

Service Board Meeting Minutes - Wed., October 23, 2024

Next Service Board Meeting: Thursday, November 21, 2024

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In Attendance: Estimated 15 total attendance

2 Trustees; 2 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs; 1 Central Office Manager; 6 Service Board Reps/GSRs; 2 Other Service Positions; 1 Visiting Member

Chairperson: Andrea Halstead | Co-Chair: Jim Newton | Treasurer: Alyson "Sunny" Taylor

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Andrea H. (Chairperson); Started with Serenity Prayer; Minutes from last meeting reviewed and approved with substantial unanimity

Officer Reports

Secretary Position is still available. Notes taken by Colyn N.

Central Office: Carolyn H.

Full report available on website

- District webpages now online for each district
- Printable PDF Service Meetings & Events Calendar available for meeting spaces
- New Online Meetings pamphlet available
- Gift cards (e-cards and physical cards) are now available for Central Office purchases
- Implementing overhaul of pricing structure for Central Office products
- Printed meeting book is back, hybrid with Meeting in a Pocket concept, will update these quarterly; Discussion of price point for meeting book given labor and printing costs

Treasurer: Sunny T.

See attached report for further details

- Still do not have a budget; pending BDS Ad hoc committee
- Motion to accept passed with substantial unanimity

Co-Chair: Jim N. (absent - submitted update)

- Big Deep South Financials Ad Hoc Committee - still working to connect with A.A. national group services for guidance

Chair: Andrea H.

- Zoom technology for hybrid meetings of Service Board and other service committees; still researching best tech options for accessibility, and awaiting budget for tech purchases
- Parking Issues - six meetings per year overlap with neighbors' services; not enough parking available for both; Carolyn H. spoke with landlord; Andrea H. (Spanish-fluent) will communicate with neighbors directly

Committee Reports

T&C: Scott B.

- Making headway with OPP; members need to have a certain amount of sober time, be off paper, and take a class on mandatory reporting; but requirements are changing so this might all change; Planning a workshop or panel early next year

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Internet: Tourne T. (absent)

- Working on upgrading site theme and navigation

Hotline: Will H. (absent)

- Seems to be working well

Big Deep South: Mike A.

- Filled up over half the committee positions; Still looking for a treasurer (required 4 years sobriety, and a decent amount of available time)
- Theme: From darkness into light
- Next meeting, November 6: Picking a Voice, so announce if any female is interested in trying out as the Voice, come to the meeting

District Reports

District 12: NA

District 17: NA

District 18: Had elections, most of the positions were filled

District 19: Katie: Most of the positions were filled; Inventory is going to occur at some point in November, chaired by D21 DCM, Q; Anonymity panel has been canceled

District 20: Elections held, all positions filled; Inventory scheduled for end of November, chaired by Molly; St. Charles Angels Hot Mess Potluck Dec 4th; Big Easy Retreat Dec 13-15th

District 21: Elections coming up; Voted to send DCM to Regional Forum in December; successful Traditions workshop

NOLAYPAA: Ongoing Traditions panel every Sunday at 8:30pm

New Business

How to Encourage Contributions for Central Office

- Contributions slowed in summer months, though are picking back up; there are many ways to contribute: Central Office Backer (individual or meeting) is \$25/year though that price point and overall program is to be reviewed as inflation has risen since that price point was decided on
- November is Gratitude Month; may pass around a second contributions envelope for Gratitude Month
 - Motion to provide manilla envelopes passes with substantial unanimity (one abstention)

Payroll Raises for Central Office Employees

- Consideration of wage increases for Tradition Eight workers, in step with inflation and increased costs of living; most recent wage increase for employees may predate previous manager's tenure (~7 years or more); 1 General Manager (currently \$15/hour) and 2 Assistant Managers (currently \$11/hour)
 - Motion to create an ad hoc committee to explore pay raise options for employees passes with substantial unanimity

Closed meeting at 7:45pm with Responsibility Declaration.