

DISTRICT 12 GENERAL SERVICE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 5, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

- **New GSR Introductions** (with service sponsors)
 - Mary O. (tbd)
 - Sharron B. (Romy)

- **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 be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it 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, staffs 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: “In this, the second longest of the Concepts, Bill explains in great detail the composition, functions and relationships of the standing committees of the General Service Board, its subsidiary operating boards, the General Service Office and AA Grapevine — as they existed in 1962. As A.A. has grown and changed, many of the descriptions would be different today, and some of the issues that are addressed are no longer relevant. Nevertheless, the full text is valuable as an historical document, and many of the principles still apply, as summarized below. Underlying the service structure we have been discussing, there is another, internal structure of service consisting of the nontrustee members of the trustees’ committees; the nontrustee directors of the two operating boards, and the executives and staff members. “Members of this group,” declares Bill, “not only support the leadership of the trustees: they share leadership with them.”

- **Panel Reports:**
 - DCMC – Romy
 - Upon motion duly made, and seconded, October 2020 minutes approved
 - New virtual sign-in sheet now being used. Be sure to sign in at [GSR Virtual Sign-In](#) to help us keep accurate records.
 - Attending a lot of Area 09 and other district events via Zoom
 - GSR app continues to be updated, check in often

- Is the district interested in an end-of-year holiday celebration? Fill out our survey [here](#).
 - Email Romy with any questions or feedback -- DCMC.District12@gmail.com
 - Alternate DCMC – Tim
 - Attended Area 09 meeting
 - All are encouraged to attend Area meetings, check out the event schedule at www.msca09aa.org
 - Upcoming event: Servathon on Nov 14th 8:30am to 2:00pm
 - Working to update our insurance policy, rate will likely increase
 - Treasurer – Bob
 - Transaction report for October presented
 - Group contributions of \$612.24 received
 - Expenses of \$522.47
 - Ending balance of \$13,502.97
 - Be sure to include your meeting number with all contributions
 - GSO is now accepting contributions online at <https://contribution.aa.org/sca-dev-2020-1/checkout.ssp?is=checkout#login-register>
 - We are now accepting Venmo payments for contributions at <https://venmo.com/district12contributions>
 - Working on 2021 budget
 - Committee chairs or anyone with a need for funds should email Bob at d12treasurer@gmail.com
 - Secretary – Lynne
 - Please email Lynne if you are not receiving District 12 emails, such as meeting minutes – mscadistrict12@gmail.com
 - Registrar – Susan
 - Be sure to use the new sign-in form to record your attendance at our monthly meetings. The link to the electronic sign-in form is shared at each meeting.
 - Be sure to put your email address in that sign-in form.
 - You can reach Susan at d12registrar@gmail.com if you have any changes or updates to your meeting or contact info.
- **New business**
 - Motion for letter of support for AOCYPAA event bid
 - Motion approved
 - New District 12 Website Launch: Webmaster, Matthew C
 - <https://mscadistrict12.org/>
- **Special Presentation**
 - Traditions and Reopening meetings: Thomas B., Past Delegate Area 05
 - Suggested guidelines to consider for re-opening live meetings
 - Multiple presentation materials provided, see separate attachments
 - Email Thomas directly at Panel67@area05aa.org with any questions
- **Committee Reports**
 - Literature – Tommy
 - Traditions Day – Lauren
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Traditions Day

- Sunday, November 8th
 - 2:00pm
 - Zoom ID: 836 4018 4162, password = 176423
- Servathon
 - Saturday, November 14th
 - 8:30am – 2:00pm
 - Zoom ID: 985 5746 3742, password = service
- **Love & Service video from GSO --** <https://vimeopro.com/user112910871/love-and-service>
- **Birthdays for October**
 - Colette H. – 15 years
 - Lorenzo – 3 years
 - Luke – 10 years
 - Keith – 11 years
 - Julie – 5 years
 - Jess D. – 5 years
 - Jordan – 3 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 ****