetings precede assembly meetings.

2. Assembly meetings
a. Preceded by ASC meetings.
b. The business of the area is conducted in the assembly.
c. There are three assemblies per year.
d. The 2021 assemblies will be in May, September, and December.

3. Pre-Conference Workshop
a. Held in April each year to discuss and form a group conscience on agenda items to be considered at the annual General Service Conference.
b. At this meeting we let our Delegate know our opinions on the work of the Conference.
c. This is one of the most important meetings for GSRs and other interested members.

4. Foro meeting
a. Held in July each year.
b. Sponsored by the Spanish-speaking districts, this is a service conference that is conducted in Spanish with English translation.

5. Area Elections
a. Held in October of odd-numbered years.
b. Election to select Area officers and our Delegate to the General Service Conference.
c. GSRs are required to attend at least one Area 09 meeting in order to vote in the annual elections.

- Area 09 website: https://msca09aa.org/
o Special video presentation: Chapter 5 in American Sign Language
- https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/alcoholics-anonymous-asl#video-player

- **Committee Reports**
  o Archives – Candice
    - Present the story of your meeting for the A.A. archives by completing this form and sending to Candice.tucker@gmail.com : https://y9a.702.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/GroupHistory.pdf
  o Intergroup – Gabe
    - Virtual newcomer packets are available at https://oc-aa.org/NewPack/NewPack.htm
  o Literature – Tommy
    - A.A. literature can be found and downloaded at https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-literature
    - Visual History of A.A. will be released February 14th, pre-order at https://onlineliterature.aa.org/A-Visual-History-of-AA

- **Upcoming Events**
  o Area Service Committee (ASC)
    - February 14 at 8:30am – 2:30pm
    - Meeting ID: 915 6890 0885, passcode: service

- o MSCA 09 Website Presentation
  - ▪ February 18 at 6:00pm – 7:00pm
  - ▪ Meeting ID: 861 4086 6994, passcode: EM
- o PRAASA
  - ▪ March 5-7
  - ▪ https://www.praasa.org/home
- o Boot Camp (General Service Conference)
  - ▪ March 20
- o Area 09 Pre-Conference
  - ▪ April 11
- o General Service Conference
  - ▪ April 18-24
  - ▪ Area 09 Pre-Conference is April 11 via Zoom

- **Birthdays for January**
  - o Robyn M. – 17 years
  - o Betty S. – 11 years

- **Close with Responsibility Pledge:**
  - o "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* ***