

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 1, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- Call to order by Romy at 7:30
- Serenity prayer
- GSR Preamble read by Kaeri S

- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
 - Kim V (Romy) Sue (Kaeri S)

- **Tradition 7 Workshop Recap: Lauren O.**
 - **Short form:** “Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”
 - **Long form:** “The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.”

- **Concept 7 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
 - **Concept 6:** “The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.”
 - **Synopsis:** “The board can override the Conference when necessary. The charter and bylaws of the General Service Board (GSB) ARE legal documents. The charter of the General Service Conference (GSC) IS NOT. Period! Because of that, there may be times where the Conference has, shall we say, gone off the deep end, and the Trustees (legally or otherwise) need to reel them back in through the vetoing of a Conference action. The Trustees have “legal authority,” where the Conference only has “moral authority.”

- **Panel Reports:**
 - **DCMC – Romy**
 - Attended last Area 09 meeting, encouraged everyone to attend
 - New Service Manual will be out in September of this year!
 - The Archives Committee wants to hear about our experiences during the pandemic. Use the link below to participate and add your voice to A.A. history!
 - Archives Google Form <https://msca09aa-archives.org/>
 - The Corrections Correspondence Service links A.A. members who are incarcerated with A. A. members on the “outside”. If you would like volunteer, use the link below to share your experience, strength, and hope with incarcerated members of our fellowship.
 - https://aa.org/pages/en_US/corrections-correspondence-service
 - A.A. Grapevine has updated the Preamble following the suggestions forwarded from the General Service Conference. You may want to let your meetings know and decide whether your group would like to use the updated Preamble in your meeting.

- Read the [Grapevine Memo](#) describing the Preamble revision details.
 - District 12 will be hosting the Area 09 meeting in October.
 - We have gotten notice from the church welcoming us back in person. Are you ready? Not quite yet? We are still gathering details, but in the meantime be sure to fill out the sign-in sheet and let us know what you think about meeting in person again.
 - The Southern California Convention is back as well! Happening September 17-19th in Rancho Mirage.
 - Visit aasocal.com to register online, there will be no on-site registration this year!
 - Email Romy with any questions or feedback -- DCMC.District12@gmail.com
- Alternate DCMC – Tim
 - The [Big Book](#) and [Twelve and Twelve](#) are now streaming in ASL on the [A.A.W.S. Youtube](#) channel.
 - Upcoming events:
 - July 11, 2021 – FORO – Online Meeting
 - Register in advance for this meeting at: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMvdO2grD0tEtzxyDF8HZi5riD6l1jCXXf0>
 - Join the meeting at: <http://zoom.us/97234826788> password: FORO
 - July 31, 2021 – 4-Area DCM Sharing Session – Online Meeting
 - [English Flyer](#) and [Spanish Flyer](#)
 - Zoom ID: 919 2712 1685 – Password: 2021DCM4
 - Thanks to Kacie L for doing a great job with the Sponsorship Workshop and Mario for all of our online events!
- Treasurer – Bob
 - [Midyear budget update](#) available
 - [Transaction report](#) for June presented
 - Total contributions \$446.52
 - June ending balance \$20,850.00, prudent reserve \$3,600.80
 - Committee chairs: if you have a need for anything and would like funds approved please contact Bob or any board member. We have funds available for our district!
 - *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 – Tommy
 - There being no corrections, the June minutes as previously distributed are approved.
 - [District 12 Phone List](#) now available and will be sent out with the minutes
 - Please email Tommy if you are not receiving District 12 emails, and to update your phone list information – mscadistrict12@gmail.com
- Registrar – Susan
 - Please complete the electronic sign-in form every month while online at the District 12 meeting, especially the formal meeting name and meeting number. If you don't know your meeting number please ask someone in your meeting who would know. Susan uses that information to find your meeting and make sure your attendance is properly noted.
 - For new GSRs who have not received their packet, be sure to include your address.
 - A couple new GSR's may have GSR packet arriving 1-2weeks late due to trouble identifying meeting information.
 - You can reach Susan at d12registrar@gmail.com if you have any changes or updates to

your meeting or contact info.

○ 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
- Tommy – mscadistrict12@gmail.com
- Susan – d12registrar@gmail.com

• **New business**

○ Guidelines Audit Committee:

▪ Motion proposed, seconded, and passes to establish District 12 Guidelines Audit Committee

• Contact the board or fill out the sign-in sheet to let us know if you are interested in being a part of the committee. Take a look at the [District 12 Guidelines](#) which lists the duties and requirements for all positions in our district.

○ Labor Day Picnic:

▪ We are partnering with Intergroup to put on our Labor Day Picnic!

▪ Happening September 6th in San Clemente at San Gorgonio Park

▪ Committee Chair - Stephanie A

Co-Chair - Susan

Volunteers - Kaeri, Sommer, Angela, Kim, and Betty

▪ If you would like to participate, contact any of the committee members. (Use the phone list!)

• **Special Presentation:** Committees In Action

○ Maryka (CPC Chair Area 09)

▪ Cooperation with the professional community serves as liaison between A.A. and professional fields that work directly with alcoholics: judiciary, legal, medical, psych, and social workers.

▪ Last year used a virtual platform to build relationships with people in each field, built a database, and sent out area specific packages with selected pamphlets, literature, etc..

○ Lynn (Treatment Chair Area 09)

▪ Focus on A.A. service called Bridging the Gap that matches A.A.'s with a temporary contact in their home area willing to take newcomers to a limited number of meetings and get them established.

▪ Business cards available, visit area9btg.org to find forms to volunteer or set up a temporary contact.

○ Jim (Literature Chair Area 09)

▪ Takes literature and supply rack to Area meetings. Last year set up a Committee to update Area 09 Guidelines and got them approved by the Area Service Committee in June.

▪ "Every question in A.A. has one of two answers — God or literature."

• **Breakout Session** : "Mock" Committee Meetings

○ CPC

▪ Chris explained how the mock committee went over what CPC means, what the committee does and does not do, and set up goals for the committee

○ Treatment

▪ Lynn asked Romy about meeting in person and making a presentation to GSR's to spread the word about Bridging the Gap and distributing cards

- Literature
 - Stephanie described how they went over planning a literature workshop and discussed subject matter, date, budget, speakers, committee members, and items to be discussed.

- **Committee Reports**

- Literature – Stephanie A
 - A.A. literature can be found and downloaded at https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa_literature
- Accessibilities Chair - Dominick M
 - Question on sign-in sheet to get a feel for which district meetings are child friendly or offer child care and see if they match with the information currently listed
 - Has been going out to physical meetings to check for accessibility and will continue to do so. Could use volunteers, if interested contact Dominick or a board member.
 - Look out for questions in the sign-in sheet next month

- **GSR Recap** — Austin C

- Not sure how to give a report, remember to use the [GSR report template!](#)

- **Upcoming Events**

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- **Birthdays for June**

- Stuart - 3 years
- Eileen - 5 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 ***