District 1, Area 82

General Service Committee

ZOOM VIDEO Conference Meeting – July 28, 2021

Welcome and Call to Order:

Meeting opened by Paul B. at 7pm. It was agreed by all that the video conferencing meeting would be recorded using Zoom software.

- 1. A Moment of Silence was observed, followed by the Serenity Prayer
- 2. Twelve Traditions: The Twelve Traditions were read by Mary.
- **3. Twelve Concepts:** The Twelve Concepts were read by Janet.
- 4. Roll Call / GSR Reports¹:

Barry, GSR, Back to Basics, Wednesday at 8pm, Friday at 7pm

- Meetings face to face on Wednesday & Friday
- Last Zoom meeting Wednesday, June 28th

Natalie, GSR, Four Seasons, 45 Connolly Road, Sunday 10am, Thursday 730pm

- Meetings are in person, however, their building had a sewer backup and they went back on Zoom while the building was closed
- Plan to return to the building on Sunday, August 1
- They were getting good attendance in person, so hoping that continues when they re-open

Leah, Representative, Fresh Start, Wednesday 830 pm

- Meetings are currently in person, max of 16
- Last Zoom meeting is Wednesday, June 28th

Janet, GSR, Acceptance, Robie & Spring Garden, Saturday 10am

- Meetings are both in person and on Zoom
- Business meeting needs to take place to determine future of Zoom
- 2 birthdays coming up on Saturday, August 7th at the in person meeting, Barb S celebrating 14 years of sobriety and Karen L celebrating 24 years of sobriety

Maria, GSR, Living In The Solution

- Group is still on Zoom, through August
- September they will be moving into a new location at the Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica

Chris, Central Service Co-Chair, Member Cole Harbour Group

- Sitting in for the Central Service Chair

Michelle, District 1 Secretary, Member Back to Basics

Rick, District 1 Treasurer, Member Highland Park

Paul, DCM, Member Welcome Group

GSR reports may include, among other things: notices of group meeting place and times; numbers participating in group meetings; updates on group meeting formats and other group activities; participation rates in group business meetings, and updates and descriptions of group members' involvement in sponsorship and in service to Alcoholics Anonymous, etc.

Mary, Alt District 1 Treasurer, Member Back to Basics

Brian, DCM, District 9

Tim, Member Hubbards Group, Thursday's at 8pm, Saint Luke's Anglican Church, Shore Drive

Back to live meetings

5. Call for New Business Agenda Items:

- 1. Michelle requested a discussion regarding the current contact list, how to obtain new contact details.
- 2. Maria raised the question of whether masks are mandatory in meetings.

6. Motion to Approve the Agenda:

Natalie made a motion to approve the agenda, Mary seconded, motion passed.

7. June 30, 2021 Meeting Minutes:

- a. Omissions and corrections None
- b. Motion to approve the minutes Janet made a motion to approve the June minutes, Leah seconded, motion passed.

8. Officer's Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Rick provided the Treasurer's report, see Appendix A.

Questions for the Treasurer:

- 1. How much was the cheque to the GSO? \$5,000.
- 2. How much do we have in the bank account following the \$5,000 withdrawal for the GSO contribution? The current account has a balance \$65.83. Rick will be transferring funds in excess of \$750 out of prudent reserve and into the current account to cover costs for the remainder of the year.
- 3. How much will we need for the remainder of the year? Forecasted budget is \$750.00, however, the only expenses at this time are Zoom fees.

Secretary's Report: Michelle reported that she met with Paul & Rick following the June meeting to discuss the Secretary role requirements, completed the June minutes and received documentation from Paul on past minutes, potential guideline changes, etc. There was a second meeting with the executive in mid July, for general discussion, the state of the current contact list, next steps, etc.

Question for the Secretary:

1. Request for clarity related to the reference in the secretary's report to potential changes in the guidelines. *Michelle will be reviewing the January to May 2021 District 1 meeting minutes for potential updates required to the guidelines (ie; added Mary as an Alternate Treasurer to the group, which will need to be reflected in the guidelines). Review findings to be brought forward to the group for discussion.*

Alternate DCM's Report: No Report, position vacant

DCM's Report: DCM Paul provided the DSM report, see Appendix B.

Question for the DCM:

1. Is it possible to extend the August 1 deadline for agenda items for the Assembly in October? Paul will look into this and get back to the group on the possibility of extending the August 1 deadline.

9. Other Reports:

Central Service Chair's Report: No report, Chair no present

Area 82 Representative: No report, representative not present

10. Unfinished Business

1. Nomination for Alt DCM: DCM Paul

A call for nominations was made. No nominations were put forward.

2. Questions from Back to Basics GSR, Barry from June meeting for the Area 82 Chair:

-Question 1: At the recent Spring Assembly why weren't the GSR's allowed to ask the new Treasurer questions before a vote was taken?

The resume was forwarded to DCM's for sharing with their committees/contacts, and to provide feedback and questions, to be routed back through the DCM, for sharing with the nominee for response. Consideration should be given to adding additional language and importance to this process in the guidelines, with sufficient lead times, for future nominations, feedback, and voting.

-Question 2: When the funds were allotted at the beginning of the year, it was not mentioned if receipts were submitted. Can someone explain why and is this common practice? The committee members turn in receipts and report expenses to the treasurer with their returns.

For either of the above, if we would like to suggest a change to process, it can be raised up to the body at the Assembly.

3. September Workshop:

-Back to Basics has agreed to do a workshop in September on group service participation. A title for the workshop will be required, GSR Barry to take back to the group to get a title, to be published in the flyer.

New Business

- 1. Contact List for District 1:
 - Discussion was had around how we might be able update the 2021 contact list, which comprised 28 groups with 11 group contacts undocumented.
 - It was noted there are only 27 groups, Michelle to delete one group as discussed (New Hope).
 - GSR's to provide Michelle with their updated contacts.
 - An ask will be sent to the previous contact group (2020) to provide an updated contact for their group, if available.
- 2. Masks at meetings:
 - Masks are mandatory in meetings.
 - If there are groups without masking requirements in place, it would tarnish the entire fellowship, however, fines would be applied to the persons/facility where a violation was found.
 - The DCM has communicated the Public Health requirements to his contact list.
 - GSR's to bring information to their individual groups.
- **11. Next Meeting:** August 25, 2021 6-8pm
- **12. Next District 1 Workshop:** September 29, 2021 6pm
- **13. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm by the DCM.
- 14. Meeting closed with the Responsibility Pledge

Appendix A – Treasurer's Report

District One Area 82

Month to Month Financial Statement Twelve Month ending Jun 30, 2021

| Opening Bank Balance | 5,088.83 |
|---|---------------|
| Deposits | Nil |
| Withdrawal 30 Jun Zoom | 23.00 |
| Closing Bank Balance | 5,065.83 |
| Pending Deposits | Nil |
| Outstanding withdrawal | Nil |
| Working balance in operating account | 5,065.83 |
| Prudent Reserve Account Balance Deposits | 2,129.83 |
| Interest 30 Jun 2021 | 0.09 |
| <u>Withdrawals</u> | Nil |
| Prudent Reserve Account Balance | 2,129.92 |
| Equity Share Balance | 5.00 |
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| <u>Total As</u> | sets 7,200.75 |

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Appendix B - DCM Report

DCM Report July 28/2021

Dear GSR's OF District 1,

At this time, I would like to welcome you all to our monthly meeting. We as an executive want to let you all know that in the AA fellowship, we are all in this together to learn and grow.

- 1. This month we as an executive met to broaden our ideas on how we can effectively carry the message to the Alcoholic who still suffers. We discussed ideas from improving the contact list to making sure our meetings are informative and effective to all that attend.
- 2. I attended the Central Service monthly meeting, and they still have several positions that still need to be filled. They meet the first Tuesday of every month on Zoom.
- 3. The Area 82 website is undergoing some changes and they are updating the database, so you might notice some changes to Website.
- 4. If any groups have any Agenda items for the Assembly in October, they need to be into the Area Executive by Aug 1.
- 5. This is just a reminder, that we must continue to follow Public Health Rules. Masks are still mandatory and are still to be worn when we are sitting at a meeting.
- 6. Our next DCM Assembly meeting will be the week of the assembly in October. Also we have a Committee Meeting on September 15 with the Area 82 Executive.

Yours in Service Paul B DCM District 1