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**Secular Recovery Group**

Agenda for Group Conscience Meeting

February 17, 2021 5:00 PM EST

Location of Meeting - Zoom Video Conference

**Meeting Attendees** –Ana C., Bob R., Carol P., Courtney S., Dan W., Daran N., Gail L., Jay W., John M., Josh., Peter C., Peter F., Robin H., and Sara Y.

The seventh Group Conscience meeting of Secular Recovery Group was called to order at 5:08 PM EST on February 17, 2021 by Courtney S.

**Agenda for the February 17, 2021 meeting is as follows:**

* **Treasure report** – Peter C.
* **SRG Webinar update** – Bruce/Metronome
* **IT options and costs update** – Courtney S. (Amy B.)
* **Define the IGR's (similar to GSR's) service term for 2 positions** – Courtney S.
* **Nominate/elect new Secretary** - Carol
* **Do we need to Incorporate** – Courtney S.

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**Treasure report** – Peter C.

 

Peter reviewed the above expense report, reminding us that once we have this year’s expenses covered, and then a year’s reserve on top of that, we will need to decide how much and who we want to start donating to.

A few ideas did come up, but since we are not ready to donate, nothing was decided.

The things that were suggested for thoughts for later are, contributing to AA on-line – the OIAA Assembly, asking other groups like the Sober She Devils if they have any needs. Even the idea of offering a scholarship to someone who wants to attend the Secular AA conventions but do not have the means to do so. Paying another year of server fees to ensure the server stays up and intact if Courtney is unavailable.

**SRG Webinar update** – Bruce/Metronome

Bruce was unable to attend today’s meeting so he sent this message:

After doing a lot of investigating, I tracked down a telephone number for Jeff and I left a message for him re: whether he'd be willing to come speak to us. I also sent him an email at his website. I haven't heard back from him. I understand he has a Facebook page but I'm not on Facebook. If someone with access to Facebook would be willing to reach out to him, that would be great.

Courtney suggested we look to folks to suggest other speaker possibilities. Gail L. will reach out to the Sober She Devils for suggestions. The Group is also asked to suggest speakers as well. If you find someone is willing to speak, but doesn’t have a good time, they can pre-record their presentation and we could include that in any Webinar we have. If we do find a speaker, we are open to the date they are available to start putting our webinar together.

**IT options and costs update** – Courtney S.

Currently we ‘run our own show’ which is cost effective. After several months of trying to find someone in Secular AA who is very experienced to be a back up to Courtney, Courtney had to look at outside options per last month’s meeting.

The servers and website and all that goes with it, have constant updates.

Since the website and server have legal issues attached to them as far as ownership and access goes, Courtney will need to add a name or two to the contact list in the event he becomes unavailable, and questions need to be answered or a payment need to be made. Courtney says the back-up contact(s) do not have to be technically savvy.

The plans Courtney found are as follows:

1 hour of work would be $40 a month <-- Courtney thinks this would be the best option

2 hours of work would be $70 a month

3 hours of work would be $100 a month.

Then there is an option to have a flat fee for $75. Courtney is going to reconnect with this service to get more information.

The Group decided it would be best to have two back-up contacts. Since Peter C. already has the ability to make payments, it was agreed he would be one of the back-ups, leaving an opening for one other person.

**Define the IGR's -Inter Group Rep (similar to GSR's – General Service Rep.) service term for 2 positions** – Courtney S.

It took some doing to get our Group included with the OIAA. Being a part of the OIAA is it gives us a voice and we, our representative, would be able to vote on issues that come up including items such as the OIAA budget. As a voting member we can add the SRG Group Conscience to them as well. The representative passes on to the Group important information and updates.

Currently Courtney S. is our representative and Carol P is the back-up.

The ‘usual’ requirements to be an IGR are to have 2 continuous years of sobriety, although some groups only require one year, and be a member of the SRG. You would be added to the OIAA email list. Courtney thinks it would be great if we could continue to have a man and a woman to represent the SRG.

We will not need to elect new representatives for about another 6 months.

If you want more information, or have questions, it was suggested to contact the AA World Services and request a service manual, it covers everything in AA.

Ana C. wants to add her group to the OIAA and Courtney said he will add her to the OIAA. Carol P is to give Courtney Ana’s email addy. (As of this writing, Carol has send Courtney the email)

**Nominate/elect new Secretary** – Carol P.

As Carol is now currently actively looking for employment, we need to have a new secretary available in the event by the next meeting she is no longer available. Dan W. offered to step up. There were no other offers/nominations and the Group approved Dan to be the new Secretary when Carol becomes unavailable. Carol will let Dan know when/if she becomes employed.

**Do we need to Incorporate** – Courtney S.

Courtney suggested we start thinking about incorporating. Become a non-profit 501c for protection from any member of the SRG being sued. We are taking contributions that are not being reported to a government agency.

Courtney discussed what this entails, explaining that different states have different laws. Whatever state we choose, a member of the Group would have to live in that state.

Sites like Legal Zoom charge about $400. It would be another $400 to register with the IRS and this would be an annual fee.

Incorporating we would receive an EIN, Employer Identification Number, something that we need as a non-profit.

This is something he feels we need to seriously discuss at our next meeting. More investigation needs to be done.

**New Business:**

**Robin H.** missed last months meeting and had questions regarding the SRG preamble, which was discussed last month, and changes were approved. She felt it did not reflect the spirit of their group/meeting. Courtney explained that it is not something all Groups have to abide to. We put together a general SRG Script/Preamble more as a guide and uniformity. Not to force it on any one group that may want something different.

**Robin H.** also wanted guidance in changing the Tuesday night’s beginner meeting’s name. It appears another group has the same name and OIAA is asking her to offer another name to avoid confusion.

It was suggested that she and the other Host/Leaders of the group should decide on a new name and then let Courtney S. and Carol P. know so he can update his postings for Facebook. Gail L. will get their logo updated and have that sent to Courtney & Carol as well.

**Action Items:**

**Group** will continue to find and recommend possible speakers for our Webinar. **Gail L.** will reach out to the Sober She Devils for their suggestions.

**Courtney S.** will continue his research efforts regarding outside IT backup. He also will start the process of adding Peter C. as one of the backup contacts if the service is unable to contact Courtney.

**Courtney S**. will further his research regarding incorporating the SRG. The **Group** should also be looking into the most cost effect way to do this.

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Fearless Friday, 12:00pm ET – Need Host for next round of rotation beginning March

**Next SRG Group Conscience Meeting – March 17, 2021 @ 5:00pm EST**

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

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| 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.

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