

GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 (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
Randall R., Advisor III
Rob F., Technical Liaison

Absent:

Chair—Denise

- Denise called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence, and we recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:27 pm.

Secretary's Report—Mark

- Mark sent draft December minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Jim and seconded by Carol, the minutes were approved without correction.
- He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$195.20 by check, and there was an online contribution in the amount of \$100.
- Contributions specifically earmarked for the 2020 International Convention were unchanged and totaled \$1,780 year to date.
- Mark will send final December minutes to Eric for posting on the website.

Treasurer's Report—Pierre

- Pierre sent his treasury reports for the months ended December 31 and January 31 prior to the meeting.
- For December 31, our beginning balance was \$4,098.16 (income totaled \$99.64 and expenses totaled \$12.88) with an ending balance in checking of \$4,184.92.
- For January 31, our beginning balance was \$4,184.92 (income was \$195.20 and expenses totaled \$57.41. Our ending balance in checking was \$4,322.71. Our International Conference CD was \$5,001.60, and the CD for prudent reserve was \$9,005.43 for the month ended January 31.
- In response to questions from Denise, Pierre indicated that many reoccurring payments are auto-debited; Pierre indicated he filed our IRS tax notice and it is currently pending.
- Additional funds will be transferred back to restore the prudent reserve to \$10,000 once we have a sufficient checking balance.
- Eric recently helped in reformatting the treasury Excel spreadsheet Pierre uses (thanks to Eric).
- Pierre has talked with Gary; the 2020 International committee website has its own PayPal. Pierre will have discussions with new local treasurer and figure out banking (we at Executive Committee will have oversight of the locals' banking activities).
- Upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Jim, the reports were approved.

Deputy Chair—Carol

- The 2020 International Convention organizer at GSO has changed (now Julio E.). He knows us and is happy to accommodate GaL-AA as part of the conference.
- Note, GSO/AA cannot advertise the GaL-AA dance. Carol has asked for bigger rooms for our meetings. GSO is only now looking at space availability for the various organizations/groups.

- Carol is glad to have connected; we will coordinate our block of rooms with Tully.

Advisor I—Jim

- No report other than continues to respond to support e-mails. Nothing extraordinary noted.

Advisor II—Eric

- Great job on the newsletter.
- He is working through remaining roundups.

Advisor III—Randall

- Detroit local committee has been having regular meetings; their next one is scheduled for Monday next.
- Eric helped get a logo together to be used on flyers and other communications; Eric sent the logos to the committee as they're pretty much in final state. The local committee reviewed logos submitted by others as well, but chose Eric's. There are three versions: Detroit International 2020 itself, next two are black for T-shirts, and the third contains rainbow colors for printed and other materials.
- Fund raisers are ongoing, and Randall will be going to mainstream and LGBT+ conferences/roundups to get word out that we need volunteers for events and service commitments.
- Gary says the local International Conference website needs a plug-in.
- There is a lot of participation at local committee meetings, and the committee wants to start building relationships with hotel and vendors. They have experienced party/event planners. Randall and the committee want to make sure caterers and participants are insured. Pierre indicated our insurance covers our fundraisers and events.
- A significant new/upcoming fundraiser is Motown Mansion (\$100 per person).
- The Area 33/Dearborn 2019 March roundup has moved its location to the Crowne Plaza.

Technical Liaison/Web—Rob

- Regarding the plugin-for PayPal for the local committee website, Rob got an e-mail from Gary and Gary's good to go with the plug-in when the account is created.
- Denise asked if Rob could pull down the old survey results and replace with a button for the 2020 local website (using Eric's new logo).
- Rob can use Eric's new logo for the button (it's in Adobe Illustrator and can be converted); the logo will be approved February 18 by the Detroit local committee.
- Rob provided an update on our meeting list plug-in; he is still working on resolving one last issue.
- Eric emailed Rob some ideas on moving the new design forward. WordPress has a new version (it doesn't use a lot of code). There are new WYSIWYG building block components and Rob will research while on vacation.
- Brian got a new job and is a little busy with it; Rob will ask if he's still interested in helping out with GaL-AA website development.
- All thanked Rob for his efforts.

Old Business:

- There was discussion of an e-mail received from an anonymous sender about GaL-AA not conforming with inclusivity/civil rights standards. We will not address as our mission statement is all inclusive.

New Business:

- We further discussed the 37th annual Toledo 2019 roundup for the next face-to-face meeting. Considering that we'll have three face-to-face meetings in 2020 with International Convention planning and attendance and the cost savings to be incurred in not holding a face-to-face in 2019, after a motion made by Mark and seconded by Pierre, the committee unanimously resolved not to hold a face-to-face meeting this year.



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

NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, at 7:30 PM EST

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.