

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Agenda: Wednesday, May 11th, 2016 (Skype Meeting) 7:30 pm EST

Attendance:

Present:

Denise R., Chair

Mark P., Secretary

Rob F., Technical Liaison

Jim A., Advisor I

Eric W., Advisor II

H. Pierre B., Advisor III

Absent:

Carol N., Deputy Chair

Mark J., Treasurer

Chair—Denise

- Denise called the meeting to order and opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer at 7:30 pm.

Secretary's Report—Mark P.

- Mark P. distributed draft minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Rob and seconded, the minutes were approved.
- Mark P. also sent an Excel spreadsheet of donations with the minutes (the Excel is a running tally of contributions by mail and PayPal; he will continue updates and send monthly with minutes).
- The last set of minutes on the website is from December 2013, after discussion, Mark will send Rob/Eric current minutes covering at least December 2015 and the 2016 meetings for web posting (he'll send going forward as minutes are finalized).

Treasurer's Report—Denise

- Denise reviewed the treasurer's report sent to members by Mark J. prior to the meeting; we have a checking balance of \$6,311.80; income/contributions totaled \$349.46 and expenses were \$58.07. International conference funds are \$5,000.17 and prudent reserve is \$10,000.64.
- Upon a motion made by Mark P. and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved.

Deputy Chair

- No report.

Advisor I—Jim

- Sober-and-Out prison distribution: Jim reported that the booklet would probably be OK in prisons (soft cover/perfect binding), and he will check requirements in Los Angeles and report back on procedure.
- Pierre will check with Jails/Institutions of his area committee on Atlanta requirements and also will report back to us.

Advisor III—Pierre

- Storage/archives: James R. has our materials and cannot drive to a storage unit and has asked for permission to keep items at his house.
- Pierre will go by/visit; James will keep supplies for at least a year before turning over for the Detroit conference.
- We will discuss in greater detail at a future fact-to-face meeting; in the meantime, Pierre will invite James to participate in an upcoming Skype meeting; James is a meticulous archivist.
- Denise wants to get together/archive historic minutes and treasurers reports; Pierre will ask James to inventory minutes and treasurer docs.
- Fundraiser: we discussed a cruise as fundraising opportunity for fall/October; as a sober event the cruise is a worthwhile fundraising idea.
- Pierre and Eric know of Jay/[Jasper F.] (vastvoyages.com); he is a travel agent in the program and is trustworthy; he does spiritual-type excursions/trips.
- Motion was made that was seconded and approved without opposition for Pierre to ask for a proposal, costs, etc.

Advisor II—Eric

- Newsletter edits were made and the final version was sent to Rob for posting on the website; Rob indicated he would write down steps and provide Eric with how-to's on posting.
- Distribution will be both online and e-mail; MailChimp can send the newsletter in an e-mail blast (Rob looking into this).
- Next/summer issue will cover July through September.
- Mark P. and Jim will work on article/feature for the summer newsletter on group support and suggested donations.

Technical Liaison—Rob

- Rob looking at the issues for signing up to our e-mail list on the site brought up by Mark P. and Eric; he indicated he will turn off "required" fields that sign-up asks from visitors, i.e., sober date, city, etc.
- The sign-up issues were subsequently resolved, and Rob reported sign-up feature working as it should.
- Rob will post the newsletter tomorrow on our site.
- He contacted Jarred (webmaster who did marketing and communications for 2015 in Atlanta) about enhancement to/for our website.
- Rob indicated our technology is four to five years old; and it would be in our interest to find a new wordpress for the site.
- We need to have a website that is responsive and looks good on desktops and mobile phones.
- All were encouraged to provide Rob with comments they have on the website.

Old Business:

- Meeting lists (updates/verification): Rob to import our meeting database to Excel for editing and updating and re-upload.
- Eric will continue working with Rob and Mark J. to update California in particular.

New Business:

- No new business discussed.



NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE JUNE 8TH, 2016 AT 7:30 EST

Motion to adjourn made by Mark P., and seconded by Pierre so moved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.