

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 7, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
 - None

- **Tradition 5 Workshop Recap: Lauren**
 - Tradition 5: “Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers”

- **Concept 5 Workshop Recap: Chris**
 - Concept 5: “Throughout our world services structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.”
 - Synopsis: “Newcomers to A.A.’s General Service Conference are often surprised at the pains taken by the presiding officer to make sure the minority has a second opportunity to present its views. Even after extensive debate on an issue, followed by a vote in which a “substantial unanimity” is reached, those opposed are polled individually to see if they wish to speak further to their minority view. In fact, numerous instances can be cited in which this minority view is so compelling the Conference has then reversed itself. This is A.A.’s “Right of Appeal” in action, and Bill says the same principle should apply to meetings of our area committees, trustee committees and boards. On an issue of grave importance, the minority has the actual duty of presenting its views. This “Right of Appeal” recognizes that minorities frequently can be right; that even when they are in error they still perform a most valuable service when they compel a thorough-going debate on important issues. The well-heard minority, therefore, is our chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority.”

- **New GSRs:**
 - Kacie (Melanie service sponsor)
 - Joshua (Topher service sponsor)
 - Robert (Danny service sponsor)
 - Keith (Wayne service sponsor)

- **Special Guests:**
 - Hiro, Mitchell, and Jose from Area 09 panel

- **Panel Reports:**
 - DCMC – Romy

- Upon motion duly made, and seconded, April 2020 minutes approved
 - Message from OC Intergroup
 - Trying to manage an online meeting directory
 - Be sure to let Intergroup know if your regular meeting has transitioned to a virtual format so other people and newcomers can find your meeting. Be sure to include passwords if you have one.
 - <https://oc-aa.org/directory/meetings.asp>
 - Alternate DCMC – David
 - Attending Zoom meetings
 - Treasurer – Bob
 - Group donations are down
 - Balance of approximately \$17,000
 - 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 meeting number
 - New GSRs please email Alex at a09d12registrar@gmail.com with your info; Mary F will coordinate with Alex
 - Not taking attendance at this time
- **Old business**
 - General Service Conference wrap-up
 - Deadline to submit group conscience is Tuesday, May 12th
 - Groups are using different forums such as Zoom meetings, private Facebook groups, email, phone calls, etc. to select discuss agenda items
 - Many groups are using several meetings to present, research, and discuss
 - Groups have been using the additional time to prepare and discuss
 - Many agenda items have multiple line items; you can focus on the smaller line items instead of the larger item if it is too much for your group to discuss
 - Area 09 delegates are requesting additional talking points when submitting your group's opinion. That is one of the great advantages to this year's virtual format, that we can submit additional commentary with our opinion (not just a simple yes or no).
 - You can submit your group's opinion as well as individual opinions.
 - Submit your group and individual decisions via the Google Docs link [here](#).
 - **New business**
 - PRAASA report-backs
 - Mary F
 - Lynn M
 - Andrea
 - David
 - Melanie
 - Romy

- If you would like to hear the PRAASA Tucson recordings, feel free to download them from Hiro's cloud [here](#).
 - Budget discussion: due to events being cancelled, we have a surplus in our budget. Is this an opportunity to be of service to GSO and/or other AA service entities with contributions?
 - Tabled
 - Sandy Bottom Group proposal: \$2,000 as a one-time contribution to H&I to carry the message through literature
 - Tabled
- **Announcements**
 - Next Area09 meeting Sunday May 17th 9:00am – 2:00pm via [Zoom](#)
 - 2020 Memorial Day Picnic cancelled and will resume in 2021
- **Birthdays for April**
 - Carolyn – 3 years
 - Gabe – 4 years
 - Dana – 3 years
 - Hannah – 4 years
 - Christine – 28 years
 - Boris – 5 years
 - Wayne – 4 years
 - Romy – 10 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 ***