

Service Board Meeting Minutes - Wed., June 26, 2024

Next Service Board Meeting: Thursday, July 25, 2024
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In Attendance: Estimated 19 total attendance
2 Trustees; 4 Committee Chairs; 1 Central Office Manager; 9 Service Board Reps; 3 Visiting Members

Welcome: Co-Chair/Interim Chair Alexa B. opened the meeting at 6:30pm with Serenity Prayer.

Officer Reports

Chairperson: Former Service Board Chair Wesly W. (absent) resigned in June 2024.

Secretary: Former Secretary Josie D. (absent) resigned in June 2024.

- The submitted minutes from May 2024 meeting were approved by Service Board.
- June 2024 Meeting minutes taken by Colyn, Assistant Manager at Central Office

Co-Chair/Interim Chair: Alexa B. - Term of service ends at the end of June and is happy to be stepping down. Was grateful for her time serving.

Treasurer: Ray, stepping down as Treasurer - See attached balance sheet

- Income was good with merch, donations, etc.; Purchase orders were high (in advance of Conventions) and cash on hand got fairly low

Central Office Report: Carolyn H. - See full report attached; some notes below:

- Big Deep South 2023 reported "\$22k" in profit in the July 2023 Service Board Meeting minutes. Central Office has not yet received a contribution or financial documentation of totals from Big Deep South 2023.
- May 2024 Meeting minutes did not include former Chair Wesly W.'s May 2024 hiring of Assistant Manager Lynn W. Assistant Manager Lynn W. resigned in June 2024.
- AT&T Phone (landline to digital) & Internet contracts have been renegotiated to lower bill amounts, require Service Board approval to move forward and reduce monthly bill payments
 - Motion to accept new AT&T contracts: Motion passes with substantial unanimity, 2 abstentions
- Motion to buy Square product barcode reader: Motion passes with substantial unanimity, 1 abstention

Committee Chair Reports

Hotline Chair: Will H. - Almost fully staffed; Only shift on offer is Saturday night 5-10pm; Part of the job will be to coordinate with the 33 volunteers about new phone procedures; Working to update the driver rider list and 12th Step list for different regions

Website Chair: Tourne - Code for Recovery: The folks who build the chair Meeting app, and the plugin that allows all meetings to look the same across multiple websites; "What are the meetings that are nearest to me right now" button is something they are working on; UI/UX stuff in the works

DAAY in the Park: First planning meeting Tues., July 2nd at 5:30pm at Central Office

District Reports

District 12: absent

District 18: absent

District 19: Marlina - Had meeting last night; Need a treasurer; Elections should be held around October; Is preparing to review District Inventory

District 20: Colyn - Elections coming up in October; Positions will be for 2 years; had a good D20 Speak n Eat

District 21/23: Catherine - Any Lengths is having a Speak n Eat, Speaker is Jeff A.

Chair Reports

CPC/PI Cooperation with the Professional Community/Public Information – Brian

T&C Treatment & Corrections: Scott B. - Have a group me chat: NOLAT&C; Bought a bunch of pamphlets for Big Deep South that needs reimbursement check written

Big Deep South: John P., Outgoing Chair - needs to schedule final meeting which should be held soon; Planned for hotel to reimburse for parking and rooms, an \$800 check, and due to miscommunication, now we are not getting the \$800 check and owe a balance of \$4,000; Learned a couple days after the convention
- Had approval from service board to engage the hotel for next year's contract; hotel can't find the signed contract; Lady overseeing this quit a week before the convention. That is what we had to deal with and are dealing with

- \$15,000 in cash from tickets, 50/50 raffle, etc.; Had about 400 registrations, including scholarships

- Props to the hospitality chair who became CO manager in the month leading up to the convention

- Incoming Chair Mike A. has the key to the storage unit, and he will focus on future BDS events

- Experience has been frustrating and challenging: "if you can stay sober in AA you can stay sober anywhere"

- Need to figure out PayPal account, which has had 8 people on it

Elections

Treasurer: Sunny: Sober for 6 years July 25, has run her own small business in the past, and runs her own house which is quite large; Will be out of town for July and December meetings; Sponsor approves the idea

- Elected with substantial unanimity, no opposed or abstentions

Chair: Andrea willing and able (will fill in for 1 year, to end of current Chair term)

- Sobriety date 11/25/2020; has several homegroups and holds positions at all of them; Is Service Board Rep for one meeting, and is GSR for another meeting

- Elected with substantial unanimity, 1 opposed, no abstentions

Secretary: no one stood for position; also to fill in for 1 year, to end of current Secretary term

- Election to be held again next month

New Information

- National Corrections Convention is taking place in Charlotte this year

- State Convention is this coming weekend

Closed at 7:03pm with Serenity Prayer