

Service Board Meeting Minutes - Thurs., March 27, 2025

Next Service Board Meetings: Monday, April 28, 2025, Tuesday, May 27, 2025

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

In Attendance: Estimated 25 total in attendance – 1 Trustee; 2 Committee Chair/Co-Chair; 1 Committee Member; Central Office Manager; 3 DCM/Alt-DCM; 14 Group Service Board Reps/GSRs; 3 Visitors

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 6:31pm by Andrea H. (Chairperson); Started with Serenity Prayer.

Officer Reports

Secretary: Secretary is still needed. Notes taken by Colyn N. Switching to more of a paperless system where possible, meeting agenda has QR codes instead of printouts for financials, CO report; QR code for minutes was forgotten. Minutes available on website, though vote to approve minutes delayed to next meeting.

Treasurer: Sunny T. (absent) See attached report for further details (also on website)

- Via CO manager - Contributions significantly down in February, at individual and group levels. Central Office Backer monthly totals increased slightly compared to previous months after structural changes made to the office's contributions program, per discussion last meeting. Operations account cash balance remains low, barely covering monthly expenses and merchandise purchases.
- Treasurer's report approved with substantial unanimity

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

- After last meeting's vote to stay at current location, office manager and board Trustees have been in negotiations with the landlord about the rental rate and terms of the lease agreement.
- Asked for tiered approach to rent increase; landlord did agree to small tiered increase for the first three months (\$1250) beginning May 1st, followed by full increase to \$1350 for the rest of the first year, followed by another 5% increase to \$1417.50 for the second year of the lease agreement. Other terms of lease agreement still in negotiation.
- Cash flow in Central Office operations account remains low, near the rate of one month's operational expenses, not including merchandise purchases or BDSC costs. Per Bylaws Section XI. Prudent Reserve and Operating Fund, the operating fund is to consist of one-fourth of annual operating expenses (estimated, unaudited \$74,103.93 total for FY 2023-2024; one-fourth = \$18,300)
- Motion to transfer \$5,000 from prudent reserve into Central Office operations account (Carolyn H.)
 - Guest Josie D. expressed concern whether Central Office manager has a vote or can make motions. Carolyn H. read Section II. Composition of the GNOSB Bylaws to confirm that the office manager does have a vote and a voice on the GNO Service Board.
 - Jim R. repeated the motion. Kyle N. seconded.
 - Motion passed with substantial unanimity (15); no opposed, 2 abstentions

Old Business

Ad Hoc Committee: Big Deep South Financials - Jim N., absent

Ad Hoc Committee: Special Worker Pay Raises

- Jim R. - Given the need to transfer funds from prudent reserve into operations fund, tabling this discussion and committee until after Big Deep South 2025.

Previously Tabled Motion: Halt Future Big Deep South Contracts

- Jim R. - There are multiple hidden fees through the hotel contract signed by the previous BDSC chair; Hilton has been making money off this event while Central Office hasn't received a contribution from the past two years' events. A BDSC inventory will need to happen before any future events are planned or event contracts are signed.

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- Discussion: This contracted arrangement is not aligned with Traditions, and the proceeds from the event are not being used for the best interests of the wider regional fellowship. BDSC 2025 Hotel Liaison Bobby A. has asked Hilton to provide invoices and contracts from previous events. BDSC 2025 Hospitality Chair Vic T. reported data from 2022 hospitality expenses.
- Motion passed with substantial unanimity (16), no opposed, 1 abstention
- Big Deep South hotel contract: Use QR code or code BDS25 for room block rate; very important to book hotel rooms this way so the Service Board's contract meets its requirement for room block bookings

Inventories for Big Deep South and Service Board

- Mike A., BDSC 2025 chair: June 19th will be BDSC 2025 wrap-up meeting
- Service Board inventory will then take place in late June 2025 (possibly 21st or 28th)
- Tentative date of July 19, 2025 for Big Deep South inventory

Central Office Backers Program

- Payment options online offer ability for members to make pay-what-you-can contributions monthly, yearly, or one-time; requests to add this to the homepage of the website for improved accessibility
- Printed versions of Bulletin will be a separate subscription, like the Grapevine; trying to get data for exact costs of printing (includes copy paper, cover page cardstock, printing services monthly bill for toner, maintenance, labels, postage, etc.)

DAAY in the Park Planning Committee

- Guests at the board meeting expressed interest in being part of the committee
- Kyle N., 2024 chair, said planning usually starts in July so come to that meeting, when chair, etc. will be elected, and everything flows from there

Committee Reports

T&C: Scott B. - Ad hoc committee meeting discussion about doing something at Big Deep South, details not yet confirmed though looking good, working with Area Treatment Chair Q as well

Website: absent | **Hotline:** absent | **Big Deep South:** Mike A.: Confirmed final speaker for Saturday night, and workshop topics. Have a 30-min play on the Steps from District 18, and a 30-minute film. Next meeting April 2nd.

District Reports

D12: Lillyn E.: Sweets Auction event for Spring Roundup raised \$10,000, goal was \$7,000; Working on confirming Treatment liaison contacts; PI-CPC rep looking for home groups to sponsor racks

D19: Oscar A.: Keeping meeting time as 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. Grapevine chair stepped down, so that and Special Events chair are open.

D20: Colyn N.: Events occurring in our home groups. Positions open: PI-CPC, Treasurer, Events.

D17, D18, D21, D25: absent

New Business

Zoom/Hybrid Access: D12 attendee asked about making the meeting hybrid; discussion about Zoom equipment options; Area Assembly has found relatively inexpensive audio equipment to use and could offer recommendations

Meeting closed at 7:36PM with circle and prayer.