

Dec. 13, 2021

The Meeting was called to Order by Katie, DCM, at 6:30 pm. The DCM, ADCM, Secretary and Treasurer were present. The Archivist was also present.

### **GSRs present**

Terry Z, Big Book Study West; Kevin F, Keep It Simple Big Book Study, Chris C, Rebellion Dogs, Rod S, Out of the Dark; Susan M, Dillsburg Group; Dan H, 19th Street Group; Dylan N; Carrie, More to Life; Glen S, Big Book Study East; Kathleen H, Westshore Area Group; Karin W, There is a Solution; Mike, Toolkit Group; Sharon, Women's Serenity Group; Ben S, Young People's Group.

### **AGSRs present**

Dan, 19th Street Group; Justin, Young People's Group.

### **12th tradition**

Ben S spoke about the 12th tradition. He spoke with the highlights of the 12 traditions which is called the 12 points of the traditions which does Tradition One all the way to Tradition 12 which are

Tradition One asks us to place the common good ahead of personal desire.

Tradition Two asks us to listen to God as he may speak in the group conscience.

Tradition Three requires that we exclude no alcoholic from AA membership.

Tradition Four implies that we abandon all idea of centralized human authority or government. But each group is enjoined to consult widely in matters affecting us all.

Tradition Five restricts the AA group to a single purpose, carrying our message to other alcoholics.

Tradition Six points at the corroding influence of money, property, and personal authority; it begs that we keep these influences at a minimum by separate incorporation and management of our special services. It also warns against the natural temptation to make alliances or give endorsements.

Tradition Seven states that we had best pay our own bills; that large contributions or those carrying obligations ought not be received; that public solicitation using the name Alcoholics Anonymous is positively dangerous.

Tradition Eight forswears professionalizing our Twelfth Step work but it does guarantee our few paid service workers an unquestioned amateur status.

Tradition Nine asks that we give up all idea of expensive organization; enough is needed to permit effective work by our special services - and no more. This Tradition breathes democracy; our leadership is one of service and it is rotating; our few titles never clothe their holders with arbitrary personal authority; they hold authorizations to serve, never to govern.

Tradition Ten is an emphatic restraint of serious controversy; it implores each of us to take care against committing AA to the fires of reform, political or religious dissension.

Tradition Eleven asks, in our public relations, that we be alert against sensationalism and it declares there is never need to praise ourselves. Personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and film is urgently required, thus avoiding the pitfall of vanity, and the temptation through broken anonymity to link AA to other causes.

Tradition Twelve, in its mood of humble anonymity, plainly enough comprehends the preceding eleven.

The Twelve Points of Tradition are little else than a specific application of the spirit of the Twelve Steps of recovery to our group life and to our relations with society in general.

The recovery steps would make each individual AA whole and one with God; the Twelve Points of Tradition would make us one with each other and whole with the world about us. Unity is our aim. Our AA Traditions are, we trust, securely anchored in those wise precepts: charity, gratitude, and humility. Nor have we forgotten prudence. May these virtues ever stand clear before us in our meditations; may Alcoholics Anonymous serve God in happy unison for so long as he may need us.

**Treasures report see attachment**

### **ADCM report**

Filled in for the DCM at EPGSA attended bridging the gap wants to talk more about it in detail in the near future because there's a difference between Area 59 and District 36 bridging the gap program

### **DCM report**

A motion was made by structure committee to allow emergency poll voting for emergency situations.

Finance passed to pay the whole price for delegates to attend the general service conference.

Public information was given an extra 10 grand for special projects Grapevine was given an extra 10 grand for special projects and the budget was passed for 2022

Pre-conference sharing is scheduled for March 19th

## **Archives see attachment**

### **Finance committee**

Finance had their final quarterly meeting in October everyone is coming under budget. Next Finance meeting will be on January 3rd

### **Workshops**

December 4th workshop was a success planning next workshops for February, June and October.

February's workshop will be service in AA the many rewards

### **Structure**

Revising the structure manual is slowly going when it is completed it will be emailed to the DCM for January's meeting

### **PENNSYPAA bid committee**

PENNSYPAA bid committee is having a fundraising spaghetti dinner on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Grapevine**

There is a grapevine half-hour variety hour podcast on the grapevine's website

### **New business**

NERAASA cost \$419.20 for attending and food NERAASA is February 25- 27th

Ben S made a motion to send DCM and ADCM fully funding them, in the motion was to pay the registration for secretary and the treasurer  
Motion passed

### **Andy H spoke about Concept 12**

General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General

Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action. The Concept here considered consists of Article 12 of the Conference Charter. There are good reasons for placing it in this context. Taken as a whole, our Conference Charter is the substance of an informal agreement which was made between the A.A. groups and their Trustees in 1955. It is the agreed basis upon which the General Service Conference operates. In part, the Charter is an is the substance of an informal agreement which was made between the A.A. groups and their Trustees in 1955. It is the agreed basis upon which the General Service Conference operates. In part, the Charter is an elastic document; its first eleven Articles can be readily amended by the Conference itself at any time. But Article 12 of the Charter stands in a class by itself.

## **Concept 1 Carrie B**

Meeting closed at 20:04 with declaration of unity