12/15/2021; Group Conscience meeting (GC), SRG 5 PM EST

Host: Courtney S.

Guests: Bob R., Jorge Lc., Bruce D./St. Louis, Maria, Marty/HI, Peter/SF, Robert F., LiZa, John S. ,

Mike /Ecuador), and Dan W.

**We reviewed, discussed, and approved the minutes of November 2021**. No changes.

**Treasurer’s report**:

Courtney screen-shared the budget - he described each line item and their relevance to SRG and the budget. Bob R. is the co-Treasurer – Courtney will send him relevant information as needed; Peter F. will continue to be co-Treasurer. Peter asked if the co-Treasurers should have access to the PayPal account – Courtney will check with PayPal.

There have been regular contributions to SRG. There is a new item, “Audioship,” which is a fee for our YouTube channel and is $96.00 annually. Our yearly expense is $ $1,339.08, since adding Audioship (hence, our prudent reserve of $1300.00). In May 2021, our Montana bank account was closed. In June 2021, we switched our account to PayPal. Our PayPal Master Account balance as of today is $4189.07 (not counting our “prudent reserve”). Today’s balance minus prudent reserve and PayPal fee is $2,889.07, which is our operating budget. The **Group Conscience decision** was that disbursement of funds beyond the prudent reserve will be tabled to January 2022. OIAA serves as an area. We could give money directly to AA, and another % to online AA, to OIAA – we have lots of options.

We’ve made all our *annual* payments for this year.

**Old Business:**

1. **Chat**:

a**.** Hosts will continue announcinga “safety statement,” or putting in the chat, that “if anyone feels threatened or unsafe during the meeting or via chat, to contact the host or co-host for appropriate action.”

b. **Group Conscience agreed today** those attendees who click on resource links do so at their own risk.

**2. Group Conscience agreed today** that announcing of topics in advance of any individual meeting would be up to each individual host – so if the host wants to announce a topic for a given day on the SRG Face Book page, that individual host may do so - otherwise, no prior announcing of meeting topics.

**3.** Prevention of zoom bombers: The Sober She Devils have a “lobby” set up with two regular Sober She Devil members in the lobby who “vet” people either by audio or video ID *prior to being allowed to enter the formal meeting.* Courtney said it would be impractical to have two SRG attendees “sit in” the “lobby” for all the other SRG meetings, so for now the non-Sober She Devils SRG mtgs will allow known people into the meeting, and if a video is not enabled, the host or co-host will specifically ask the person to turn on video for ID, if the person doesn’t, that person will be put into the waiting room, at which point the co-host will talk directly with the person in the waiting room and ask the person to turn on video for ID and if the person refuses, the person is removed.

**4. Resources:** Dan continues compiling a list of recovery resources obtained from attendees’ posting in the chat (books, web sites, YouTube videos, podcasts, etc., recovery-related). Once the list is complete, Dan will email that list to Courtney for his final review. Once Courtney is satisfied the list is “safe” (i.e., free of spam-links), the list of resources will be emailed to all SRG home group members so that the list can be reviewed, assessed, and then be voted on at next Group Conscience meeting as to whether Courtney should post the list on the SRG web site. *There will be a disclaimer that the list of resources is not an SRG endorsement per se and is listed as adjuncts to recovery only, and that attendees who click on any links do so at their own risk.*

**5. IGR (Intergroup Representative) discussion**: SRG is a member of Online Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous (OIAA), which states that each AA group is authorized to have one IGR and one alternate IGR, with only the IGR having voting privileges. Courtney encouraged each SRG group to have its own IGR so that when voting occurs, the Secular AA community has more of a voice.

**6. Update Schedule for Hosts and Timers**

**Designated Hosts and Timekeepers**:

Sunday – Host: Marty B. - Timer: Mark S

Monday – Host: Bridget; Timer – Robert F

Tuesday – Men’s Meeting: Host: Courtney S. - Timer: Dan W

- Beginners Meeting - Hosts: Robin H and Gail. Timer: not necessary now

Wednesday – Host: Courtney S. - Timer: Mike (Ecuador)

Thursday – Host: Bob R. - Timer: Bruce D. (St. Louis)

Friday – Host: Dan W. - Timer: Maria beginning timer 12-17-2021

Saturday – Host: Jorge L - Timer: Robin H.

**Hosts**: We agreed more women and LGBTQ+ people are needed to be hosts. We will continue looking for more hosts.

**Specialty meetings**: Discussion ensued as to scheduling an LGBTQ+ meeting. **The Group Conscience agreed today** that hosts will announce at SRG meetings that SRG is looking for hosts/co-hosts for a new LGBTQ+ mtg, and any interested people to please attend the next Group Conscience meeting on January 19 to further discuss this.

**New Business:**

1. It was suggested adding an SRG meeting on Wednesdays at noon EST; **we ran out of   
 time to discuss this, so will be tabled till next Group Conscience meeting**.

Submitted in service

Dan W.