

**GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Skype Meeting) 7:28 pm EST

Attendance:

Present:

Denise R., Chair  
Carol N., Deputy Chair  
Mark P., Secretary  
H. Pierre B., Treasurer  
Eric W., Advisor II  
Randall R., Advisor III  
Rob F., Technical Liaison

Absent:

Jim A., Advisor I

**Chair—Denise**

- Denise called the meeting to order, opened with a moment of silence, and we recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:28 pm.
- We recently lost a trusted servant previously on the GaL-AA executive committee, Mike N. from Wisconsin, who passed away from cancer. Pierre mentioned that Mike was to come visit him but was too ill and undergoing hospice. Pierre will send a notice for the website and next newsletter to Eric highlighting Mike's work. Mike admirably performed service on GaL-AA and was an asset to our committee and the fellowship.

**Secretary's Report—Mark**

- Mark sent draft February minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Carol and seconded by Pierre, the minutes were approved without correction.
- He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$428.03 by check, and there were no online contributions.
- Contributions earmarked for the 2020 International Convention totaled \$1,980 year-to-date.
- Mark will send final February minutes to Eric for posting on the website.

**Treasurer's Report—Pierre**

- Pierre sent his treasury report for the month ended February 28 prior to the meeting.
- Our beginning balance was \$4,322.71 (income was \$940.22 and expenses totaled \$855.06). Our ending balance in checking was \$4,407.87. Our International Conference CD was \$5,001.64, and the CD for prudent reserve was \$9,005.72.
- Pierre indicated our IRS Form 990-N went through and was accepted for the December 31, 2018 year end.
- Regarding 2020 local committee banking activities and opening different types of accounts, he is working and contacted the local committee's treasurer, Heidi, but she's not called him back.
- For Detroit/2020 International Convention, GaL-AA will pay big ticket items (such as contracts involving hotel, rentals, entertainment, etc.).
- Upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Eric, Pierre's report was approved.

**Deputy Chair—Carol**

- No updates in particular; she'll reach out to Julio E. next month just to communicate further and let GSO know what GaL-AA is doing.
- The Houston roundup sent in an e-mail and will be using a variation on the GaL-AA mission statement/statement of inclusion. The roundup is November 28 to December 1.
- The GaL-AA tablecloths are currently in position of Randall and Carol; they also have business cards.

#### **Advisor I—Jim**

- No report.

#### **Advisor II—Eric**

- Next news draft will go out April for dissemination in May. Pierre will send the notice about Mike's passing (see above).

#### **Advisor III—Randall**

- Things are moving along, and Detroit local committee is having regular meetings.
- New fundraising efforts include a high tea at Gary's and the previously mentioned Motown Mansion event.
- Representatives on the local committee attended the March Detroit roundup to foster more local support.
- The local committee wants to do credit card payments. Treasurer Heidi travels a lot, but Pierre will work on setting up an account for banking and/or PayPal. Heidi and Randall will be signatories on any accounts (this was how bank accounts were done for Atlanta for the 2015 International Convention).
- We have not heard more from GSO (Greg T.) about the hotel; Pierre thinks we will get information about rooms in September 2019.
- We are grateful for the service commitment and efforts of the local committee for the 2020 International.

#### **Technical Liaison/Web—Rob**

- Rob has made some progress; he's figured out the last piece with people to make the meeting list plug in work. We'll manage our own customized meeting list but will link to other areas/ intergroups' meeting databases.
- Eric is not going to the Detroit roundup, but Rob will represent GaL-AA there.
- Rob has tested the new WordPress editor and it's awesome; he'll get the transition moving along. Eric asked if there was a staging site and Rob will send him a URL to start review.
- Brian is still interested in assisting with web development.
- Denise asked if Rob could take down our old membership survey results from the main GaL-AA page and replace the link with a button to the local 2020 site using Eric's new logo (Eric to send the final logo to Rob).
- Rob reported that the 2020 local site stopped working, and Gary later indicated that all is OK and the site is now running well.

#### **Old Business:**

- None.

#### **New Business:**

- We as a committee will come up with a 2020 International Convention give-away. Committee members will make recommendations at the next or another future meeting. The give-away for 2015 was a coin, 2010 give-away was a pen. One possibility is a bookmark or similar memento. GaL-AA will pay for the give-away.

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, APRIL 10, at 7:30 PM EST**

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.