

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- Call to order by Romy at 7:30
- Serenity prayer
- GSR Preamble read by Lisa K

- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
 - Angela T (Romy S), Allison P (Dolly C), Ryan B (Mario C)

- **Tradition 6 Workshop Recap: Bob M.**
 - **Short form:** “Our groups ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”
 - **Long form:** “Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.”

- **Concept 6 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
 - **Concept 6:** “On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.”
 - **Synopsis:** “ The Conference allows the board to do its job. As we learned in Concept 2, the Conference knows its duty, but in the end, knows it only meets once a year while the General Service Board (GSB) meets more frequently to carry out the tasks assigned to it by the Conference. Giving the Board a liberal authority to get its job done is crucial. Why? The Conference does not micromanage the Board throughout the year and experience has shown that a ‘wide latitude of administrative freedom’ allows the Board to effectively manage the world affairs of A.A..”

- **Panel Reports:**
 - **DCMC – Romy**
 - Attended last Area 09 meeting, encouraged everyone to attend
 - New DCM school guidelines have been approved, New Service Manual approved, Area prudent reserve approved
 - Created Technology Committee and Remote Communities Committee
 - New Secretary and Registrar for Area 09
 - A.A. Grapevine has updated the Preamble following the suggestions forwarded from the

General Service Conference. The words “men and women” will be changed to “people”. This will be reflected in the July 2021 issue of the Grapevine and all subsequent issues.

- Read the [Grapevine Memo](#) describing the Preamble revision details.
- Visit <https://aa.org/> and click on the “what’s new” tab to stay up to date on all the A.A. news.
- Proud of everyone for all the work you’ve done through the conference season and the service you perform for your meetings and our district!
- Email Romy with any questions or feedback -- DCMC.District12@gmail.com

○ Alternate DCMC – Tim

- Upcoming events:
- Sponsorship Workshop
 - June 12th 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
 - Topic “working with others”

Look out for reminder emails and check out the flyer

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nSLK6iZ9-FfpBQH_SQjgdZ83aqjVGadk/view

- Grapevine and La Vina are celebrating Founder’s Day by offering free access from May 26th through June 10, 2021

Visit <https://www.aagrapevine.org/> or <https://www.aalavina.org/>

- Area 09 Service Committee
 - June 13th 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Registration is required, visit:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEtdqoqTotHtW0ijPz7l7QistkO4yFs0hA>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

- Announcements from Canyon Club
- July 1, 2021 is the deadline for any meetings who previously met in person to claim their time slot before they start making changes

○ Treasurer – Bob

- [Transaction report](#) for May presented
- Total contributions \$1,498.20
- May ending balance \$20,418.47, prudent reserve \$3,600.77
- 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 May minutes as previously distributed are approved
- Please email Tommy if you are not receiving District 12 emails, such as meeting minutes – mscadistrict12@gmail.com

○ Registrar – Susan

- Please complete the electronic sign-in form every month while online at the District 12 meeting, especially the meeting name and date. She 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
- 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

• **Special Presentation:** History of General Service and a personal story of why she chose to serve

- Speaker — Lacy L., GSR school co-chair
 - Most information taken from the Service Manual
 - History of A.A. leading to first General Service Conference
 - 1937 Bill and Bob, seeing their small numbers growing, became hopeful for more people to get sober. They were worried about funds so they looked for donors.
 - John D Rockefeller donated money but was hesitant about providing more because of how money can corrupt good intentions
 - 1941 Jack Alexander wrote the Saturday Evening Post article and A.A. membership grew exponentially
 - 12 Traditions came to fruition from trial and error and were published in the Grapevine in April 1946
 - Through 1948 traveling business men began carrying the message across country
 - A.A. began to face public relations and they saw a need for an annual group inventory
 - Original form 1 delegate from each state and Canada (bigger states could elect one more delegate), delegates served 2 year terms
 - First General Service Conference in 1951
 - Lacy also shared about why she serves and her love for A.A. history and service work

• **New business**

- Available Service opportunities:
 - Intergroup Liaison, Grapevine Chair, Archives Chair, CEC Chair, Picnic Chair, DCM Subdistrict A (2 positions)
 - These positions are up in December (new positions begin next year 2022)
 - New Literature Chair, Stephanie A
- Creating District 12 Guidelines Committee
 - visit <https://www.mscadistrict12.org/> to view the guidelines (only 16 pages) lists duties and requirements for all positions
 - We would like to audit and update these guidelines and looking for GSR volunteers for auditing content
 - Fill out the appropriate section in the sign-in sheet or let one of our board members know!

• **Sub District Breakout Session** : What is your Why? What are your challenges? How can we help?

- Sub District A — Melanie P, DCM
 - Heard why people joined GSR, discussed passion for the program, and stories
- Sub District B — Ed H, DCM
 - Shared about passion and nurturing connection with higher power through group service
 - Appreciate available resources and GSR school
 - Passion for service and filling in out of necessity then learning to enjoy service in GSR
- Sub District C — Mario C, DCM
 - Wanted to be an active participant rather than a passive spectator

- Passion for service, meeting new people, keeps us sober, felt responsible
- Suggested Glossary or Dictionary with general service terms and acronyms

• **Committee Reports**

- Accessibilities Chair - Dominick M
 - Attending other meetings and learning about accessibilities
 - Looking for Child Friendly Meetings (as opposed to child-care meetings which are listed)
 - Working on getting a count of meetings with need of this distinction and which groups would like to specify
 - Looking to verify that meetings are accessible
- Literature – Stephanie A
 - New book available on online book store, *A Visual History of A.A.*, available for \$12.00
 - A.A. literature can be found and downloaded at https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/aa_literature

• **GSR Recap** — Kelsey P

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

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• **Birthdays for March**

- Austin - 4 years
- Mike - 5 years
- Lisa K - 6 years
- Jose G - 6 years
- Lynn M - 7 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 ***