

Gal-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 28th, 2017 (Skype Meeting) 7:30 pm EST

Attendance:

Present:

Denise R., Chair
Carol N., Deputy Chair
H. Pierre B., Treasurer
Mark P., Secretary
Jim A., Advisor I
Eric W., Advisor II
Randall R., Advisor III

Absent:

Rob F., Technical Liaison

Chair—Denise

- Denise called the meeting to order and opened with a moment of silence and recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:35 pm.
- She distributed draft minutes from the May meeting along with the agenda in advance of the meeting; no revisions to the minute were proposed, and upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Pierre, they were approved. Mark will send a final PDF to Eric for posting on the website.

Secretary's Report—Mark P.

- Mark sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; (groups contributed \$1,116.73 by check (two deposits in May and June of \$804.18 and \$312.56, respectively), and there were online contributions totaling \$51.

Treasurer's Report—Pierre

- Pierre sent his report for the month ended May 31 in advance of the meeting. We have a checking balance of \$5,189.95; international conference funds are \$5,000.71, and the prudent reserve is \$8,002.60 (\$2,000 is still due the prudent reserve once operating funds are restored). The report itemized the \$804.18 deposit made in May (above) and expenses for insurance and mail services totaling \$161.24. Upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Carol, the report was approved. Eric will post on website
- Eric's significant contribution in posting the long overdue monthly treasury reports to the website was acknowledged by all members.
- There was discussion about the format of the treasurer's report (Jim will work with Pierre to rearrange as discussed when time permits).
- Pierre will also check with our archivist to see if he can join on the next meeting.

Deputy Chair—Carol

- Denise and Carol will take the revised bylaws with them on vacation to review and finalize.
- Mark briefly described the process of member review of bylaw revisions and posting for a 30-day period in order to obtain member consent.

Advisor III—Randall

- No report.

Technical Liaison/Web—Rob

- No report.

Advisor II—Eric

- Eric completed posting and establishing links for the monthly treasury reports.
- He continues to work on roundups (no new ones for 2017) and needs updates for three of them; no requests to post or other significant communications.
- He has started the July-September newsletter and will send a finished draft in early July (his cutoff is around July 4 for contributions).
- He is out of stories and poems, a possible contribution by the archivist was suggested.

Advisor I—Jim

- Jim has sent LGBT+ metropolitan meeting listings to Rob (notably LA, San Francisco and []); Rob was not at the meeting to confirm receipt of others -- including Palm Springs, San Diego, Sacramento, Las Vegas, Seattle and Portland, Oregon. Jim will reach out to Rob.

New Business:

- Secular AA (<http://www.secular.org>) came up and was discussed. The group approached us and asked if we would link to it for LGBT+/GaL-AA members interested in secular AA.
- The committee briefly reviewed the website for this group; the group purports to be connected to the AA fellowship, but with agnostic views/specifically for the AA that is agnostic, atheist or free thinking. Secular AA indicates it adheres to the 12 Traditions and is allied with GSO.
- Mark will review in greater detail what is on the group's website and report back, we'll contact GSO if necessary to see if AAWS/GSO sanctions it or acknowledges a connection with it as an AA group/entity.

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 9, 2017 at 7:30 EST

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark P. and seconded by Carol, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.