

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 5th, 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
Eric W., Advisor II
Rob F., Technical Liaison

Absent:
Randall R., Advisor III

Chair—Denise

- Denise called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence, and we recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:32 pm.

Secretary's Report—Mark

- Mark sent draft October minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Jim and seconded by Pierre, the minutes were approved without correction.
- He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$1,430.55 by check, and there was \$8.31 from four people in online contributions.
- Mark/Pierre to investigate with PayPal three of the contributions/reversals (these are suspicious transactions and appear to be phishing or scan). Upon motion made by Pierre and seconded by Rob, we approved keeping the \$8.31 in suspicious funds.
- Contributions specifically earmarked for the 2020 International Convention activities totaled \$1,780 year to date.
- Mark will send final October minutes to Eric for posting on the website.

Treasurer's Report—Pierre

- Pierre sent his treasury reports for the months ended October 31 and November 30 prior to the meeting.
- For October 31, our beginning balance was \$3,428.49 (income totaled \$439.23 and expenses totaled \$333.80) with an ending balance in checking of \$3,533.92.
- For November 30, our beginning balance was \$3,533.92 (income was \$1,522.95 and expenses totaled \$958.71 [of which \$830 is allotted for International Convention; \$3,000 was also transferred back to prudent reserve in September]). Our ending balance in checking was \$4,098.16. Our International Conference CD was \$5,001.46, and the CD for prudent reserve was \$9,005.13 for the month ended November 30.
- Upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Carol, the reports were approved.
- Pierre will look into/research new banks after January.
- Eric and Mark will work on uploading missing recent treasury reports to the website.

Deputy Chair—Carol

- We received no resumes for the 2018 elections other than from incumbents.
- We will announce reinstatement of Denise, Jim, Pierre and Randall effective January 1, 2019 on the website.
- Carol has had no further contact with GSO for the International Convention; after the holidays, she'll reconnect with GSO in New York.

Advisor I—Jim

- While traveling in London and Amsterdam, Jim went to local meetings (he talked with members there about listing their meetings on GaL-AA.org, and Sober & Out is being read in Amsterdam).
- Jim has been responding to e-mails, copying Eric (he will forward any non-routine emails to other executives/Chair if warranted [singleness of purpose issues, problematic, etc.]).

Advisor II—Eric

- Eric reported that there have been no updates to roundups since last month; he is current into next year and will circle back to roundups for future updates (for now they're in good shape).
- He also reported he has gone through the backlog of meeting updates; he has them flagged and will get them done.
- January is the next newsletter; Eric will distribute a draft when prepped. Denise will prepare a summary of the election results, and Jim wrote to the member that submitted his personal story previously discussed, which we withheld from publishing pending release. Jim will try to contact the member again; we all noted that permission from the member by e-mail will be satisfactory.

Advisor III—Randall (Eric reporting in his absence)

- GSO reports St. Louis was selected for the 2030 International Convention; GSO previously announced Vancouver, BC for the 2025 International.
- Randall is going to roundups in Ohio and Michigan in 2019 and will put the word out for us and 2020 efforts (the Michigan roundup is mainstream but has a large contingent of LGBT+ attendees).

Technical Liaison/Web—Rob

- Rob has little in the way of updates; he did see Brian recently but did not ask about his work on the web); he'll check in with Brian again.

Old Business:

- None.

New Business:

- We discussed the 37th annual Toledo 2019 roundup for our next face-to-face meeting. It is close to Detroit (connecting through DWT as well). We agreed it might be advantageous to meet with this nearby contingent and garner support for the members of the Detroit 2020 Local International Committee. We'll discuss the possibility with Randall at our next GaL-AA Skype meeting. The dates for Toledo round up are Friday through Monday, August 23-26, respectively.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pierre and seconded by Mark, and the meeting adjourned.

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, at 7:30 PM EST

Subsequent note: the January meeting was postponed until February 13, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.