

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
 - Andy (John A.), Kelly N (Wayne A.), Marie P (Romy S.), Shelley W (Lynn McK.)
- **Visitors**
 - Ed L (Area 09 Delegate)
- **Tradition 9 Workshop Recap: Lauren O**
 - **Short form:** "A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."
 - **Long form:** "Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness."
- **Concept 9 Workshop Recap: Chris L.**
 - **Concept 9:** "Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous".
 - **Synopsis:** "We lead to serve rather than lead to govern. As we study the Concepts, the ninth change that is taking place in us is that we understand we must become selfless leaders. What are the changes that need to take place in our lives in the ninth concept in order to serve as good leaders? We need to surrender old ideas about leadership and be willing to put aside any personal ambitions, feuds, and controversies that prevent us from offering effective leadership. We need to become a spiritual example, someone who can personally put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that others want to back us up and help us with our job."
- **Panel Reports**
 - **DCMC — Romy (dcmc.district12@gmail.com)**
 - Attended August Area 09 meeting
 - GSO budget is on track and they are looking for themes for the 2025 International Convention.
 - Grapevine has a new book titled [Prayer and Meditation](#)
 - Area 09 elections are being held in October. They will be electing a new delegate and a new panel of officers.
 - Must have attended at least one Area meeting in the last year in order to be eligible to vote. You may attend Area 09 meeting and still be eligible!
 - A reminder that you do not have to be a GSR to attend our Business Meeting.

- You can include this [District 12 Business Meeting Flyer](#) in your meeting and encourage others to attend!
 - We will be remaining on Zoom through October. That means our elections next month will be happening on Zoom.
 - In the October elections we will be electing new board members for our District. This is important work, so please consider standing for a spot if you are at all interested!
- Alt DCMC — Tim (altdcmc.district12@gmail.com)
 - September Area 09 Assembly
 - September 12 from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
 - Hybrid format (which means in-person and online options)
 - Live meeting held at -
Walton Intermediate School; 12181 Buaro St, Garden Grove, CA 92840
 - If you wish to attend by Zoom, you must register in advance at <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItcu-grT8vGN1i3C6iVlh3qFxrh1ByMpKQ>
 - For more information, visit: <https://msca09aa.org/event/area-09-assembly/>
 - 2021 National A.A. Technology Workshop
 - September 17 - 19th, Two full days of content!
 - For more information, you may contact: Doug G, NAATW 2021 Chair at: chair@naatw.org
 - Or visit: naatw.org
- Treasurer — Bob (12districttreasurer@gmail.com)
 - August 2021 Transaction Report
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PurxdmYus380JiUxIsWdUzK0h0ZWxsmg/view?usp=sharing>
 - 08/31/21 ending balance: checking - \$19,888.54, prudent reserve - \$3,600.80
 - We have plenty of money for our district to use! Please contact Bob with expense requests!
- Secretary — Tommy (mscadistrict12@gmail.com)
 - There being no corrections, the August 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**
 - Final Conference Report — Ed L. (Area 09 Delegate)
 - Presented PowerPoint on the Final Conference Report
 - Here is a link to the power point Ed presented: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/h11xzli1mqva59l/71st%20GSC%20Final%20Conference%20Report%20Presentation.pptx?dl=0>
 - Contact Romy or another board member if you are interested in receiving a

hard copy of the General Service Conference Final Report.

- **Special Presentation: Concept 9, Leadership — Ever a Vital Need**

- Speaker — Chris L (Concepts Workshop and CPC Chair)

- Leadership is important at every level. A great leader can't perform with a bad structure and a good structure can't perform with a bad leader. Both are important.
- Good leaders possess vision, tolerance, love, flexibility, and perseverance.
- A.A. leadership serves and never governs. GSR's are leaders in their meetings, coffee makers lead the making of coffee, we are placed where we are needed and willing to serve. The entire structure relies on every one of us!
- Helpful Tools:
 - [Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need](#) by Bill W. from AA Grapevine, April 1959
 - [The Twelve Concepts For World Service Illustrated](#)

- **Board Positions Explained**

- DCMC — Romy

- Maintains effective service structure through District 12
- Creates Monthly Agenda
- Encourages and assists DCMS, GSRs, and Committee Chairs to learn and grow in General Service work

- Alt DCMC — Tim

- Ready to stand in for DCMC or replace DCMC if anything happens
- Attends all District 12 meetings
- Accepts papers if District 12 is named as a defendant in a lawsuit

- Treasurer — Bob

- Gathers money and maintains bank account
- Maintains transparent record and monthly summary of all our transactions
- Provides funds from our district to events and committees

- Secretary — Tommy

- Records minutes of the District 12 meetings
- Sends out all District 12 emails (including minutes and event reminders)
- Communicates between GSRs and our district

- Registrar — Susan

- Takes attendance at all District 12 meetings
- Collects information on all new GSRs
- Registers new GSRs with GSO

- Followed by Trivia Game "District 12 - Who Does What?"

- **Committee Reports**

- Labor Day Picnic — Romy filling in for Stephanie

- Featuring committee tables, band, speaker, food, giveaways, and games!
- Labor Day September 6th at San Geronio Park

- Traditions Day — Lauren

- Date and venue for Traditions Day is set!
- Sunday, November 14, 2021 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (tentatively)
- In person at the Canyon Club

- **Upcoming Events**

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 - 2021 National A. A. Technology Workshop (NAATW)
 - September 17th - 19th
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- **GSR Recap: Lorenzo B**
 - Not sure how to give a GSR report? Remember to use the [GSR report template!](#)
- **Birthdays for August**
 - Lisa C - 3 years
 - Marie P - 13 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****