Secular Recovery Group
Minutes of the Monthly Group Conscience Meeting
December 16, 2020 5:00 PM EST

Location of Meeting - Zoom Video Conference

Meeting Attendees – Bob R., Brijet M., Carol P., Courtney S., Dan W., Gail L., Isaac S., John S., Kathy B., Lioba, Metrognome (Bruce Seattle), Peter C., Peter F., and Robin H.,

The sixth Group Conscience meeting of Secular Recovery Group was called to order at 5:05 PM EST on December 16, 2020 by Courtney S.

Agenda for the December 16, 2020 meeting is as follows:

- **Treasure report** – Peter C.
- **Communication Avenues** – Update on 'membership communication' page on the website – Courtney S.
- **Standardized format for SRG meetings**, preamble/script changes – Dan W.
    - o Add the Responsibility Pledge – was discussed last meeting, but no decision was made. Add it to the meeting script? If so, when? At the beginning? At the end?
- **Add speaker meeting** – we discussed but no decision was made.
- **Revisit meeting rotations -** which meetings will be on a rotating schedule – Courtney S.
- **Review & establish guidelines for service positions**. What are the requirements to hold a position?
    - o Courtney S. said instead of reinventing the wheel, he would review his service manual and see what he finds.

New Business
- **Start planning the first SRG Webinar** – Courtney S. / John C.

Open Action Items:
Meeting Positions to fill:
Wednesday's Closed Discussion, 7:00pm ET - **Need Co-host and Leader**
Secular on Thursday, 12:00pm ET - **Need Co-host**   **UPDATE: Bob R is now Host & leader for Thursdays**
On-going:
Group – Find an SRG member who would be available to be a backup IT person. Person preferably would-be expert level / webmaster, and a sober member of AA

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.

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Treasure report – Peter C.
So far in December we have received $250 and it is projected we will have a balance of ~ $1,100 at the end of the year, which will cover the 2021 projected expenses.

Secular Recovery Group				
Annual Budget and Current Status				
Recurring Expenses - Budget				
Server Fees		659.88	Annual	August
SRG Domain		28.00	Annual	April
Secular Meetings Domain		28.00	Annual	July
WP Rocket Plugin		69.30	Annual	July
Short Pixel		20.00	Annual	December
Gravity Forms		99.00	Annual	April
Clean Talk Spam Plugin		24.00	Annual	March
CDN Charge ($15/month)		180.00	Monthly	
		1,108.18		
Actual Account Activity			*Balance*	
August Contributions		171.32	*171.32*	
September Contributions		304.29		
September Payment	Clean Talk	(22.63)	*452.98*	
October Contributions		211.57		
Reimbursement To Courtney	Domain Charges	(43.81)	*620.74*	
November Contributions		364.92	985.66	

Communication Avenues – Update on 'membership communication' page on the website – Courtney S.
Courtney said it is not quite as easy as thought. With some discussion and looking at past success/unsuccessful blogs on other AA websites he has hosted, the blogs, communication avenues on the websites were rarely used. Currently, with the SRG meeting monthly, there seems little need to have communication between meetings. At the end of publication of the minutes each month, Courtney S. & Carol P's contact information is posted so if there is a need for someone to reach out, the contact information is available. On the SRG website, https://secularrecoverygroup.org/, there is a 'contact us' tab also available to all folks who may want to reach out.

Standardized format for SRG meetings, preamble/script changes – Dan W.
After much discussion and review, please see the end of this document for what was decided on for finalization. One thing we decided is at the top of the hour of each meeting, to formally close the meeting and then continue with informal chat.
Group: After reviewing the attached, please come prepared to next month's meeting to suggest any changes or concerns.

Add the Responsibility Pledge - Add it to the meeting script? If so, when? At the beginning? At the end?
The Group decided not to add the Responsibility Pledge at this time.

Add speaker meeting – Until someone steps up with a desire to start another meeting, this topic will be shelved.

Revisit meeting rotations - which meetings will be on a rotating schedule – Courtney S.
Spending a lot of time on the meeting script, we ran out of time and decided to add this topic to next month's agenda.

However, Gail L. brought to the Groups attention, that Lioba was interested in being added to the Beginner's Meeting rotation as one of the hosts, giving the meeting 3 hosts. There were no objections so Courtney S. will add her to the Zoom Host list.

Also discussed was the need to find someone to Host and co-host the Saturday meetings as Courtney is no longer available. Dan W. said he would do it if Bruce (Metronome) would be the co-host, which Bruce agreed to. For now, this will be a 3-month position or longer.

Review & establish guidelines for service positions. What are the requirements to hold a position? Courtney S.
Courtney was unable to do the required research for this topic. We will add it to next month's agenda.

New Business
Start planning the first SRG Webinar – Courtney S. / John C.
Again, as we ran out of time and John C. was not in attendance, this too will be added to next month's agenda.
Group: In the meantime, think of subject matters and topics you would want to have discussed at a seminar. The hope is to have this webinar sometime in the first or second quarter of 2021.

New Business brought up during the meeting
Crosstalk – Robin H. wanted to know what, if any, procedures were in place regarding crosstalk during the meetings. After some thought and discussion, it was decided if there was inappropriate crosstalk, it is up to the Host to stop it.

Newcomers – There is much concern about how to reach out to the newcomers in the meetings. A few things discussed were:

If you want to reach out to a newcomer you should do so privately in the chat area. If you want to give your phone number or email address, that is a personal decision. Being a Zoom meeting, it is not deemed safe to have a phone list to distribute.

We are leaving it to each member to decide when and if to reach out, in the hopes that one of us will.

Also, it will be noted in the meeting script that a Beginners Meeting is available on Tuesdays.

With the decision to 'formally' close the meeting at the top of the hour and staying open for 30 minutes for informal chat, this also will give the newcomer an opportunity to ask questions.

New Action Items:
Group: Come prepared to next month's meeting to suggest any changes or concerns regarding the meeting script.
Group: Bring subject ideas, topics and/or speakers you would want to have at the seminar.
Courtney S.: Add Lioba to the Zoom Host list.

Open Action Items:
Courtney S. - Review the service manual and see what he finds regarding establishing guidelines and requirements for Service Positions.
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On-hold:
Find an SRG member who would be available to be a backup IT person. Person preferably would-be expert level / webmaster, and a sober member of AA
UPDATE: Courtney has a lead and will be 'working on it' over time. Tabled for now.

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

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

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 you have their contact information, feel free to reach out to them directly.

NOTE: If your name is not on the list and you want to be added, please contact Carol P. via email.

Courtney S. – srgit@secularrecoverygroup.org
Carol P. - srgsec@secularrecoverygroup.org

Next SRG Group Conscience Meeting – January 20, 2021 @ 5:00pm EST

…See below for the suggested meeting script…
To be finalized at the next Group Conscience Meeting

THE SECULAR RECOVERY GROUP

AA Online Meeting

INSERT NAME OF MEETING HERE

Meeting Starts at XXXX (time) Eastern US

Microphones are automatically muted when entering

Meeting Room is "Quiet" until Host Joins

Chat is disabled until Room "Secure"

https://secularmeetings.com
https://secularrecoverygroup.org/

This meeting is an on-line meeting of **The Secular Recovery Group** for those with a desire to stop drinking.   My name is _____ and I am your Host for today.   Welcome to all of you. For those who are new to sobriety, there is also a Beginners mtg on Tuesdays at 8 PM Eastern time. Information for the Beginners mtg will be included in the chat after screen share is over.

This meeting features "end-to-end" Encryption for your privacy

Please respect one another's **anonymity**…*"what you see and hear here, let it stay here…"*

The SRG Preamble

"This group of A.A. attempts to maintain a tradition of free expression and conduct a meeting where alcoholics may feel free to express any doubts or dis-beliefs they may have, and to share their own personal experience. We do not endorse or oppose any form of religion or atheism. Our only wish is to assure suffering alcoholics that they can find sobriety in A.A. without having to accept anyone else beliefs or having to deny their own."

Please - No Politics!

The 7th tradition states we are self-supporting through our own contributions.   7th Tradition contribution can be given at the bottom of these websites:

https://secularrecoverygroup.org   or   https://secularmeetings.com

If you want to share, use the "Participants" tab to raise your hand, and the Host will call on you - **you may have to manually unmute when called upon**. *For those using an iPhone, push * 9 to raise your hand*

At the top of the hour, the formal mtg with be over. We will stay open another 30 minutes for an informal meeting, during which time you can unmute yourself if you want to share.

The reading for today is: (then screen share)

(Reminder: for the host [not to read during introductory remarks]: just prior to the end of the one hour "formal meeting," repeat the 7th tradition contribution and where to contribute).