SRG Group Conscience meeting 7-21-2024

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Bruce D. (St L), Michelle, Jim F., Ibby (VA), Jon H, Louise, Jack, Kelly, Jane, Rich L, John S,   
 Andrew K, Pritha, and Dan W.

The minutes from last month’s Group Conscience meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Old Business**:

1. **New representatives needed:**

a. OIAA IGR rep. (Intergroup Rep) - Courtney is the primary. There has been no interest   
 to date from our members to participate as IGR.

**No change:** Upheaval in OIAA continues - new leadership is making it difficult to   
 get secular meetings listed through their service. No motion was made during the   
 meeting to withdraw from OIAA.

b. **No change:** AA GSR rep. **-** Courtney is current GSR; GSR must attend the district   
 meeting twice yearly. Courtney hasn’t been attending, as District 4 has been intolerant   
 of Secular AA. Per AA, the GSR needs to live where the group is registered.

SRG is registered in West Virginia; *so this is limiting factor in attendance.* Once that   
 policy is changed, we can elect another Secular AA GSR attend district meetings. AA   
 has been struggling as to how to accommodate on-line AA meetings’ representation at   
 the GSR level. **Note**: GSRs cannot attend GSO meetings – only people who can attend   
 GSO meetings are AA trustees, AA delegates, or specially appointed AA officers.

2. **Replacement IT person for Courtney**:

(a) Courtney said - **nothing new on this front** – for details, see minutes of prior months.   
 *Will continue posting this in minutes as reminder*.

(b) Courtney wants to establish an SRG member as a “**legacy access**,” (a legal term) in event Courtney is incapacitated - the “legacy access” person can legally open the SRG website so that a “replacement/IT person” can use the current information/data on the website instead of “reinventing it.” Because SRG uses servers and is not *just* a website, the IT replacement person needs to “server site capable” and familiar with Linux OS and an SRG home group member. **Thus far, no one has come forward who has three those requirements. We will continue to monitor this**.

**New Business**:

1. **Treasurer’s report**:

The budget is not posted on the SRG website, consistent with majority of AA groups.

**SRG PayPal balance** **as of** **today is $9,650.46**

We reviewed expenses and revenue from June 16, 2024 to July 21, 2024.

**Payouts**:

* $ 9.99 – WP Media (Image Software Mo. Charges.)
* $ 24.99 – AI Monthly Payment (Reimburse Courtney)
* Forecast: annual Server Admin Panel Renewal fee $1139.88 as of now, due 7-25-2024 $1139.88 **(this month). Courtney will pay this.**

Prudent Reserve (PR) is $2,000.00 (how much it costs to run SRG website per year- this   
 may need to increase later this year as some fees have increased).

**Balance less PR**: **$7, 650.46**

1. **New Treasurer: Jim F (Tx)** – Courtney will email with Jim to coordinate facilitation of Jim   
    and PayPal so PayPal recognizes new treasurer.
2. **Update Schedule for SRG Hosts and Timers** – all times in Eastern Standard Time, USA

Sunday - 1 PM: Host: Courtney S, Co-Host: Dan W, Timer: Kelly.

Monday – noon: Host: Courtney (he is asking for volunteers to be replacement for him).   
 Michelle is alternate host and timer.

Tuesday - noon: Host: Rich L.; co-host and Timer: Dan W. (Men’s Meeting)

- 8 PM: Hosts: Robin H. and Kiefer C. Gail L. will be alternate host when she is   
 available; This is the “Beginners meeting,” they are now reading from   
 the book “Staying Sober Without God (The Practical 12 Steps to Long-  
 Term Recovery from Alcoholism & Addictions)”, by Jeffrey Munn,   
 LMFT, 2019 - unless there are new people there, in which case it is a   
 first step meeting.

Wednesday - noon: Host: Dan W.; Timer: Louise W.

(Wednesday IQ [Inspirational Quotes]);

Thursday – noon: Host: Ibby, who renamed mtg “Topics On Thursday; co-host Dan;   
 Timer: Bruce D.

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

Except on July 26, when Ibby will be the host (Dan will be out of town)

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

Except July 27, when Courtney will be the host (Rich will be out of town)

Sober She Devils **-** <https://sobershedevils.com>; or [https://srgrecovery.org/sober-she-  
 devils](https://srgrecovery.org/sober-she-%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20%20devils) *;*  For people who identify as women; Various hosts/cohosts per   
 meeting, which are: Sunday 10 AM; Monday 9 PM.

1. **AI Help Bot**:

We agreed to review this today – Michelle (Miami) said she was called recently by a person trying to stay sober who had suicidal ideation - Michelle ultimately referred her to SRG website for the AI help bot, which was able to help the person. She recommended we continue this for another 6 months, then reassess - **Group Conscience Decision today was** that we would continue the AI Help Bot and then reassess in 6 months.

1. **Group Conscious meeting Day/Time**: it is now the 3rd Sunday at 2:30 PM EST,   
    immediately following the 1 PM SRG meeting. There were many more people who   
    attended today than prior this rescheduled time.
2. **ICSAA**: International Conference of Secular AA – Sept 20 to 22, 2024: **4**-Star DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at the Entrance to Universal Orlando. At <https://srgrecovery.org/events/> you can register and access the hotel website for reservations.
3. Rich L said there has not been much interest in a dinner being arranged for SRG members during ICSAA. He proposed a nice polo T-shirt with the SRG emblem over the left breast pocket area, and there seems to be interest for that.

We will continue discussing this at future meetings.

1. **Donations**:

a. current SRG donations:

- **AA** **GSO**($100 per quarter – will continue this). All SRG payments are recorded   
 in the main PayPal ledger.

- **ICSSA mtg** ($100 per quarter – will continue this)

- **Secular AA** – ($100 per quarter – will continue this).

1. Hosts/moderators are reminded that **if there is a newcomer** at an SRG meeting, whatever topic was originally planned for the meeting will be postponed and the meeting will switch to a first step meeting. Links will also be provided to the newcomer as to SRG Beginners’ mtg on Tuesday and to worldwide newcomers Secular AA meetings.
2. **To post information/recovery articles/recovery musings on our website blog**, go to <https://srgrecovery.org>, under tab at top of page “contact us,” that will open to a page that lists the “SRG Service Group Contacts” on the right side of page, and on left side of page is “Contact Secular Recovery Group Webmaster” and complete that form, once submitted, Courtney will review and if vetted, will be formatted to fit the website blog.
3. **New items**:
4. A member asked if the 4 minute time limit can be removed when meetings are attended by less than a certain number of people, so people could share for a longer period of time. Several other members noted that in the last four years this is not been a significant problem, so we will table this for now and continue to be aware of it.
5. Another member said that in that person’s opinion, some moderators/hosts talk too much between other people’s shares; those hosts present agreed to be more aware of that and make changes if indicated.
6. Another member recommended that a note be added in the SRG preamble welcoming any newcomers who may be there - she said that she felt welcomed when that was the case with her. Rich already does this in his preamble on Saturdays, and Dan said he would consider and likely do so on the meetings in which he hosts. Discussion ensued that hosts are given leeway in terms of how they facilitate the SRG meetings, provided it is in accordance with prior SRG parameters.

Submitted in service,

Dan W.