

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
 - Lorenzo (Mario M)
 - Austin (Mario C)
 - Gretchen (Melanie P)
 - Annabel (Mary F)
 - Phyllis (Lynn M)

- **Tradition 8 Workshop Recap: Lauren O.**
 - Short form: “Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.”
 - Long form: “Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we may otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. 12th Step work is never to be paid for.”

- **Concept 8 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
 - Concept 8: “The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of overall policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.”
 - Synopsis: “This Concept deals with the ways the General Service Board “discharges its heavy obligations,” and its relationship with its two subsidiary corporations: A.A. World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. Long experience has proven that the board “must devote itself almost exclusively to the larger questions of policy, finance, group relations and leadership. In these matters, it must act with great care and skill to plan, manage and execute.” The board, therefore, must not be distracted or burdened with the details or the endless questions which arise daily in the routine operation of the General Service Office or the publishing operations, including Grapevine. “It must delegate its executive function” to its subsidiary, operating boards.”

- **Panel Reports:**
 - DCMC – Romy
 - Upon motion duly made, and seconded, July 2020 minutes approved
 - Final General Service Conference report is now available on the Area 09 website

- Attended the Spanish FORO meeting, allowing the experience of attending a meeting in a different language (Spanish) that requires translation.
 - Attended the DCMC school
 - Next Area 09 meeting is this Sunday, August 9th
 - Email Romy with any questions or feedback -- DCMC.District12@gmail.com
 - Alternate DCMC – David
 - Absent
 - Treasurer – Bob
 - Transaction report for July presented
 - Group contributions of \$762.02 received
 - Expenses of \$5,862
 - Ending balance of \$13,308.05
 - Secretary – Lynne
 - Please email Lynne if you are not receiving District 12 emails, such as meeting minutes -- mscadistrict12@gmail.com
 - Emails have been going into spam/junk. Please check your junk folders if you believe you are not receiving emails.
 - Registrar – Alex
 - Absent
- **Old business**
 - Continue discussion to allocate \$1000 to Southern California H&I Intergroup
 - David B moved to donate \$1000 to Southern California H&I Intergroup, second by Dominick
 - Passed
- **New business**
 - Elections for two board vacancies
 - Alternate DCMC – Tim Aires
 - Registrar – pending
 - Create New Service Position of Zoom Co-host
 - Dominick moved to create new Zoom co-host and alternate co-host, second
 - Passed
 - Mario M voted in as Zoom co-host
 - Matthew C voted in as alternate Zoom co-host
- **Special Reports**
 - Tales of a GSR – Wayne B., San Juan group
- **Committee Reports**
 - Spotlight on Literature – Tommy
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Area 09 meeting Sunday, August 9th, 8:30am – 1:00pm
 - Zoom details on Area 09 website <http://www.msca09.aa.org/>

- **Birthdays for July**
 - Dominick – 3 years
 - Tommy – 4 years
 - Kim F – 28 years
 - Jason – 5 years
 - Jennie – 5 years
 - Annabel – 1 year
 - Lori C – 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 ****