SRG Group Conscience meeting 10-18-2023

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Bob R., Peter – SF, Rich L., Jim F., Michelle, Patrick M., and Dan W.

The minutes of September 20, 2023 were read and approved.

**Old Business**:

1. **New representatives needed:**

a. elect new OIAA IGR rep. (Intergroup Rep) - Courtney is the primary; Bob R. is   
 alternate – they have been voting in OIAA. There has been no interest to date   
 from our members to participate as IGR, so Courtney and Bob will continue.

b. elect new AA GSR rep. **-** Courtney is current GSR. (per AA, the representative needs to   
 live where the group is registered, which is West Virginia, *so this is limiting factor   
 for now*). **Plan:** Courtney said that AA is discussing changing this policy and once   
 that is done, we can elect another AA GSR.

***Both will be tabled until next Group Conscience meeting; we will continue monthly listing these items as reminders.***

2. **Donation to AA GSO:** Per Group Conscience Decision, SRG will continue to donate $100.00 to   
 AA GSO each quarter. All SRG payments are recorded in the main PayPal ledger. SRG has   
 donated to Secular AA Online in past; they are not in need of donations now.

3. **Treasurer’s report**: The budget is not posted on the SRG website, consistent with   
 majority of AA groups. **SRG PayPal balance** today is $ 7,895.19 USD. Prudent Reserve   
 (PR) is $2,000.00 (how much it costs to run SRG website per year). Balance less PR:   
 $5,895.19; Projected final balance minus PR: ~ $7,000.00. Courtney presented a detailed   
 review of annual SRG expenses. SRG pays a fee of $7.99 monthly for “Audioship,” a service   
 that allows SRG to record speakers – we haven’t had any speakers for last several months, so   
 discussion ensued whether to continue paying this, or waiting until there is a speaker and we   
 want to record, then ensuring that the Audioship fee has been paid for that month. **Plan**:   
 Courtney will research options and let us know at next Group Conscience meeting. Forecast   
 expenses remaining in 2023: $100.00 to AA GSO in 4th quarter of this year, likely December.

4. **OIAA unrest continues** – Group Conscience Decision today was to continue holding off on   
 donations to OIAA until the unrest is resolved.

5. **Replacement IT person for Courtney**: Courtney said there is nothing new on this front – for   
 details, see minutes of last month.

**New Business**:

1. **Update Schedule for SRG Hosts and Timers** – times in Eastern Standard Time, USA

Sunday - 1 PM: Host: Marty B. (has requested that someone else assume role as host for   
 this meeting; no one at this business meeting expressed an interest in   
   
 hosting Sunday); Timer: Louise (Secular on Sunday) or Rich L; Bruce D   
 (St. Louis) will be timer alternate);

Monday – noon: Host: Jana S. – timer - Ron M (Speaker Monday)

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

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

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

- 5 PM – Group Conscience meeting – Host Courtney S.

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

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

Saturday – 1 PM: Host: Patrick; Timer: Rich L. (Secular on Saturday)

Sober She Devils **-** <https://sobershedevils.com>; or <https://secularrecoverygroup.org/sober-she-devils/>;

For people who identify as women, per <https://sobershedevils>

Various hosts and cohosts per meeting, which are:

Sunday 10 AM; Monday 9 PM.

2. Group Conscience Decision today was to donate another $100.00 to online Intergroup of AA, as   
 they list Secular AA meetings and the site is used regularly; this is our 2nd donation of   
 $100.00 in 2023.

3. A member expressed concern about recently being interrupted by a moderator, verbally, during the   
 member’s share; discussion ensued as to respecting other people while they are sharing; group   
 consensus was that interruptions can be done by moderators in “urgent” situations if someone is   
 feeling unsafe or threatened, as examples.

2. International Conference of Secular AA (ICSAA)

a. September 20 through 22, 2024. in Orlando, FL, **in-person.** Mikey is local Secular AA   
 person there who is organizing/coordinating events. **Can now register for this meeting** –  
 <https://www.aasecular.org/international-conference-of-secular-aa> . Registration fee is   
 $135.00; can also arrange hotel accommodation’s on that site. Will be at the Wyndham   
 Hotel adjacent to the airport, there is a shuttle between that hotel and the airport.

(1) During the ICSAA 2024 meeting: Members present agreed to arrange a dinner   
 meeting, ideally in a private room, for members of SRG during the international   
 meeting – Patrick will research local restaurants, prices for different size groups, etc.,   
 and report back at a future Group Conscience meeting.

Submitted in service

Dan W