

# Service Board Meeting Minutes - Thurs., December 16, 2024

**Next Service Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 28, 2025**

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Chairperson: Andrea H. [REDACTED] | Co-Chair: Jim N. [REDACTED] | Treasurer: Alyson "Sunny" T. [REDACTED]

**In Attendance:** Estimated 11 total in attendance – 2 Trustees; 2 Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs; 1 Central Office Manager; 1 DCM/Alt-DCM; 3 Group Service Board Reps/GSRs; 2 Member-At-Large

**Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Andrea H. (Chairperson); Started with Serenity Prayer

## Officer Reports

**Secretary:** Minutes from last meeting reviewed and approved with substantial unanimity

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

**Treasurer:** Sunny T. (absent) See attached report for further details

- 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget Update: proposal complete; tabled until Treasurer can be present
- Chairperson submitted receipts for travel expenses reimbursement for Southeast Regional Forum 2024

**Central Office:** Carolyn H. - Full report available on website

- Holiday Office Hours: Closed Christmas Eve & Day; Closed New Year's Eve & Day.

## Ad Hoc Committee: Big Deep South Financials

- Committee Chair Jim N. has been playing phone tag with folks at AA NY; is returning from parental leave
- The CPA requires us to do our due diligence trying to track down documentation to file taxes and financial paperwork for calendar year 2024; Service Board will ask more specifically what we need to do to meet due diligence and what is the timeline needed to do so
- Fellowship members voiced concerns, sought clarity on status of situation, including:
  - Why this fundraising event is allowed to happen again when the past two years' event committees have not submitted financial documentation in a timely manner
  - A lack of knowledge and understanding of the situation overall due to lack of communication
- Office manager asked what would be the best way to share this information and what information would be most useful to answer the fellowship's questions.

## Ad Hoc Committee: Special Worker Pay Raises

- No report; no one has officially joined since committee was motioned to be formed on October 23, 2024

## Old Business

**Parking Challenges.** Office manager spoke with landlord; landlord said she (landlord) gave neighboring church permission to double-park themselves during their services; however, on nights when Service Board also meets in the evenings, their attendees have double-parked our meeting attendees as well; Landlord said she will talk to them on the days it is relevant to not double-park us and office manager will text landlord as reminder the week of those meetings.

**Central Office Backers Program.** Tabled to next month.

**Outreach for Service Board Participation.** Office manager created flyer and posted flyer in monthly bulletin and on our website, including new webpages for Service Board information and financials.

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## Committee Reports

**T&C:** absent | **Website:** absent

**Hotline:** Ryan, new co-chair - Is trying to update 12 Step list and driver rider list; the transition to digital hotline has been mostly positive and the hotline time slots are filled

**Big Deep South 2025:** Mike A.

- Confirmed theme, voice, logo, and colors, and committee positions are filled
- Only thing needed next month is the second deposit payment for the hotel

## District Reports

**D12:** absent | **D17:** absent | **D18:** absent

**D19:** Inventory went well (via Carolyn H.)

**D20:** Colyn, incoming DCM - received the key and is preparing to take on the role; The only big event is the upcoming New Year's Eve Party; need people for the decorations committee

**D21:** Elections being held tomorrow; Regional Forum was amazing (via Sarah P.)

**D25:** absent; they have been invited as a district to attend and have a voice/vote at Service Board (via Carolyn H.)

- **Discussion:** Area does have the ability to float a district to attend Area Assembly; Area also has the ability to provide onsite translation

## New Business

**Pink Can Contributions and Can Label.** Tabled for next month.

Meeting closed at 7:30pm with the Responsibility Statement.