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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Group Conscience
October 21, 2020 5:00 PM ET

Location of Meeting - Zoom Video Conference

Meeting Attendees – Aaron N., Aaron P., Bob R., Bruce D., Carol P., Courtney S., Dan W., Gail L., Kathy B., Lioba, Peter C., Peter F., Peter G., Robin H., Sara Y., and Steven R.

The fourth Group Conscience meeting of Secular Recovery Group was called to order at 5:03 PM EST on October 21, 2020 by Courtney S.

Agenda for the October 21, 2020 meeting is as follows:

- Courtney will present a solution about putting emergency procedures for the website and Zoom in place should the need arise
- Update search for a backup IT person
- Treasure report: How are we progressing with our prudent reserve funds
 - ✓ Review if we want to keep the current billing procedure in place, bills are sent directly to Courtney.
 - ✓ Decision was not made on where/how to distribute money once we have a 6-month reserve.
 - ✓ The question is whether to give to GSO, or perhaps more appropriately donate to AA Online Intergroup
 - ✓ GSO guidelines state 30% of funds go to the District, 30% go to the Area, and 30% go to GSO. Since we are an online meeting we have no district or area
- Inter-group discussion- What tenure should be
- Fearless Friday Host rotation
 - ✓ Peter G. currently hosting through October
 - ✓ Dan W. is scheduled for November

Question: Prior to this, Stacey Luethje who attends the meeting offered to do it, but we never got back to her. Should we reach out to her and offer the opportunity for December or January? Does she still attend the Friday meetings?

Courtney will present a solution about putting emergency procedures for the website and Zoom in place should the need arise, and Update search for a backup IT person

Each meeting's preamble document has been sent to Carol P in the event Courtney is unavailable to 'Host' a meeting, Carol will have the document to forward to the substitute host to use. Currently the Zoom administrators are Courtney S., Carol P., Gail L., Robin H., John C., and Peter G. is a moderator. Any one of these folks can log in to host a meeting. Courtney cautioned that the admin/moderators have access to all the SRG meetings and settings it would behoove us to keep the list at a minimum to best prevent any accidental changes. We can revisit this later if a need to add more admin/moderators arises.

As for the website, the servers would run for quite some time if Courtney were absent for a period of time. It would be great to have a back up IT person as updates need to be made on occasion. The hope would be the person would have web experience and a member of AA. Not urgent, but important to find someone.

Treasure's report:

Peter C gave the following report.

Donations received:

August:	\$233.95
September:	\$312.53
October:	<u>\$140.70</u>
Total:	\$687.18

Paid out:

	\$ 22.63	} Domain transfer fees and Domain Privacy Registrations
	<u>\$ 43.81</u>	
Balance	\$620.74	

Though process of trial and error, it seems it worked best if Courtney pays the bills he receives via PayPal. By doing it this way, PayPal generates an invoice which Courtney will send to the Treasurer, currently Peter C. He will also be sure to send a copy of the original invoice to the Treasure and Alternate Treasure, Peter C., and Peter F. respectively.

It was discussed and decided to have \$1,000 in reserve. Our annual bills are ~ \$1,000 so this would ensure whenever an invoice is due, we will have the funds to pay it. Dan W. motioned to have the \$1,000 reserve, Peter F. seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Once we have the \$1,000 reserve, we will then discuss how much of any remaining monies to give to AA on-line intergroup and AA General Service, which would be done in 6-month intervals, per Peter F's suggestion and the Group's agreement.

Courtney will build an accounts payable report to present to the group at the next meeting.

Inter-group discussion- What tenure should be

Since we are a new group, it was decided to table this discussion until we are more established.

NOTE: After the meeting, Courtney sent to Carol P. what the Service Manual had to say.

GSR's serve for 2 years (IGR for us)

There are no defined terms for Treasurer or Secretary

Fearless Friday Host rotation

After much discussion, it was decided by the group to have a 3-month rotation for leading the Friday meeting. This would have Peter G. continuing leading the meeting through November. December 2, 2020 Dan W. will then be the new meeting leader through February 2021.

Carol P. will reach out to Stacey to see if she is still interested in leading the meeting. If so, she would begin on March 5, 2021. If she wants to do something prior to that, a co-host position will be suggested.

New Business:

Several Meeting protocols were brought up and discussed

The group agreed that most of the SRG run meetings going forward would:

1. Start rotating the Leaders for each meeting
2. Have a Host and add a Co-host
3. 10 minutes after the meeting begins the Host will lock the meeting. (to help prevent Zoom bombers)
4. Chat area – keep open

Currently Courtney is hosting all meetings except the Sober She Devils and Secular Sunday.

The **Host** is the person who starts the Zoom meeting and assists the Leader as needed, with muting and unmuting folks who want to share, removing any Zoom bombers, shares their screen with the preamble at the beginning of the meeting, and ends the meeting, usually 15 - 30 minutes after the meeting is over.

The **Co-host** would assist the Host with muting and unmuting folks and removing any Zoom bombers.

The **Leader** is the person who reads the meeting preamble, has a topic prepared for each week's meeting, and calls on folks to share.

After much discussion, Peter G. motioned that all the SRG meetings have a 3-month rotation and Bruce D. seconded the motion. Where the three month rotation was agreed on, it was decided that for now, at each monthly Group Conscience meeting we will do a quick check in with each meeting to see if things are going well and give the Leader an opportunity to shorten his 'term' and/or give feedback.

Robin H. motioned that all meetings have a Co-host and _____ seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Here is what we have so far, and the positions that need to be filled.

Secular Sunday – John C is the Leader and Host, with Courtney co-hosting.

Sober She Devils have a meeting on Sunday morning and Monday evening – Has 7 hosts/co-hosts and already has their own rotating system

Tuesday Men's Meeting – Courtney is the Leader and the Host, with Bob R. stepping in to Co-host

Wednesday's Closed Discussion - Courtney is the Leader and the Host

Secular on Thursday - Courtney is the Leader and the Host

Fearless Friday – Leader currently is Peter G. with Courtney as the Host

Secular Saturday - Courtney is the Leader and the Host and Robin H will Co-host

Positions to fill:

Wednesday's Closed Discussion, 7:00pm ET - Need Co-host and Leader

Secular on Thursday, 12:00pm ET - Need Co-host and Leader

Not discussed – Fearless Friday, is Peter G. Leading and Co-hosting? Or does the meeting need a Co-host?

--- Courtney is willing to work with anyone who is interested in Leading, Hosting or Co-hosting. If you are interested, please contact Carol P via email, or Courtney via chat in the meeting rooms.

Courtney does ask that you take the time to familiarize yourself with Zoom. There is a link on the SRG webpage in the SRG Online Meetings tab at the bottom of the page. <https://secularmeetings.com/srg-online-meetings/>

Dan W. motioned that we lock the meetings after 10 minutes, Bruce D., seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. This will be announced at each meeting for the next few weeks and will also be posted on Facebook to let folks know of the change. Courtney will note it on the website as well. Again, this is being done to cut down on Zoom bombers.

Courtney informed the Group that he can now limit the chat room to only one/one communications to avoid the chats from being distracting. After a little discussion it was decided to leave it as it is so links can be shared to the whole meeting and it would be easier for the newcomer to ask for and receive information.

New Action Items:

- **Courtney S.** will build an accounts payable report to present to the group at the next meeting.
- **Carol P.** will reach out to Stacey to see if she is still interested in leading the meeting. If so, she would begin on March 5, 2021. If she wants to do something prior to that, a co-host position will be suggested.

Open/continuous Action Items:

Group – If you consider SRG to be your ‘home group’ send Carol P. your email information if you would be available to step in to temporarily host a meeting in the event Courtney is unavailable.

Group – Find an SRG member who would be available to be a backup IT person

Members available to host, co-host or lead a meeting if a substitute is needed:

Carol P.	Gail L.	Peter G.
Bob R.	Robin H.	Lioba J.
Sara Y.	Aaron N.	Kathy B.

If you Host, Co-host, or lead a meeting and need coverage for any reason, please contact Carol P and she will assist you in finding coverage by contacting the folks list above. If your name is not on the list and you want to be added, please contact Carol P. via email.

Courtney S. can be contacted at masterlifterpro@gmail.com

Carol P. at cpsue77@gmail.com

Prior to the meeting, Courtney shared with the Group a new tab on the SRG website.

<https://secularrecoverygroup.org/>

At the top hover your cursor over the **About** tab then from the dropdown menu, click **SRG Homegroup** which will take you to the **Service Positions** page. Here you can see the current and past SRG Group Conscience meeting minutes and current agenda.

The next meeting will be held via Zoom Conference

5:00 PM ET on

Wednesday November 18, 2020

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Meeting ID: 997-381-610 Passcode: 600609