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## Group Conscience Minutes 02.26.2022 - 11:00 AM EST

1. Welcome: Amanda, Chair  
Prayer: Kaylee, Secretary  
12 Traditions Reading: Kirk, IT Co-chair
2. Secretary Report - Kaylee, Secretary
3. Treasurer Report - Patty, Treasurer
  - a. January 2022 (Attachment B)
4. IT Chair Report - Duane Utah, IT Chair
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5. Online Intergroup Service Report - Jo H, Intergroup Rep
  - a. Jo reported she would submit a correspondence to OIAA regarding the security measures we have implemented on this platform.
6. Scheduling Report - Jessica, Scheduling Chair
  - a. Remind everyone of Best Practices
7. Security Report - John F., Security Co-Chair
  - a. Breakout Room Trainings will begin soon
8. Communications Report- Lauren H, Communications Chair
  - a. Working on Website, Newsletter and New Communications Chat

Approve Reports M/S/C No Discussion. (Jessica - Patty)

## **Business Items**

### ***Old Business:***

9. Approval of limiting chairs to 4 ***permanent*** meetings a week, 1 ***permanent*** meeting per day - Kirk, IT Co-Chair

*As we have grown as a platform, we have been blessed to have so many members step up to service. The chair position has come to be in high demand, so in the spirit of rotation, we are asking current chairs to be limited to 4 **permanent** meetings per week with no more than 1 meeting per day. This does not include sub positions, fill ins, or co-chairs (teams).*

### **Kirk rescinded this motion**

### ***New Business:***

10. Approval of aaHG Literature. - Liz P, Security Co-Chair  
M/S/C With discussion. (Patty - Kirk)

*After careful consideration by the Steering Committee, the new proposed literature, is listed below:*

- a. *A.A. Conference Approved*
- b. *A.A. Non-Conference Approved*
  - i. *Grapevine*
  - ii. *Hazelden/Betty Ford Publishing*

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c. *Misc:*

- i. *Joe & Charlie Audio*
- ii. *Audio & Video Resources*

*The list of approved Hazelden literature is a working document compiled of A.A.-related material and composed by the Steering Committee (SC). Approval of additional audio and video resources can be requested on a case by case basis, via SC. (Attachment C)*

Motion PASSES

11. Approval of purchase of aaHG Grapevine Subscription. - LG, Communications  
M/S/C With discussion. (Jessica - Jazper)

*Grapevine is approved literature on this platform, and, in order to expand resources for our chairs, we are asking to purchase a 2-year subscription for approximately - \$88.14.*

Motion PASSES

12. Approval of a special GC meeting for the update of aaHG By-laws (April 9th @ noon EST) - Amanda, Chair  
M/S/C With discussion. (LG - Kevin)

Motion PASSES

**aaHG Related Announcements:**

1. Trusted Servants Tradition Workshop #3 February 27th, 2022 at 11AM EST.
2. Prayer, Adjourn

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**Attachment A**  
**aaHG Group Conscience**  
**Minutes**  
**01.24.2022 - 7PM EST**

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3. Welcome: Amanda, Chair  
Prayer: Kaylee, Secretary  
12 Traditions Reading: Shawn Redbeard
4. Secretary Report - Kaylee, Secretary
  - a. Group Conscience Minutes from 12.11.2021 (Attachment A)
  - b. AAHG Intro - Newly updated, where it is located/heard many people using old intro- consistency is key
  - c. Please update your contact info on the sub list/send PM to me.
5. Treasurer Report - Patty, Treasurer
  - a. November 2021 (Attachment B)
  - b. December 2021 (Attachment C)
6. IT Chair Report - Duane, IT Chair - Kirk Reported.
  - a. Made minor changes to the aaHG website, none of which are GC "worthy".
7. Online Intergroup Service Report - TBD
8. Scheduling Report - Matthew, Scheduling Co-Chair- Jessica reported
  - a. Added a few new committee members to the Scheduling Committee.
9. Security Report - Eric C, Security Co-Chair
  - a. Last couple of weeks we have had a good number of people come to training, and have decided to split the group and do early training.
  - b. Out of these (2) trainings, we have trained 15 people and some immediately jumped into service.

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- c. About 25-30% of new trainees take permanent positions & we are trying to increase that number overall.
  - d. The Security Committee is considering the decrease of service positions per hour.
10. Communications Report- Lauren H, Communications Chair - Carla reported:
- a. Logo has been made and the website is going to get a new look. More user friendly.
  - b. Trying to consolidate communications coming from 1-2 people rather than multiple.
  - c. There is a newsletter coming out, more on that in the future.

Approve Reports M/S/C No Discussion. (Shawn -Tracey Mc)

## **Future Agenda Items for GC**

### ***Tabled:***

11. Recommending Trusted Servants to chair only 1 permanent meeting per day - Tabled from last meeting - Kirk, IT Co-chair Item is rescinded.

### ***New Business:***

#### 12. *Elections:*

*Each open position up for election will require a nomination/second of a member, by a member of aaHG. This member must accept the nomination, but does not need to be present at this meeting. If only one member is nominated, they are automatically appointed to that position. If more than one member is nominated, the nominees may be asked to qualify (nominee shall verbally state that they meet the requirements for the position, including sobriety date & experience with relation to AA). After qualifications, all nominees will be put in the Waiting Room for the vote. The nominee with the most votes, is elected to that position.*

- a. *Co-Chair:* Carla is nominated and accepts nomination, re-elected unopposed.
- b. *Secretary:* Kaylee is nominated and accepts nomination, re-elected unopposed.
- c. *IT Chair:* Duane is nominated and accepts nomination, re-elected unopposed.
- d. *Intergroup Chair:* Jo H is nominated and accepts nomination, elected unopposed.
- e. *Scheduling Chair* Jessica is nominated and accepts nomination, elected unopposed.
- f. *Scheduling Co-chair* Brinda is nominated and accepts nomination, elected unopposed.
- g. Security Co-Chairs (4)
  - a. *Co-Chair (2) 3 Months:*

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Brooke is nominated and accepts nomination, re-elected unopposed.

Liz is nominated and accepts nomination, elected unopposed.

b. *Co-Chair (2) 6 Months:*

Eric C. is nominated and accepts nomination, re-elected unopposed.

John F. is nominated and accepts nomination, re-elected unopposed.

13. Consideration of 72 HR deadline for submitting Agenda items for Group Conscience meetings

- Kaylee, Secretary

M/S/C No discussion. (Tracey Mc - Liz)

*At the last GC meeting, a 6-month schedule of all future GC meetings was approved in order to create more accessibility of members' time. Now that the GC will be falling on different days of the week, we are requesting a set schedule to present Agenda items. As to not overwhelm the Secretary, the day before GC.*

*Motion PASSES*

14. Adjusting of continuous sobriety requirements: 60 days for Security - Amanda, Chair

M/S/C No discussion. (Jessica Salsa - Kaylee)

*When aaHG was formed, the Steering Committee was cognizant in making sure we had service positions for members in early sobriety. With that, the Welcome Chat position was created to allow members to welcome people into the meeting which creates an inviting atmosphere. In order to maximize our resources, we are requesting to start security training after a member has 60 days sobriety. Any members already trained, will be grandfathered in.*

*Motion PASSES*

15. Approval of Closed Captioning. - Kirk, IT Co-Chair

M/S/C With discussion. (Kirk - Sam)

*To accommodate our hearing impaired participants, we are asking for the consideration of Closed Captioning to be implemented.*

*Motion PASSES*

16. Approval for the use of breakout rooms. - John F, Security Co-Chair

M/S/C With discussion. ( John F - AshMegan)

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*To create a more intimate scenario for the newcomer who is struggling in a meeting, we are providing additional services. The use of Breakout Rooms will only be considered when there is enough security/Trusted Servants on the meeting.*

*Motion PASSES*

17. Approval to use Father Martin YouTube Step Series video. - Amanda, Chair  
M/S/C With discussion. (AshMegan - Kaylee)

*This platform has approved the use of Father Martin literature, but the motion to approve the use of videos, did not pass. We received a request to allow the use of Father Martin's Step Series on YouTube.*

*Motion FAILED*

18. Approval of new requirements for Chair positions - Jessica, Scheduling Co-Chair  
M/S/C. With discussion. (Jessica - Claude)

*Requirements for Chair on AAHG*

- a. At least 6 months of continuous sobriety.*
- b. Completed 12 Steps of AA with a Sponsor.*

*Motion FAILED*

19. Approval of limiting chairs to 4 **permanent** meetings a week, 1 **permanent** meeting per day - Kirk, IT Co-Chair

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*Motion is TABLED due to time constraint.*

**aaHG Related Announcements:**

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20. Trusted Servants Tradition Workshop starting February 6th, 2022 at 11AM EST.

21. Prayer, Adjourn

## Attachment B

### January 2022 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report
January 2022



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Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2022			\$7,815.06	
7th Tradition contributions thru January 31, 2022			\$1,393.25	
<b>Total Balance and Contributions</b>				<b>\$9,208.31</b>
Expenses thru January 31, 2022				
Quarterly Payment to GSO NY - GC app. 12/16			\$4,000.00	
<b>Total Expenses</b>				<b>\$4,000.00</b>
Prudent Reserve				<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Fund Balance as of January 31, 2022				<b>\$3,208.31</b>

Attachment C

**AA Conference Approved**

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## *Books*

- Alcoholics Anonymous (The Big Book)
- AA Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Services
- Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age
- As Bill Sees It
- Came to Believe
- Daily Reflections
- Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers
- Experience, Strength & Hope
- Living Sober
- Our Great Responsibility
- Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

## *Pamphlets*

- A Brief Guide to A.A.
- A Member's-Eye View of Alcoholics Anonymous
- A Message to Corrections Professionals...
- A Newcomer Asks
- A.A. and the Armed Services
- A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional
- A.A. Fact File
- A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues – and their sponsors
- A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic
- A.A. for the Native North American
- A.A. for the Older Alcoholic—Never Too Late
- A.A. in Correctional Facilities
- A.A. in Treatment Settings
- A.A. in Your Community
- A.A. Tradition—How It Developed
- A.A.'s Legacy of Service
- Access to A.A.: Members share on Overcoming Barriers
- Bridging the Gap
- Circles of Love and Service
- Do You Think You're Different?
- Experience Has Taught Us: An Introduction to our Twelve Traditions
- Faith Leaders Ask About A.A.
- Frequently Asked Questions About A.A. - (Formerly 44 Questions)
- G.S.R. General Service Representative
- Hispanic Women in A.A.
- How A.A. Members Cooperate With Professionals
- If You Are a Professional...
- Inside A.A. - Understanding the Fellowship and its Services
- Is A.A. for Me?
- Is A.A. for You?
- Is there a Problem Drinker in the Workplace?
- Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?
- It Happened to Alice - How she faced a drinking problem
- It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell
- Let's Be Friendly With Our Friends

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- LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A.
  - Many Paths to SpiritualityMemo to an Inmate Who May Be an Alcoholic
  - Problems Other Than Alcohol
  - Questions and Answers on Sponsorship
  - Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings
  - The "God" Word: Agnostic and Atheist Members in A.A.
  - The A.A. Group...Where It All Begins
  - The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs
  - The Co-Founders of Alcoholics Anonymous
  - The Jack Alexander Article About A.A.
  - The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated
  - The Twelve Traditions Illustrated
  - This Is A.A. - An introduction to the A.A. recovery program
  - Too Young?
  - Twelve Steps Illustrated
  - Understanding Anonymity
  - What Happened to Joe...and his drinking problem
  - Women in A.A.
  - Young People and A.A.
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## NON-AA Conference Approved

### *THE GRAPEVINE*

General Service Conference approval is a lengthy review process that can take years for longer projects, with several stages of committee evaluation along the way.

Since Grapevine comes out 12 times a year, and the Conference meets only once a year, the magazine would never come off the press if it had to go through the Conference review process. However, the Conference has always supported the concept of Grapevine and, in 1986, a Conference Advisory Action specifically addressed the issue of Conference approval for the first time with the following statement: "Since each issue of (the) Grapevine cannot go through the Conference approval process, the Conference recognizes (the) Grapevine as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous."

### Grapevine Compilations

- AA in the Military
- A Rabbit Walks into a Bar
- Beginner's Book
- Emotional Sobriety 1 & 2
- Forming True Partnerships
- Free on the Inside
- Happy, Joyous and Free
- I Am Responsible
- In Our Own Words
- Into Action
- Making Amends
- No Matter What
- One Big Tent
- One on One
- Our Twelve Traditions
- Prayer and Meditation
- Sober & Out
- Spiritual Awakenings 1 & 2
- Step by Step
- Take Me to Your Sponsor
- Thank You for Sharing
- The Best of Grapevine Volumes 1, 2 & 3
- The Home Group
- Voices of Long-Term Sobriety
- Voices of Women in AA
- Women in AA
- Young & Sober

### Other Books Published by The Grapevine

- The Best of Bill
- The Language of the Heart

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*Hazelden Publishing - **IN PROGRESS***

## Daily / Devotionals

- Each Day a New Beginning
- Keep it Simple
- Walk in Dry Places
- A Day at a Time
- The Eye Opener
- 24 Hours a Day
- The 12 Step Prayer Book
- Keep it Simple
- Morning Night
- Night Light

## Books

- The Little Red Book & The Little Red Book Workbook
- Stools and Bottles
- A Program for You
- 101 Meeting Starters (Mel B)
- A Gentle Path Through the Twelve Steps
- A Gentle Path Through the Twelve Traditions
- Drop the Rock
- Drop the Rock: The Ripple Effect
- Sought Through Prayer and Meditation
- Sober but Stuck
- 1000 Years of Sobriety: 20 People x 50 Years
- Living the Twelve Traditions in Today's World: Principles Over Personality
- 12 More Stupid Things That Mess Up Recovery: Navigating Common Pitfalls on Your Sobriety Journey
- 12 Hidden Rewards of Making Amends: Finding Forgiveness and Self-Respect by Working Steps 8-10
- The Twelve Steps Of Alcoholics Anonymous: Interpreted By The Hazelden Foundation
- Gifts of Sobriety: When the Promises of Recovery Come True
- Bill W - My First 40 Years: An Autobiography by the Co-founder of AA
- The 12 Steps Unplugged: A Young Person's Guide to Alcoholics Anonymous
- 12 Smart Things to Do When the Booze and Drugs Are Gone: Choosing Emotional Sobriety through Self-Awareness and Right Action

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- 12 Stupid Things That Mess Up Recovery: Avoiding Relapse through Self-Awareness and Right Action
- Practicing the Here and Now: Being Intentional with Step 11, Using Prayer & Meditation to Work All the Steps

## AA History

- A Biography of Mrs Marty Mann: The First Lady of Alcoholics Anonymous
- Dr. Bob and Bill W. Speak: AA's Cofounders Tell Their Stories
- Ebby - The Man that Sponsored Bill W. (Mel B)
- Grateful to Have Been There (Nell Wing, Bill's Secretary)
- My Search for Bill W: Biography (Mel B)
- Not God: A History of Alcoholics Anonymous
- Practice These Principles And What Is The Oxford Group
- The Lois Wilson Story: When Love is not Enough, The Biography of the Cofounder of Al-Anon
- The Soul of Sponsorship: The Friendship of Fr. Ed Dowling, S.J. and Bill Wilson in Letters

## Pamphlets

- Hazelden Step Pamphlets
- Hazelden Fourth Step Study Guide

## *Misc (audio and video):*

- Joe and Charlie: Transcripts of Journey to Recovery: The Big Book Comes Alive