

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 4th, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

- Call to order by Romy at 7:30 pm
- Serenity prayer
- GSR Preamble read by Andy C. (email Romy if you'd like to read or give a recap for us!)

- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
 - Heidi F (Chris L)
- **Tradition 11 Workshop Recap: Lauren O**
 - **Short form:** "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."
 - **Long form:** "Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not to be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never a need to praise ourselves. We feel it is better to let our friends recommend us."
- **Concept 11 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
 - **Concept 11:** "While the trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.'s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staff, and consultants. Therefore, the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern."
 - **Synopsis:** "The trustees cannot do it alone! The success of our trustees relies heavily on those they work with to get the job done. Whether it is non-trustee committee members, our corporation's directors (A.A. World Services, Inc./A.A. Grapevine Inc.), executives, or staff members at the General Service Office (GSO), our Board of Trustees needs a strong dedication and quality of work to fulfill the actions given them by A.A. Groups (via the General Service Conference)."
- **Panel Reports**
 - **DCMC — Romy (dcmc.district12@gmail.com)**
 - Attended the October Area Election Assembly.
 - Our district hosted the event. Seven of us were in attendance.
 - We are also scheduled to host the Area meeting in January.
 - The sign-in sheet included space to volunteer, but you can still let any of our board members know if you are interested.
 - The Treasury in Area 09 is looking good. Talk with your groups and make sure you're on a contribution schedule.
 - Mitchell (former chair) is our new Area 09 Delegate.
 - Ed brought us the final conference report books, let Romy know if you'd like a copy!
 - GSO contributions are improving. GSO employees were invited back to work in October, however, GSO is still not open to visitors.
 - Grapevine podcast available at: aagrapevine.org/podcast
 - Episode 2: [Behind the Curtain with Josh E. of the AA General Service Board](#) provides some great insight directly from a trustee!
 - Announced the church's revised mask protocols. Only those unvaccinated people are

- required to wear masks.
 - After a quick poll, it was apparent that our district is still split about the decision to return in person. Because of this, we will remain on zoom for next month's business meeting.
 - Please consider standing for a position in January where we will be electing DCM's and committee chairs. Reach out to Romy or Bob with any questions.
- Alt DCMC — Tim (altdcmc.district12@gmail.com)
 - District 7 & Area 9 Archives presents: Women Pioneers of A.A. Presentation
 - Discover the Women That Came Before Us
Saturday, November 6, 2021, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 - Hybrid format at Garden Grove Alano Club and on Zoom
 - Area Service Committee (ASC) – hosted by District 19
 - Sunday, November 7 @ 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
 - Hybrid format at Jurupa Community Center and on Zoom
 - Servathon
 - Saturday, November 13, 2021
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 - West Torrance High School
20401 Victor St, Torrance, CA 90503
Park at the corner lot on Del Amo 8/vd. and Víctor St.
 - Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvde-trDktHNeLe8nVSjYjlow8zEs1TUmn>
 - Traditions Day
 - Sunday, November 14, 2021
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 - Join us in person at the Canyon Club!
20456 Laguna Cyn Rd, Laguna Beach, CA 92651
 - Speakers - Traditions Day Play - Food - Fun - Trivia
- Treasurer — Bob (12districttreasurer@gmail.com)
 - October 2021 Transaction Report
 - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rhcy6_addQSF0nLrwwPoSh4Fz6TBTHO/view?usp=sharing
 - Committee Chairs - please let Bob know about expenses or ideas for next year's budget! We've got money to serve our district!
- Secretary — Tommy (mscadistrict12@gmail.com)
 - There being no corrections, the October meeting minutes as previously distributed are approved.
 - [District 12 Phone List](#) available
 - Please email Tommy if you are not receiving District 12 emails or to update your phone list information.
- Registrar — Susan (d12registrar@gmail.com)
 - Please complete the electronic sign-in form every month while online at the District 12 Business Meeting. Please include your exact meeting name and number as it is listed. If you aren't sure, ask someone in your group that would know.
 - Email Susan if you have any changes, updates, or questions.

- Your board is here to be of service to you. If you require any assistance, please contact any of the board members.
- **New Business**
 - **Discussion and vote to approve District 12 Guidelines: Audit Committee**
 - Kaeri S made a motion to approve the updated District 12 Guidelines as distributed in October's Business Meeting minutes.
 - Kaitlyn R seconded the motion
 - Group vote, no discussion, 100% approval of District 12 Guidelines as updated by the Audit Committee.
 - **Introduction of 2022 Budget: Bob M., Treasurer**
 - Bob M presented the 2022 Draft Budget, you may view it at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oWYf1CCbE-jRvyFG6FfhWXeYZaJv6D9H/view?usp=sharing>
 - Budget suggestions? Email Bob at : bobmontgomery@att.net or 12districttreasurer@gmail.com
 - Please consider standing for DCM or Committee Chair positions in January and start thinking of ways you'd like to see our contributions put to use for our district!
 - **Consider Contribution to Grapevine "Carry the Message" Project**
 - Dominick M made a motion to contribute 75 Grapevine and 25 La Vina subscriptions to Carry the Message Project, totaling 100 subscriptions.
 - Kathy V seconded the motion.
 - Following questions and discussion, Betty S proposed an amendment to contribute 60% of allocated funds (\$3,000) to Grapevine and 40% to La Vina.
 - Dominick M as the motion maker accepted the amendment, group vote, and the motion was passed.
- **Video Presentation: "Your General Service Office (GSO), the Grapevine, and the General Service Structure"**
 - View the full video at: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_us/videos-and-audios
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Literature — Stephanie**
 - Log onto aa.org online bookstore to find/purchase wallet cards, place cards, *A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous*, and reach out to Stephanie directly for literature she has available.
 - **Traditions Day — Lauren**
 - Sunday, November 14, 2021, from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
 - Needed more volunteers for the Traditions Play, Dolly C and Kelly N volunteered!
 - Jersey Mike's subs will be served for lunch.
 - Traditions Day Flyer:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Yz8Y8VjpaFBtfVp4Wsgc89gmCrT7uY7u/view?usp=sharing>
 - **Accessibilities — Dom**
 - Attended Area meeting in September
 - Discussed in breakout rooms ideas for giving documents to Central Office and dispersing flyers that would help people download zoom and log onto meetings step-by-step.
 - Discussed making announcements in groups to find people who know American Sign Language.
 - Took part in the North Eastern Regional Accessibilities Meeting
 - Discussed finishing a proposed agenda item to be sent to GSO. Adopting the international disabilities symbol as the symbol for meetings in the directory.

- Mentioned idea of including wording about how the word “handicap” is derogatory because of its origin.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - **Servathon**
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 - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
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 - In-person at the Canyon Club
- **GSR Recap: Michelle B**
 - Not sure how to give a GSR report? Remember to use the [GSR report template!](#)
- **Birthdays for August**
 - Angela — 3 years
 - Lorenzo B — 4 years
 - Allison P - 15 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