

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 3, 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)
 - Lynn M. (TBD)
 - Jeff F. (Mario C.)
 - William J. (Danny)

- **Tradition 12 Workshop Recap: Lauren O.**
 - Short form: “Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”
 - Long form: “And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.”

- **Concept 12 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
 - Concept 12: “General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.”
 - Synopsis: “This Concept consists of the General Warranties of the General Service Conference. It is cast in stone; that is, although Bill leaves the door open for alterations and changes in the other Concepts and points out that the rest of the Conference Charter “can be readily amended,” these General Warranties — like the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions — be changed only by “written consent of three quarters of all A.A. groups” in the world! Why? Because “these Warranties indicate the qualities of prudence and spirituality which the Conference should always possess These are the permanent bonds that hold the Conference fast to the movement it serves.” The Warranties also express spiritual principles which apply to all other A.A. entities as well.”

- **Panel Reports:**
 - DCMC – Romy
 - Upon motion duly made, and seconded, November 2020 minutes approved
 - Attended Servathon Area 09 meeting and Chicago area meeting online
 - PRAASA will be held virtually in 2021
 - Conference Report is now available. Let Romy know if you would like a copy and she will deliver it to you.
 - Email Romy with any questions or feedback -- DCMC.District12@gmail.com

- Alternate DCMC – Tim
 - Board is now conducting monthly executive sessions in advance of the GSR meeting to strategize for the upcoming district meeting.
 - Approval to purchase new liability insurance policy ratified.
 - Everyone encouraged to attend Area 09 meetings. Meeting schedule and more information can be found at <http://www.msca09aa.org/>.
- Treasurer – Bob
 - Transaction report for November presented
 - Group contributions of \$775.15 received
 - Expenses of \$106.99
 - Ending balance of \$14,171.13
 - Be sure to include your meeting number with all contributions
 - GSO is now accepting contributions online at <https://contribution.aa.org/sca-dev-2020-1/checkout.ssp?is=checkout#login-register>
 - We are now accepting Venmo payments for contributions at <https://venmo.com/district12contributions>
 - Working on 2021 budget
 - Committee chairs or anyone with a need for funds should email Bob at d12treasurer@gmail.com
- Secretary – Lynne
 - Many emails continue to get delivered into spam/junk folders.
 - Please email Lynne if you are not receiving District 12 emails, such as meeting minutes – 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.
 - If you are a new GSR, be sure to include your mailing address on the electronic sign in so that you can receive your GSR welcome kit.
 - Be sure to put your email address in that sign-in form.
 - You can reach Susan at d12registrar@gmail.com if you have any changes or updates to your meeting or contact info.
- **New business**
 - Budget overview – Bob M., treasurer
 - Proposing prox \$13,000 in expenses vs prox \$10,000 in new income; we will be relying on our current reserves.
 - Available service opportunities
 - Accessibilities Chair – *vacant*
 - Cooperation with Elderly Chair – *vacant*
 - Picnic Chair – *vacant*
 - Speaker Guidelines Chair – *vacant*
 - DCM (female sub district C) – *Lauren*
- **Special Presentation**
 - Guest speaker, Carla R. from Hollywood
 - Special video presentation on anonymity
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x-1w_Gx9rQ&ab_channel=AAGrapevine
- **Committee Reports**
 - Literature – Tommy
 - Intergroup – Gabe

- **Upcoming Events**

- 5th Annual 2020 Hispanic Women's Workshop hosted by Area 93
 - December 5, 2020, 10:00am to 4:30pm
 - Participating Areas 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
 - Zoom Meeting ID: 953 6100 6019
 - Password: TMH93

- **Birthdays for November**

- Mary O. – 31 years
- Dhyana W. – 9 years
- Susan E. – 9 years
- Jeff F. – 8 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 ****