

GSR Minutes
Saturday January 6, 2023, 2:30pm EST

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1. Call to order

2. Trusted Servant's Prayer

3. Attendance

- Stephanie – Friday Intl Hope
- Virginia – Sunday morning, London (online)
- Catherine – Tuesday, Newcastle, UK (online)
- Martin – Daily 11th step, Wednesday Wynberg Wellness (in-person)
- Helen – Saturday, Hinde Street, UK
- Allie – Friday, Dallas Solutions
- Meredith – Saturday, Dallas, Sobriety is Surrender
- Hayley – Mon/Wed Australia
- Adam – Saturday, No Saints Men

4. Adopt today's agenda ✓

5. Accept December minutes ✓

6. Trusted Servants' reports – Stephanie

- board didn't meet in December, so nothing to report

- a. Literature & Outreach Committee
- b. Public Information Committee
- c. GSO & Personnel Committee
- d. Website Committee
- e. Self-Support Committee
- f. GSA
- g. Special Reports / important information

7. Old Business

- last month, Martin mentioned how expensive it was to ship ABA books & coins to his region in South Africa. The board has been made aware. Martin sent details of a printing company in S.A. that could print the ABA book and protect the copyright license. The number of printings would be made known.

We are waiting for the board to discuss this option and related concerns (ie. royalties).

- Questions: could ABA groups donate books to these isolated places? Does [GSO] have information about groups that need books? (Meredith). No, not that we are aware of. Donation to translation efforts is the only thing the website has available (Stephanie).

- Question: could we make a webpage listing the needs of specific groups? (Meredith). Stephanie will mention at the board meeting.
- concern about how few GSR's attend the meeting - the Fellowship is not being adequately represented; new GSR's need to know what their roles & responsibilities are (Martin). Yes, this has been an ongoing issue (Stephanie).
- concern that ABA newsletter cannot be downloaded (Martin). Mention this to Self-Support Committee (Stephanie). **Secretary's note: chair of Self-Support Committee, Caren, can be contacted at <sassykat315@gmail.com>**

8. New Business

- as a group, we read though the GSR Newcomer Pack, covering Mission Statement and Terms of Reference (including purpose, membership, officers, operation, duties, remuneration, and what to expect from a meeting)

9. Announcements (please read these at your meetings!)

- Mark your calendars! Oct. 18th to 20th is the date for the 2024 International Retreat, to be held at Bethlehem Retreat Center in Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada.
- The Weekly Meditation Book is almost complete, thanks to the Literature & Outreach Committee
- Funds are still needed for the Hebrew translation of the ABA text-book.
To donate, click on the 'Contribute' button on the ABA Website and scroll down to 'Donate for a Translation.'

10. Upcoming Meetings

- Next GSR Meeting – Saturday, Feb. 3rd @ 2:30pm EST.
Zoom ID: 883 1435 6561
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- Next Board Meeting – Sunday, January 21st @12pm EST
All ABA members welcome to attend.
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