

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
 - Geri (Kaeri)

- **Tradition 4 Workshop Recap: Lauren O.**
 - Short form: “Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”
 - Long form: “With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the Trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.”

- **Concept 4 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
 - Concept 4: “Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional “Right of Participation,” taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.”
 - Synopsis: “The principle of “Right of Participation” is built into the General Service Conference through the Conference Charter. Voting members include not only delegates, but also the trustees, and the directors and staff members of A.A. World Services (i.e., G.S.O.) and the AA Grapevine.”

- **Panel Reports:**
 - DCMC – Romy
 - Attended PRAASA
 - Attended Boot Camp
 - Attended last Area 09 meeting
 - Area 09 board member changes
 - District 12 board vacancy – a replacement secretary to complete the remainder of the term is sought.
 - Email Romy with any questions or feedback -- DCMC.District12@gmail.com
 - Alternate DCMC – Tim
 - Upcoming events:
 - Pre Conference Workshop – April 11th
 - Our Area 09 Delegate will give a comprehensive report on the results of this year’s General Service Conference at our May 6th regular District 12 meeting.
 - Password for the Area 09 website can be obtained by emailing any of the board members. It will also be shared in the minutes email following tonight’s meeting.
 - Safety in AA – it is important that we keep AA a safe space for recovery. GSO has created a safety card reaffirming our commitment to safety and can be found here https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/f-211_SafetyCardforAAGroups.pdf.

- Zoom chat privacy. The meeting host has the ability to read and retrieve all messages from the chat room, even if you are messaging one person directly.
 - Your board is here to be of service to you. If you require any assistance, please contact any of the board members:
 - Romy – dcmc.District12@gmail.com
 - Tim – altdcmc.district12@gmail.com
 - Bob – d12treasurer@gmail.com
 - Lynne – mscadistrict12@gmail.com
 - Susan – d12registrar@gmail.com
 - Treasurer – Bob
 - Transaction report for March presented
 - Group contributions of \$685.01 received
 - Expenses of \$44.99
 - Ending balance of \$18,204.85
 - *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 March minutes as previously distributed are approved
 - Resignation from the District 12 board has been respectfully submitted.
 - Please email Lynne if you are not receiving District 12 emails, such as meeting minutes – 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 if you have any changes or updates to your meeting or contact info.
- **Special Presentation**
 - Guest speaker, Ed L., Delegate Area 09: “2021 Conference agenda item summaries and Google response form”
 - Delegate represents our Area 09 at the General Service Conference
 - <https://msca09aa.org/conference-materials/>
 - Agenda items that are strikethrough are not cancelled items, rather they are action items specific to the delegates.
 - Focus your review on the agenda items in blue.
 - Confidential items -- 2020 Report-back and 2020 Final Conference Report are available on the Area 09 website. Password is required and will be provided separately in the minutes email (not published due to confidential nature).
 - Group consciences on agenda items can be submitted via the Google docs form at <https://msca09aa.org/confidential-resources/> (password required, provided separately)
 - Ed wants feedback on everything in the Google docs forms
 - There Area 09 website has a helpful video on the current solicitation on Plain Language Big Book (Agenda Item U). Video is located under the confidential section of

the Conference Materials page, found here <https://msca09aa.org/confidential-resources/>

- <https://vimeopro.com/user112910871/big-book-riptab/video/500617913>
- April 5th is the deadline for submitting your feedback and group conscience via the Google docs form

- **New business**

- PRAASA Reports
- Boot Camp wrap-up
- Listing your meeting with Central Office

- **Committee Reports**

- Literature – Tommy
 - A.A. literature can be found and downloaded at https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa-literature
- SOCHIC (South Orange County Hospitals & Institutions) – Ginger
 - Chino is getting ready to let panels back in, volunteers needed
 - Orientation (7:00pm) and business meetings (7:45pm) held 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm
 - Attend a meeting to get involved in SOCHIC panels
- Sponsorship Workshop – Joshua

- **Upcoming Events**

- Area 09 Pre-Conference
 - April 11, 8:30am – 2:00pm
 - <https://zoom.us/j/95801933553>, passcode: service
- General Service Conference
 - April 18-24

- **Birthdays for March**

- Jonelle – 33 years
- Bob M. – 35 years
- Mario – 35 years
- David B. – 21 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 ****