SRG Business Meeting 4/21/2021

**Attendees**:

Host: Courtney S

Guests: Gail L; Peter C, Peter F, Bruce (MetroGnome), Sara Y, Jorge, Jane, and Dan W.

**Treasurer’s report** (Peter – Montana and Peter - San Francisco):

Peter C presented the current budget – it was reviewed and approved

- Peter suggested and group agreed that our group will hold off on disbursing excess funds for a   
 future business mtg.

**Old business**

**1. Intergroup Representative (IGR)**

a. correction to the minutes of the last business mtg – it isn’t “IRG” but “IGR” for Intergroup Representative.

b. Courtney is now our IGR; we need to elect an alternate IGR for SRG (note: the alternate IGR only votes if the   
 IGR isn’t there);

(1) responsibilities of the IGR: IGR must attend one group conscience meeting per month and present   
 report from OIAA to the group; IGR must pay attention regularly to the mailing list of the OIAA   
 and bring those topics to the monthly group conscience meeting – and then report that group   
 conscience decision to the OIAA (IGR is the liaison between the home group and the OIAA)

(2) parameters to be met to be considered for an IGR: an SRG member who has served as homegroup   
 member for at least one year and who is committed to the group.

c. Courtney would like our whole SRG to vote for an IGR for each individual SRG mtg; so, each Sober She-  
 Devils meeting needs an IRG; the Sober Tuesday SRG meeting needs an IRG, the Wednesday SRG   
 meeting , etc., each SRG mtg needs its own IGR.

d. Courtney said he eventually wants one entity of SRG to be just and only Wednesday SRG, he wants each SRG   
 meeting of the week to be its own entity (and then each would have its own IGR)

e. Per the OIAA, there is on-going discussion about re-writing the Big Book, and so IGRs will have an   
 opportunity for input

**2. Webinar with Jeffrey Munn, LMFT** (author of the book: “Staying Sober Without God”): Bruce   
 (MetroGnome) has emailed several times to Jeff, and hasn’t gotten a response. Bruce presented the draft   
 Facebook message to Jeff, and as Bruce isn’t active on Facebook, he asked one of the attendees use her/his own   
 personal Facebook account to message Jeff Munn with that message and ask him to respond, since Jeff   
 already agreed to present, regarding logistics. Gail offered to use her Facebook account to Facebook   
 message Jeff on behalf of Bruce. We talked about an alternate speaker, Dr. Ray Baker,   
 addictionologist from Canada, if Jeffrey Munn unable for our webinar.

Once the logistics are confirmed with Jeff, the information will be posted on the SRG websites; in the   
 interim, the information will be announced at SRG meetings.

(Note from Secretary: several hours after the group conscience meeting today, Bruce and Gail notified   
 me that Jeffrey Munn confirmed that he would present material related to his book, Staying Sober   
 Without God, on Saturday, May 29th at 10:00 AM, format to be determined (either a 60 or 90 minute   
 presentation, with some question and answer time included). Bruce provided Jeff the online zoom link   
 to the mtg and will contact him with additional logistics/details as the event day approaches. Jeff does   
 not charge a fee for his presentations at AA meetings. It is yet to be determined whether Jeff will allow   
 us to record his presentation and Q&A time (he has previously allowed himself to be recorded so there is   
 a precedent for that).

**3**. **Incorporation:** Courtney wants to table incorporation till he is clearer about what IRS wants, and needs more research   
 possible costs of incorporation and will present at a group conscience meeting at a later time.

**4**. **IT backup for Courtney**: the people whom Dan provided to Courtney were not in recovery; we talked about the   
possibility that we may not find a person in recovery who also has the IT skills necessary. Courtney said there are services that provide IT management, though they are often costly. He said that the SRG has two WordPress websites ([www.secularrecoverygroup.org](http://www.secularrecoverygroup.org) and [www.secularmeetings.com](http://www.secularmeetings.com)), which need to be run, updated, and backed up regularly, often daily, and said the back-up person would need to do “server-side work, and know WHM, C-panel, and Enginex.” Dan offered to contact a computer expert he knows to see if that person is skilled in the services needed and who may be interested in providing IT backup for Courtney; also need to find out if that person needs a retainer, so that if Courtney abruptly is unable to provide IT work, could we call the backup IT person and would that person be “ready to go immediately.” Dan will report back to Courtney after finding out.

Courtney said that the IT folks at AA are not interested in doing the IT work we need done on our two websites.

**New Business**:

1. At some point, Courtney would like SRG to provide input to the SRG newsletter to add in our group conscience meeting minutes. Right now there are at least 1600 people who have opted in to receive an email of the SRG newsletter.

2. Some attendees had questions about the functioning of the OIAA – Courtney suggested we visit the OIAA website to find out more about their service structure and information about OIAA and Secular AA mtgs. There is also a new members section of OIAA, including a committee members and by-laws ; so when Courtney has a question, he goes to the OIAA committee member who is in charge of that information. For ex: if we want to change a meeting schedule or time, would go to that OIAA website and request change and hope it is approved – Courtney said that this is a new entity so they are sorting out how they are doing the business of the OIAA.

3. Another option to learn the business functioning of AA is to read the AA service manual at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Courtney reiterated that the Secular Recovery Group deals with the OIAA, not the main AA office in New York.

4. It was agreed that Dan would keep on file the list of hosts and substitute hosts and their email addresses, which are not to be given out to anyone except upon request from home group members.

Being no further business, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Wolf