

**DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, October 1, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

- Call to order by Romy at 7:30
- Serenity prayer
- GSR Preamble read by Julie
  
- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
  - John E. (Ed H.)
  - Lisa (Dana)
  - Stuart (Danny P.)
  - Summer (Lisa)
  - Bob (Eric)
  
- **Tradition 10 Workshop Recap: Lauren O.**
  - Short form: “Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”
  - Long form: “No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.”
  
- **Concept 10 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
  - Concept 10: “Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority – the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.”
  - Synopsis: “Our service structure cannot function effectively and harmoniously unless, at every level, each operational responsibility is matched by a corresponding authority to discharge it. This requires that authority must be delegated at every level — and that the responsibility and authority of every entity are well defined and clearly understood. As we have seen (Concept I) “final responsibility and ultimate authority” reside with the A.A. groups, and they delegate this authority to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, delegates to the General Service Board the authority to manage A.A.’s affairs (Concept VI) in its behalf. The board is in authority over its subsidiary operating corporations — A.A. World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. — but it delegates to the directors of those corporations the authority necessary to run these service entities. The directors are in authority over the executives of the corporations, but delegate to these officers the authority needed to carry out their administrative responsibilities. And finally, the executives delegate to the G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members and other employees the authority necessary to carry out their important service jobs.”
  
- **Panel Reports:**
  - DCMC – Romy
    - Upon motion duly made, and seconded, September 2020 minutes approved
    - Attended Area 09 Assembly, which District 12 hosted
    - 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](mailto:DCMC.District12@gmail.com)
  - Alternate DCMC – Tim
    - Attended Area 09 Assembly

- Working to update our insurance policy
    - Next Area 09 meeting is Oct 11, 8:30am to 2:00pm
  - Treasurer – Bob
    - Transaction report for September presented
    - Group contributions of \$487.04 received
    - Expenses of \$0.00
    - Ending balance of \$13,413.20
    - Be sure to include your meeting number with all contributions
    - We are now accepting Venmo payments for contributions
      - <https://venmo.com/district12contributions>
  - Secretary – Lynne
    - Please email Lynne if you are not receiving District 12 emails, such as meeting minutes – [mscadistrict12@gmail.com](mailto:mscadistrict12@gmail.com)
  - Registrar – Susan
    - Be sure to use the new 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).
- **New business**
  - Election of GSR School co-chair
    - Lacy L.
- **Special Reports**
  - Launch of new GSR App – Alex, DCMC District 1
    - Inspired by Area 08’s app
    - Over 100 users – and growing
    - Available in Spanish and English
    - Download app at
      - Spanish -- <https://msca-gsr-spanish-kit.glideapp.io/>
      - English -- <https://msca-gsr-kit.glideapp.io/>
      - Or scan QR code



- Enter your personal email address
- PIN will be sent to your email address
- Click the “add GSR- Tool Kit to Home screen” button at very bottom to add an app shortcut to your homescreen
- Highlights of app:
  - Upcoming events
  - Service manual
  - General Service Conference timeline
  - Area 09 website
  - Pamphlets
  - New GSR change form

- Spotlight on Grapevine – Ryan M.
  - Online subscriptions at [store@grapevine.org](mailto:store@grapevine.org)
  - Carry the Message gift certificates to share the Grapevine or La Vina with other alcoholics
  - Certificates that are purchased are distributed by Grapevine
  - 2,584 subscriptions have been purchased through this program in 2020
  - Motion to contribute \$500 to Carry the Message program
    - Motion seconded and approved
  
- **Committee Reports**
  - Treatment – Lynn M.
    - Attended Bridging the Gap conference on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Bridging the Gap is a service arm of A.A. that pairs people exiting treatment with a temporary contact that will help them find local meetings.
    - This is a global program
    - Volunteer as a temporary contact or request a contact at
      - [www.d12btg.com](http://www.d12btg.com)
      - [www.area9btg.org](http://www.area9btg.org)
  - Traditions Day – Lauren
    - November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2pm to 4pm via Zoom
    - Traditions play – volunteers needed!!!
    - Flyer with more information coming soon
  - Intergroup Liaison – Gabriel
    - Laguna Niguel satellite office is now open again
    - They are planning some upcoming events, suggestions and input are welcome
    - Intergroup meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7pm
      - <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/616903638> (password = OCAA)
  
- **Upcoming Events**
  - “Interactive” Committee Workshop
    - Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10am – 2pm PST
    - [Flyer here](#)
  - 12 Concepts Illustrated Online Workshop
    - Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – 4pm MTN
    - [Flyer here](#)
  
- **Birthdays for August**
  - Lacy L. – 5 years
  - Summer A. – 5 years
  - John H. – 26 years
  - Sarah H. – 6 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.”

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