

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 13th, 2017 (Skype Meeting) 7:30 pm EST

Attendance:

Present:

Denise R., Chair

Mark P., Secretary

Jim A., Advisor I

Eric W., Advisor II

Randall R., Advisor III

Rob F., Technical Liaison

Absent:

Carol N., Deputy Chair

H. Pierre B., Treasurer

Chair—Denise

- Denise called the meeting to order and opened with a moment of silence and recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:36 pm.

Secretary's Report—Mark P.

- Mark distributed draft August minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Rob and seconded by Jim, the minutes were approved.
- Mark also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$260.27 by check, and there were no online contributions.
- He will send final minutes to Eric for post on the website.

Treasurer's Report—Pierre

- Report was tabled until next/October meeting; Pierre to present August with September month-end reports then.

Deputy Chair—Carol

- No report.

Advisor III—Randall

- People in Michigan have been asking about events leading up to the 2020 International Convention and committee activities, including fundraising and getting a formal committee in place.
- He has several folks interested (a lawyer for treasurer, someone for hospitality and an event planner). They are enthusiastic about forming a committing and hosting convention activities.
- Randall will try to draft an article and/or flyer about how groups can donate funds for the 2020.
- Denise asked if Randall could work on finding an archivist to transition archives to someone in the Michigan area (they'll be kept there until 2025). GaL-AA will pay for secure storage.
- The archives contain GaL-AA history, newsletters, buttons, pins CDs and copies of reports and other documentation in connection with our activities and international conventions.

Technical Liaison/Web—Rob

- E-mail transition to Gmail: Rob got acknowledgement from Google of our 501(c)(3) status and registered GaL-AA (he added himself as a contact along with Mark J. [former Treasurer]) Everything on Dream Host is to move to Gmail; he'll create users and import emails and files from Dream Host to Gmail.
- Rob needs passwords for certain executives (he obtained several present; others will send/text them to him). He's not sure when we will make the switch as the migration needs to be done next from Dream Host.

- Brian was unable to join the call, and another meeting would be better when Carol and Pierre were present to discuss future website plans. Rob will meet with Brian though and touch base before next meeting.
- Rob will work on posting Jim's hyperlinks to metropolitan LGBT+ meeting listings.

Advisor II—Eric

- Eric will send out a draft/proof of the October-December newsletter and continues work on roundups.
- He has dealt with a lot of support e-mails (several were about meeting corrections, another from a member offering to help us, another from a member in Philadelphia wanting to work on updating LGBT+ meetings in that area).
- Eric also received an e-mail on September 9 from an AA (Benny) who spoke at the San Antonio Roundup two weeks ago. We discussed posting a link to his "open talks"/podcasts posted on podomatic.com in the next newsletter. Eric sent the executive committee a link to the podcasts, and we'll review for voting on whether to use at the next meeting.
- One of the largest and oldest LGBT+ St. Louis groups (Live & Let Live Group 150) approved a one-time catch-up \$300 contribution to GaL-AA for support; Eric worked with them during two group conscience meetings discussing what GaL-AA does with funds contributed by members and groups and encouraging them to make GaL-AA part of the group's normal of 7th Tradition disbursements to the AA service structure. Mark will send a special acknowledgement welcoming them when he receives the contribution.
- Lastly, Eric will work on an email blast about the revisions to the bylaws and post the revised bylaws and notice on the website for members to review/challenge.

Advisor I—Jim

- Jim has sent no links recently, but will keep working on gathering.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- None.

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017 at 7:30 EST

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark P. and seconded by Jim/Rob, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.