

**DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, January 2, 2020**

- Call to order by Romy at 7:30
- Serenity prayer
- GSR Preamble read by John
  
- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
  - Tim A. (Jim Stevens)
  - Laura (Kimmie)
  - Mark (Mike M.)
  - Larry (Becket)
  - Wayne A. (Ron)
  - Ron (Jim Stevens)
  - Joe (John J.)
  - Lisa (Melanie)
  - Michelle (Mary)
  - Justin (Shane)
  - Sandy (Casey)
  
- **Tradition 1 Workshop Recap: Lauren**
  - Tradition 1: “Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.”
  - Long Form: Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.
  
- **Concept 1 Workshop Recap: Chris**
  - Concept 1: “Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.”
  - Synopsis: Alcoholics Anonymous has been called an upside-down organization because the “ultimate responsibility and final authority for . . . world services” resides with the groups — rather than with the trustees of the General Service Board or the General Service Office in New York. In Concept I, Bill traces how this came to be. The first step in 1938 was “the creation of a trusteeship,” first called the Alcoholic Foundation, renamed in 1954 the General Service Board. Why? To perform the services the groups could not do for themselves: e.g., uniform literature, uniform public information about A.A., helping new groups get started, sharing with them the experience of established groups, handling pleas for help, publishing a national magazine, and carrying the message in other languages and in other countries. A service office was formed to carry on these functions under the board’s direction. Both the board and the office looked to the co-founders, Bill and Dr. Bob, for policy leadership. In the midst of the “exuberant success” of early A.A., Dr. Bob became fatally ill and Bill asked, “When Dr. Bob and I are gone, who would then advise the

trustees and the office?" The answer, Bill felt, was to be found in the collective conscience of the A.A. groups.

- **Panel Reports:**

- DCMC – Romy

- Upon motion duly made, and seconded, December 2019 minutes approved
    - Introduction of new panel #70
    - Attended last area meeting, attended DCM school. Meetings are multi-lingual (Spanish). Next one is in Torrance on Jan 12<sup>th</sup> (info below). Everyone is encouraged to attend an area meeting.
    - Introduction of special guests
      - Mitchell – Area 9 Chair (was on panel 68)
      - Stacey A. – DCMC District 6

- Alternate DCMC – David

- Recommendation to attend next area meeting

- Treasurer – Bob

- No written report this month, will have one next month.
    - Over \$2100 in donations received in December.
    - Don't wait to make your meeting donations.
    - Make sure checks are payable to District 12.
    - Make sure your group number is on the check or with payment to properly credit your meeting.
    - Money in our coffers is there for committees to spend to help spread the message.

- Secretary – Lynne

- Please see Lynne if you are not receiving District 12 emails, such as meeting minutes.

- Registrar – Alex

- See him if you don't know your group number to ensure your attendance is properly documented.
    - If you miss more than three consecutive meetings, your meeting will go dark. We will start enforcing this year.
    - If you're a new GSR, be sure to turn in your form.

- **Old business**

- AOCYPAA letter of support – tabled

- **New business**

- Consider merging sub-districts C&D
    - It is already being done informally and it has been effective
    - So moved and motion **PASSED**
  - Consider new start time of 7:00pm for Traditions and Concepts workshop and GSR school
    - Puts us more in line with majority of OC area

- Streamlines the meeting
    - So moved and motion **PASSED**
  - Consider new time of 7:30 – 8:30 for business meeting, reducing time to one hour
    - So moved and motion **PASSED**
  - Consider reducing term requirements for Committee Chairs from two years to one year
    - So moved and motion **DID NOT PASS**
- **Elections for DCMs**
  - DCM Sub-District A (female) – Melanie
  - DCM Sub-District A (male) – Danny
  - DCM Sub-District B (female) – Sarah
  - DCM Sub-District B (male) – Ed
  - DCM Sub-District C&D (female) – KC
  - DCM Sub-District C&D (male) – John J.
- **Elections for Committee Chairs**
  - Congratulations to all of our new committee chairs. We still have more spots to fill which will be addressed at next GSR meeting
    - Accessibilities – STILL OPEN
    - AOCYPAA Liaison – Becket C.
    - Archives – Candace T. (tentative, Jim Stevens)
    - Coffee – Kim L.
    - Concepts Workshop – Chris L.
    - Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC) – STILL OPEN
    - Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – STILL OPEN
    - Grapevine – Ryan M.
    - GSR Orientation Co-Chair – Mary F.
    - GSR Orientation Co-Chair – STILL OPEN
    - Intergroup Liaison – STILL OPEN
    - Literature – Tommy D.
    - Memorial Day Picnic Coordinator – Jenny C.
    - Public Information – Dave B.
    - Regional Events – STILL OPEN
    - South County H & I Liaison – Tim A.
    - Speaker Guidelines – STILL OPEN
    - Sponsorship Workshop (2021) – Caroline O.
    - Treatment Committee Co-Chair – Lynn M.
    - Treatment Committee Co-Chair – Dolly C.
    - Traditions Day Coordinator – Lauren O.
    - Traditions Workshop – Lauren O.
    - Webmaster – Matthew C.

- **Standing committee reports**

- Treatment – Lynn
  - Bridging the Gap, new stickers available
  - Suggested to stick on newcomer packets

- **Announcements**

- Kimmie – Saturday Night Mission Speaker meeting needs a new location. Does anyone know of a location in South OC that can host a meeting of 75-100 people
- Why are Area 9 checks are taking prox 6 weeks to clear?
  - Response from Mitchell, Area 9 Chair: Checks are only picked up twice a month. Options for electronic donations are being worked on.
- Stacey – Next Intergroup meeting is Wednesday, January 8 at 8pm in Costa Mesa. Intergroup is under represented, they need more representation. Anyone can attend to see if they want to join.
- AOCYPAA Servicepalooza is January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Canyon Club. See attached image of event announcement.

- **Sub-District Recaps**

- No sub-district breakouts this month

- **Birthdays for December**

- Becket – 3 years
- Lauren – 4 years
- Kimmie – 6 years
- Andrea – 31 years

- **Next Area Meeting:**

- Jan 12, 2020, 9:00am – 3:00pm
- West High School, 20401 Victor St., Torrance, CA 90503

- **Close with Responsibility Pledge:**

- I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. to always be there. And for that, I am responsible.

*\*\*\* For corrections or changes to the minutes, please email [mscadistrict12@gmail.com](mailto:mscadistrict12@gmail.com) \*\*\**