

Executive Meeting - September 2023

Chairperson Anne B. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and welcomed all.

Those in attendance:

Anne B., Chair Gerry W., GSD Dwayne MD, A-GSD
Jocelyn Treasurer Deb C., Secretary

Twelve Traditions were read by Anne B.

Chair We have a person who is willing to offer her services as Webmaster. I want to know where this goes on the Agenda?

Gerry Yes, it should go on the Agenda for Assembly as part of New Business. I didn't know the Webmaster job was up to dibs.

Dwayne We should check the minutes of Fall Assembly. If the webmasters were elected for a three-year term, then we don't need to address it this Assembly. If they were elected until someone else stepped up, then we should put it on the Assembly Agenda under New Business.

ACTION ANN

Chair DCM meeting is scheduled for the Assembly – Friday night. I offered to have this meeting September 21 and I only received reply from two DCMs who said either way is fine. The suggestion was made that we have this meeting prior to the Assembly because of travelling DCMs. Discussion arose – it was the feeling of the group that the DCM meeting should be held Friday night.

Our GSO guest, Clint, is arriving early Friday morning. He is the one who will chair the sub-committee of the “plain language” Big Book. He is scheduled at the same time as the DCMs meeting. Anyone who has questions will be able to ask over the weekend. .

Dwayne Since we're in a hybrid meeting, the workshop will be out to the members on zoom as well, correct?

Gerry The DCMs are going to be off in another room and that meeting is part of the is hybrid. We were asked to set up so the Assembly was hybrid, but the workshop wouldn't be because we have the equipment set up in the DCM meeting.

Deb I rec'd a note from Michelle re some things that were not in the Guidelines. Do I just put these items in?

Dwayne Check the minutes first, and then add the items.

Chair **Where do we find the ‘templates’ on the Area Website?**

Gerry **Under Area 82 Docs
Click on “Blank Financial Reporting Templates” it will allow you to download.**

Gerry **There is a question about one Agenda Item –
Trinkets that were given away at GSO – I will be paying for that myself.**

Dwayne **I do not think that you should be paying for that – I think we should make a decision at the Area Level. It has been talked about for four years, and we should decide on it.**

Chair **When Kirk was ASD, there was a decision made, and it was to be looked at a future date, but it never was. He paid out of pocket, but we felt it was unfair so we decided we would discuss it at a future date. It should have been added to the Guidelines (yes or no) but it was never done.**

Chair **Ok, that is down for discussion.**

Jocelyn **We need to add the 2024 Budget Approval to the Agenda.**

Chair **It goes under your report?**

Jocelyn **No, it goes under New Business.**

Dwayne **May I suggest that we put it at the end of New Business.**

Chair **Agreed**

Jocelyn **Treasurer Report
All of the report was sent to the DCMs.**

Jocelyn mentioned that she was not using the Prudent Reserve as per minutes of Spring Assembly 2023 – There was a vote to NOT use the Prudent Reserve. It was noted that the motion was voted down – we can take it from the Prudent Reserve if we need to.

Discussion arose over the budget for 2024 – the Executive helped to firm up the projections with Jocelyn.

Deb **I received a list of recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on Guidelines. There are many - Is this going to be reviewed at the Assembly and accepted as one document or will be going through them and voting on them individually?**

Dwayne I thought that committee was to find things that were passed and not Added to the document.

Chair No – there are also recommendations.

Dwayne Was that part of the mandate for that committee?

Gerry They are under the impression that it was. My thought is that if these recommendations are helpful, then we should put them to the floor and let the people decide about them.

Dwayne But if we decide to bring them to the floor - we don't make the decision whether they are helpful or not.

Chair I sent them with my Agenda.
One of the suggestions was that we use Robert's Rules of Order. We already use it. Discussion arose. If you read them, you see that they are set up for the US Senate.

Dwayne My opinion is that we listen to Dr. Bob "KEEP IT SIMPLE" . If we set in stone that we discourage those people who are not familiar with Robert's Rules of Order, from getting up to the mike. We must keep it as simple as possible for everyone to be comfortable to share.

Chair Should I send an email saying that the DCM meeting will be online, but that the Workshop by GSO guest will not be online?

Gerry Yes

Dwayne Do we have someone taping speakers at the Assembly?

Gerry No, not as far as I know.

Dwayne Would there be someone who could record an Audio Recording of the workshop? Discussion arose.

Gerry I have the equipment to do this. That is why we were so lucky to get Clint to come – people have so many questions about the "plain language" Big Book.

ACTION: GERRY

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere
Reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there
And for that...I am responsible.

