

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Agenda: Wednesday, April 13th, 2016 (Skype Meeting) 7:45 pm EST

Attendance:

Present:

Denise R., Chair
Carol N., Deputy Chair
Mark J., Treasurer
Mark P., Secretary
Rob F., Technical Liaison
Jim A., Advisor I
Eric W., Advisor II
H. Pierre B., Advisor III

Absent:

Chair—Denise R.

- Denise called the meeting to order (connectivity issues prevented our starting at 7:30 pm) and opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 7:45 pm
- Denise asked for Pierre to assist in project to work with archivist James R. in Atlanta to make sure materials are being archived for Detroit for the International
- With respect to draft newsletter distributor before the meeting, she invited review and comments from others.

Secretary's Report—Mark P.

- Mark P. made motion and Carol seconded to approve the March 9th, 2016 minutes prepared and distributed by Denise prior to the meeting. Minutes approved.
- Excel spreadsheet of donations was distributed prior to the meeting by Mark P. (he will keep up to date with ongoing donations and add PayPal/online contributions going forward).

Treasurer's Report—Mark J.

- Mark J. reported a checking balance of \$6,020.51; income/contributions totaled \$422.40 and expenses were \$251.17. He indicated we're up to date with insurance payment(s) and that the CD holding funds for the International is paying a lower rate than the rate on our savings deposit.
- Mark P. motioned to accept treasurer's report, seconded by Carol. Report, so approved.
- Mark J. to send Mark P and Eric a list of PayPal donations for Q1 (Eric for newsletter and Mark P. for contribution reporting).

Deputy Chair—Carol N.

- Carol reported that she notified GSO and they confirmed receipt of GaL-AA committee's changes and roles.
- Mark agreed to help Carol look for reasonably priced hotels in the New York City area for an upcoming face-to-face meeting in the fall timeframe (September or October).
- She will not be able to attend the May committee meeting.

Advisor I—Jim A.

- Jim reported that we have the ability to buy Sober and Out in bulk (at a discount?) to send to prisons/correctional facilities.
- Jim will research distribution on a national level with Corrections to fulfill a 2016 committee goal.

Technical Liaison—Rob F.

- Rob looking the issues for signing up to our e-mail list on the site brought up by Mark P. and Eric.
- In response to a request from Mark P. about the cost of MailChimp for the service, Rob indicated it's free for the first 2,000 sign-ups.
- Rob will report back on resolution to issuers we're having.
- Denise asked on status of group updates and Rob indicated some are in que with approval pending.
- Mark J. and others agreed to refine listed meetings, especially San Francisco, LA and Orange County area meetings.
- Denise's recommendation was to break up the task as there are so many meetings to work through

Advisor II—Eric W.

- Eric distributed a good draft for the spring newsletter; he indicated he'd be home throughout the following week and would take comments anyone wanted to send.

Advisor III—Pierre B.

No report.

Old Business:

- No old business discussed.

New Business:

- Denise asked going forward that those that attend round-ups send the committee a write-up of the experience and activities that took place.

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE APRIL MAY 11TH, 2016 AT 7:30 EST

Motion to adjourn made by Mark J., and seconded by Mark P./Rob F. so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.