

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

- Call to order by Romy at 7:30
- Serenity prayer
- GSR Preamble read by Clive M.
  
- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
  - Drew L. (Danny P.)
  - Lenore G. (Susan)
  - Jeffie (Dominick M.)
  - Patti K. (Sharon B.)
  - Kori (Gretchen V.)
  
- **Tradition 3 Workshop Recap: Lauren O.**
  - **Short form:** “The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.”
  - **Long form:** “Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.”
  
- **Concept 3 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
  - **Concept 3:** “As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional “*Right of Decision.*”
  - **Synopsis:** “You should be familiar with the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board as background for this Concept, both of which are found in The A.A. Service Manual. For, except for the specific directions in these documents, every trusted servant and every A.A. entity — at all levels of service — has the right “to decide . . . how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises.” That is, they can “decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions.” This is “the essence of ‘The Right of Decision.’”
  
- **Panel Reports:**
  - **DCMC – Romy**
    - Attended last Area 09 meeting
      - Contributions are up but literature sales are down
      - Plain language big book presentation – 20 minute video
        - Plain Language Big Book – Literature Agenda Item U  
<https://vimeopro.com/user112910871/big-book-riptab/video/500617913>
      - General Service Conference agenda item summary tables were shared
      - Boot Camp coming up
      - Area secretary stepped down – new service opportunity!
      - Three motions were approved to move to the next ASC
        - Increase prudent reserve
        - Create remove communities committee

- Create technology committee
    - Attended NARAASA
    - Email Romy with any questions or feedback -- [DCMC.District12@gmail.com](mailto:DCMC.District12@gmail.com)
  - Alternate DCMC – Tim
    - Upcoming events:
      - PRAASA coming up this weekend, March 5 – March 7
      - Area 09 meeting -- Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>
      - Pre Conference Boot Camp – March 20th
      - Pre Conference Workshop – April 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Treasurer – Bob
    - Transaction report for January presented
      - Group contributions of \$801.54 received
      - Expenses of \$14.99
      - Ending balance of \$18,351.38
    - *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
  - Secretary – Lynne
    - There being no corrections, the January February minutes as previously distributed are approved
    - If you have previously unsubscribed to the District 12 emails, we are not able to manually add you back in (this is for your protection from spam). However, we can send you a link for you to re-subscribe.
    - Please email Lynne if you are not receiving District 12 emails, such as meeting minutes – [mscadistrict12@gmail.com](mailto:mscadistrict12@gmail.com)
  - Registrar – Susan
    - Please complete the sign-in sheets as much as possible, especially the meeting name and date. She uses that information to find your meeting and make sure your attendance is properly noted.
    - 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](mailto:d12registrar@gmail.com) if you have any changes or updates to your meeting or contact info.
- **New business**
  - Available service opportunities
    - Sponsorship Workshop Chair: Kacie L., Joshua Y.
    - Picnic Chair:
    - Accessibilities Chair:
    - Cooperation with Elder Community Chair:
- **Special Presentation**
  - Guest speaker, Jane G., Past Delegate Area 08: “The GSR and the Conference”
- **Q&A**
  - Jane G. Presentation
  - PRAASA
  - Boot Camp

- **Suggested announcement at your meeting regarding General Service Conference:**  
Next time you are with your group, chime in during AA related announcements or talk to your secretary. "As your GSR, I am going to the Pre-Conference Boot Camp on March 20th to hear more about the agenda items that will be discussed at this year's General Service Conference! This is the one time per year where decisions are made regarding change and growth in AA, and our voice is included! Please let me know when we can schedule some time for me to share all I've learned, and we can collect a group conscience!"
- **Committee Reports**
  - Intergroup Liaison – Gabe
  - Literature – Tommy
    - A.A. literature can be found and downloaded at [https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/aa-literature](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-literature)
  - SOCHIC (South Orange County Hospitals & Institutions)
    - Orientation (7:00pm) and business meetings (7:45pm) held 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm
    - Attend a meeting to get involved in SOCHIC panels
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Area Service Committee (ASC)
    - March 14 at 8:30am – 2:30pm
    - <https://msca09aa.org/event/area-service-committee-asc-3/>
    - <https://zoom.us/j/95801933553>
  - Boot Camp (General Service Conference)
    - March 20
    - <https://msca09aa.org/event/2021-pre-conference-boot-camp/>
  - Area 09 Pre-Conference
    - April 11
  - General Service Conference
    - April 18-24
- **Birthdays for February**
  - Dolly – 12 years
  - Gretchen – 3 years
  - Mario – 8 years
  - Sharon B – 12 years
  - Tim A. – 19 years
  - Kathy – 34 years
  - Lynne W. – 4 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](mailto:mscadistrict12@gmail.com) \*\*\*