SRG Group Conscience meeting 2/15/2023

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Bob R., Peter F, Ron M., Robert F., Jane G., Jim F., Michele (Miami), Jana S., Bruce Dyvig

We reviewed the minutes of January 18, 2023 and approved them.

**Old Business:**

**1. New representatives needed:**

**a. to elect new OIAA rep.** Courtney is the primary (Bob R.) is the alternate – they have   
 been voting in OIAA.

**b. to elect new AA GSR rep.** Courtney is current GSR.

***Both will be tabled until next Group Conscience mtg.***

**2. Courtney continues looking for a backup IT person for the SRG website.** He said an IT person needs to able to: (1) respond to server side language inquiries; (2) be a “full stack web developer,” and (3) a member of AA. Courtney is still looking; there are people in AA who are fully capable of doing that, but none are members of our home group.

**3. Update Schedule for Hosts and Timers** – times in Eastern Standard Time, USA (meeting listing for Sober She Devils is on website, <https://secularrecoverygroup.org/sober-she-devils/> )

Sunday

(Secular on Sunday) – 1 PM: Host: Marty B.; Timer: Louise

Monday

(Speaker Monday) – noon: Host: Robert F.; Timer – Ron M

Tuesday

(Men’s Meeting)– noon: Host: Courtney S.; Timer: Dan W.

(Beginners Mtg) - 8 PM: Hosts: Robin H. and Jana S. are alternating hosts, looking   
 for a co-host and a timer; Gail L. will be substitute when she can)

Wednesday

(Wednesday IQ [Inspirational Quotes]) – noon: Host: Dan W.; Timer: Louise W.

Thursday

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

Friday

(Fearless Friday) – noon: Host: Dan W.; Timer: Maria T.

(Portuguese-speaking Secular mtg – 6a Feira Laico & Sobrio) - 7:30 PM Brazil time,   
 10:30 PM Portugal time, and 5:30 PM EST USA; Host: Ana C. and Ana Maria

Saturday

(Secular on Saturday) – 1 PM: Host: LiZa; Timer: Robin H. (alternate, Louise)

**4.** **SRG Event**: The Event Committee is comprised of Robert F., Peter F., and Robin H; said Event to be scheduled for Fall of 2023. Maria provided input to Robert and Peter. **Motion was made today to add Michele (Miami) to the Event Committee, all agreed. Courtney offered to generate a custom email to all members of the event committee.**

As of today, there has been 42 respondents to Courtney’s Survey Monkey on SRG website and Facebook page to assess interest from regular attendees.

Those wanting an in-person mtg: **Yes: 85.7 %**; No: 14.3 %

Month preferred:

September: 29.4 % (prime time hurricane season, so if in Miami, this is important)

**October: 64.7 %**

November: miniscule

Location: 19 submissions

**Miami , FL 58% 11 submission**

Charleston NC 42 % 8 submission

Setting:

**Destination hotel/resort: 17 people 77%**

Cruise: 5 people 23 %

Type of get together/meeting –of 21 respondents

Social only – 31 % yes,

Get together with speaker only – 28 % said yes,

**Get together with workshops/panels, etc.: - 41 %**

**Group Conscience Decisions today:** The Event Committee will meet virtually to discuss dates, which hotel, an agenda, etc. by the time of next Group Conscience meeting, so we can start taking reservations by March 2023. Need a general idea of attendance to proceed **–** committee to make these decisions and report back to Group Conscience – Courtney will keep Face Book and SRG website updated.

**5**. **SRG has been registered as an AA group with AA** General Service Office in New   
 York. SRG is registered as virtual group, AA Group # 431993; Area 73 (mainly West   
 Virginia; District 4). There are currently 2 (two) other virtual groups, one in western WA state,   
 Area 42, and one in NY, neither are secular. Courtney said that right now we are registered in   
 Area 73, mainly West Virginia, which isn’t the geographical location that most SRG members   
 identify. T**o be determined: if SRG will be assigned to a geographical virtual group.**

**6**. At the SRG business meeting in November 2022, the Group Conscience Decision was that SRG will   
 make a quarterly donation of $100.00 to AA GSO, and will review quarterly. (this is retained in the   
 minutes to ensure we do review this quarterly). Since we made the donation in November,   
 Courtney will make the donation in March 2023.

**7**. **Treasurer’s report**: Courtney and Bob discussed the budget. Courtney summarized as follows: The budget is not posted on the SRG website, consistent with majority of AA groups. SRG yearly operating expenses have increased - we need to increase our prudent reserve*.*

Our PayPal Master Account balance as of today is $ 7,414.93 (not counting our “prudent reserve”, which is $1300.00).

Our operating budget: today’s balance minus prudent reserve and PayPal fee is $ 6,114.93.

PayPal publishes all activities with its service. PayPal is our default “bank,” both Courtney and Bob have access to it. Bob is working with PayPal to streamline this process. The difficulty is that no bank will talk with our representatives unless we are incorporated, which is a whole other convoluted process and one we prefer not undergoing (other AA groups are having the same problem with banks).

A motion was made and seconded to increase the prudent reserve to $2,000.00.

**New Business**

**1. none**

Submitted in service

Dan W.