

**GaL-AA Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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, and we opened with a moment of silence and recited the Serenity Prayer at 7:30 pm.

**Secretary's Report—Mark**

- Mark sent draft May minutes in advance of the meeting; upon motion made by Jim and seconded by Rob and Pierre, the minutes were approved. Mark will revise the draft to indicate that Jim has not made a hotel reservation for July 2020 yet.
- He also sent an Excel spreadsheet of contributions before the meeting; groups contributed \$619 by check, and there were two online contributions for \$75 and \$20 from a men's group in Florida (the group is new to GaL-AA contribution-wise) and an individual who marked his contribution for the 2020, respectively.
- Contributions earmarked for the 2020 International Convention totaled \$2,407 year-to-date.
- Mark will send final May minutes to Eric for posting on the website.

**Treasurer's Report—Pierre**

- Pierre referred to his treasury report for the month ended May 31 sent prior to the meeting.
- Our beginning balance was \$4,837.50 (income was \$648.58 and expenses totaled \$409.10). Our ending balance in checking was \$5,076.98. Our International Conference CD was \$5,001.72, and the CD for prudent reserve was \$9,006.02.
- Upon motion made by Mark and seconded by Jim, the report was approved.
- Pierre will have the checking account for the Detroit local committee set up in the next few days.
- Our executive committee decided to offer the one room GSO has reserved for GaL-AA to someone on the Detroit local committee that needed it. Randall to let locals know.
- Our tentative travel schedule for the International Convention is to arrive Wednesday (July 1) and leave July 5 after closing celebrations. Travel arrangements will be made by the individual executive committee members.

**Deputy Chair—Carol**

- Carol will look into booking a block of rooms for executive committee members; she subsequently read in GSO's "Box 459" summer newsletter there is a separate procedure for groups wanting to book ten or more rooms. She'll contact the International Conference coordinator at 2020ic.aa.org to inquire about reserving a block for a GaL-AA.

#### **Advisor I—Jim**

- Jim reported that there was not much activity in the way of support e-mails. He continues to copy Eric to keep him in the loop. He reported no significant updates/action items.

#### **Advisor II—Eric**

- He has addressed emails for roundup updates and meeting corrections and is caught up with them.
- He reported a delay in drafting the spring newsletter, partially attributed to lack of updating/information from the Detroit local committee (he' will continue to try to get newsworthy updates from the local chair and/or co-chair). He will e-mail Monday to following up.
- If he gets material/updates he'll draft a newsletter in June/July. After a motion made by Mark and seconded by Jim, the committee unanimously decided to combine the spring and summer newsletters into one issue. Eric will try to focus on 2020 updates and summer 2019 pride happenings/events for the combined edition.

#### **Advisor III—Randall**

- The Detroit local committee needs to set up the new bank account at Bank of America; Pierre has been assisting all along and will complete with Heidi, Meg and Martin. The bank will charge a \$14-a-month fee, and we will transfer 2020 funds to the account when ready. They'll have to maintain a minimum balance of \$3,000 to keep fees at that monthly rate.
- Randall will communicate to the local committee members that they will have the one hotel room offered to GaL-AA. Denise will look into making a group reservation for at least the eight GaL-AA executive team members (see note above about special provisions for larger groups through GSO coordinator).
- The individual executive committee members will look into booking their rooms separately if the group reservations don't work out in our favor; hotels are not yet booking beyond March or April 2020 right now.

Denise temporarily dropped from the conference call but joined within a few minutes on the phone by calling Carol. Carol put her on speaker phone and she was able to hear others on the call and was heard by all. Carol asked if there were any questions for Denise, and there were none.

#### **Technical Liaison/Web—Rob**

- Rob is still trying to obtain the 2020 International GaL-AA logo (Eric forwarded it during the meeting, and Rob should be able to extract and use it). He did not have much to report in the way of website progress.
- He will take down the outdated membership survey.

#### **Old Business:**

- None.

#### **New Business:**

- None.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mark and seconded by Pierre, and the meeting adjourned at 8:12.

**NEXT SKYPE MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, AT 7:30 PM EST**

Respectfully submitted,

Mark P.