

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 18th, 2018 (Skype Meeting) 7:30 pm EST

Attendance:

Present:

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

Absent:

Eric W., Advisor II

Chair—Denise

- Denise apologized for not being able to attend last month's meeting, and she thanked Carol for chairing. She called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence, and we recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:30 pm.

Secretary's Report—Mark P.

- Mark sent draft June minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Carol and seconded by Jim, the minutes were approved without correction.
- He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$469.33 by check, and there were no online contributions.
- We will track contributions specifically earmarked for the 2020 International Convention activities that are received from members and groups (\$100 of the \$469.33 recorded above came from Fri Nite at St. Andrews, Ann Arbor, Michigan (this was noted in the contribution log)).
- Mark will send final June minutes to Eric for posting on the website.

Treasurer's Report—Pierre

- Pierre sent his treasury report for the month ended June 30 prior to the meeting. Our beginning checking balance was \$3,929.88, income and expenses totaled \$657.54 and \$250.42, respectively, and the ending checking balance was \$4,337.00. International conference funds were \$5,001.25, and the prudent reserve was \$6,004.49. Upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Carol, the report was approved.
- Randall noted that we're to receive a fundraising contribution of \$650 from Martin's (Detroit Local Committee) house party/event; Mark checked online and there is mail from Martin in our Earth Class mail box.
- GSO and hotel selection: Pierre indicated he called Greg T. to inquire about the status of hotels and that Greg hasn't replied yet (we expect him to get back to us as soon as Al-Anon has made its selection from among the three hotels).
- IRS: Pierre has been in contact with the IRS, and they want him to check back in about eight weeks to see if the fiscal/tax year change has taken place.

Deputy Chair—Carol (GSO/2020 International)

- GSO: Carol's last contact with New York was Christine F., who has referred her to Karen H., the GSO hospitality suite coordinator. Carol will follow-up with them about the final conference program and GaL-AA event listings.

Advisor I—Jim

- In response to a letter from an Ohio member/group, Jim sent a Sober & Out along with a link to AA Grapevine so they can order them in bulk if necessary.

Advisor II—Eric

- We all commended Eric on the newsletter that just went out (he did an outstanding job as usual); this issue was informative and packed with local committee news and information about fundraising for 2020.
- Denise reported for Eric that roundups were up to date through 2019 based on information available on the various roundups' websites.

Advisor III—Randall

- Randall reported that Rob created a Local International Committee website that will go live. The domain is Detroit2020GaL-AA.org. There are email addresses for the chair and volunteers as well. Gary D., the local/Michigan internet liaison, will pick a theme and update in the future.
- Congratulations went to the Local International Committee for recent fundraising efforts. Meg, Randall and Gary are circulating the latest newsletter at various meetings they attend throughout Michigan. There are folks in the area that don't know what GaL-AA is (as they attend mainstream/mixed vs. LGBT+ listed meetings). Randall will take more newsletters to the Ohio roundup next month as well.
- Special thanks went to Meg and Martin for all their work to date.

Technical Liaison/Web—Rob

- In addition to the local website discussed above, Rob and Eric have met and are working on finalizing the updated GaL-AA website/theme. Eric will do events/roundups. Rob to take care of the reminder.
- Rob has emailed the people who do the AA meeting plug-in (see historic minutes). Best scenario is they'll recognize us as a formal group within AA and work with us to relay meeting postings for large locales.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- None.

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

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, at 7:30 PM EST

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.