

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 10th, 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
Rob F., Technical Liaison

Absent:

Randall R., Advisor III

Chair—Denise

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

Secretary's Report—Mark P.

- Mark distributed draft June minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Pierre and seconded by Carol, the minutes were approved (Mark will edit them to clarify that Secular AA approached us to link to secularaa.org from our website).
- Mark also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$460.17 by check, and there were online contributions totaling \$105.

Treasurer's Report—Pierre

- Pierre sent his report for the month ended July 31 in advance of the meeting. We have a checking balance of \$5,762.49, international conference funds are \$5,000.79, and the prudent reserve is \$8,002.87 (\$2,000 is still due the prudent reserve once operating funds are restored to above \$6,000).
- The report itemized contributions in the amount of \$566.64 and expenses for insurance and mail services totaling \$152.35. Upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Jim, the report was approved. Pierre will send Eric his May, June and July treasury reports to post on website.
- Pierre will contact Mark J. about filing Form 990 (annual IRS filing due May 15, 2018).
- Pierre will also check with our archivist to see if he can join on the next or a future meeting.
- He has not made recent contact with Greg T. for International Conference coordinating and will reach out to Greg (Pierre's to introduce Randall as the Detroit/Ohio GaL-AA International Conference liaison).

Deputy Chair—Carol

- Denise and Carol reviewed the final mark-up of our amended bylaws since the committee's last meeting.
- Mark will draft a notice for the website and send it to Carol and Denise for review/comment.
- Members are permitted 30 days to challenge the revisions (Mark to indicate in the notice that any challenge be submitted to the Chairperson in writing).

Advisor III—Randall

- No report.

Technical Liaison/Web—Rob

- Rob will go through e-mails sent by Jim with various hyperlinks to cosmopolitan LGBT+ meetings. Rob will work on getting those links posted on our website.
- Website facelift: Rob indicated he hasn't had time to do a lot (he has signed on with a new firm and consequently has had a busy schedule). He will be meeting in two weeks with Brian to go through website development.
- Rob indicated that Brian has done work with web platforms that he can reuse for our meetings database (i.e., useful commentary/tools for members to keep meetings up to date) and will delve into WordPress.
- Rob will invite him to next meeting (he's got at least a year's sobriety; Brian is near Rob and sees him once a week).
- Denise discussed creating a temporary web assistant for Rob to transition duties; Rob would still vote and be our IT spokesperson.
- Rob has indicated he's not in a hurry to vacate his position on the committee, but Brian can help Rob solve problems and transition to the new web-base for the remaining 1.5 years of Rob's term.
- Rob will have more to announce at the next meeting.

Advisor II—Eric

- Eric has sent out the July-September quarterly newsletter.
- He has just a few more roundups to look into/update.
- October-December newsletter is next to go out; he will start drafting.

Advisor I—Jim

- Jim will continue to research and gather hyperlinks to send to Rob on LGBT+ meetings from intergroup websites.

Old Business:

- Mark distributed information he gathered from Secular AA's website. The group purports to be AA-based and follows the AA traditions. His findings included that agnostic groups have a history in AA and that agnostic and free thinking groups are not uncommon in AA.
- Randall had written to AA's GSO to ask whether GSO acknowledges/recognizes Secular as a subset of AA. Eric sent the committee the CPC coordinator's August response in this regard. CPC basically indicated that Secular may consider themselves AA if they declare themselves to be AA and as long as they do not function in a way as to disregard our traditions (Traditions 3, 4, 5 and 6 along with others specifically relative to AA groups).
- Upon motion duly made and seconded, the committee resolved to post a link to secularaa.org on our website under "Resources" with other specialty links.

New Business:

- None.

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 at 7:30 EST

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark P. and seconded by Jim, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.