

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 3, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
 - Stephanie (Susan E.)
 - Clive (Mario C.)
 - Pat (Danny)

- **Tradition 9 Workshop Recap: Lauren O.**
 - **Short form:** “A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”
 - **Long form:** “Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principle newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.”

- **Concept 9 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
 - **Concept 9:** “Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.”
 - **Synopsis:** “No matter how carefully we design our service structure of principles and relationships, no matter how well we apportion authority and responsibility, the operating results of our structure can be no better than the personal performance of those who must man it and make it work. Good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure. . . . Weak leadership can hardly function at all, even in the best of structures.” Due to A.A.’s principle of rotation, furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous effort. The base of the service structure — and the source of our leadership — is the General Service Representative. The G.S.R. is the service leader for his or her group, the indispensable link between the group and A.A. as-a-whole. Together the G.S.R.s are A.A.’s group conscience — and together, in their areas, they elect the area committee members and ultimately the delegates and the area’s candidates for trustee. Groups who have not named G.S.R.s should be encouraged to do so. And as the G.S.R.s meet in area assemblies, care and dedication are required. Personal ambitions should be cast aside; feuds and controversies forgotten. “Who are the best qualified people?” should be the thought of all.”

- **Panel Reports:**
 - DCMC – Romy
 - Upon motion duly made, and seconded, August 2020 minutes approved
 - New virtual sign-in sheet now being used. Be sure to sign in at [GSR Virtual Sign-In](#) to help us keep accurate records.
 - Email Romy with any questions or feedback -- DCMC.District12@gmail.com
 - Alternate DCMC – Tim
 - Attended Area 09 meeting with Romy
 - Treasurer – Bob
 - Transaction report for August presented
 - Group contributions of \$633.10 received
 - Expenses of \$1,014.99
 - Ending balance of \$12,926.16
 - Secretary – Lynne
 - Please email Lynne if you are not receiving District 12 emails, such as meeting minutes – mscadistrict12@gmail.com
 - Registrar – Vacant
 - Vacant

- **New business**
 - Elections board vacancy
 - Registrar – Susan E.
 - DCM Sub-district C (male and female) – Mario C. (female role still vacant)
 - Call for Zoom-savvy volunteers for Area Assembly on Sunday, September 13th 8:30-2:00
 - If interested, complete the [Technology Committee Survey](#)

- **Special Reports**
 - Tim A, Alt DCMC, “Let’s Make a Motion”
 - Robert’s Rules of Order
 - See separate PowerPoint presentation

- **Sub-district Breakouts**
 - Discussions about meeting formats (live, online, hybrid) during pandemic closures

- **Committee Reports**
 - Literature report – Tommy

- **Upcoming Events**
 - Area 09 meeting Sunday, September 13th, 8:30am – 1:00pm
 - Zoom details on Area 09 website <http://www.msca09.aa.org/>

- **Birthdays for August**
 - Danny – 5 years
 - Lisa C. – 2 years
 - Pat M. – 2 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 ****