2/16/2022; Group Conscience meeting (GC), SRG 5 PM EST

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Peter F, Clyde F, Bruce D (St Louis), Kara F, Ken, Mike (Ecuador), Bridget M, Ana M, Dan W

**We reviewed, discussed, and approved the minutes of January 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. and Peter F. are the co-Treasurers. The budget is not posted on the SRG website, consistent with majority of AA groups. There have been regular contributions to SRG. Our yearly expense is $ $1,339.08 (hence, our prudent reserve of $1,300.00). Our PayPal Master Account balance as of today is $5050.89 (not counting our “prudent reserve”). Today’s balance minus prudent reserve and PayPal fee is $3,750.89, which is our operating budget. PayPal allows only one person to have access to each PayPal account, so only Courtney can access that account. PayPal publishes all activities with its service. Courtney has been providing Bob R. a monthly report of PayPal activity with SRG to enhance transparency and accountability of SRG finances.

**Old Business:**

**1. Resources:** Dan will email a list of chat resources (websites, Podcasts, books, etc.) to Courtney for his review –Once Courtney is satisfied the list is “safe” (i.e., free of spam-links), the list 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.*

**2. 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 L (co-host is the Timer)

Wednesday – Host: Courtney S. - Timer: Mike H

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

Friday – Host: Dan W - Timer: Maria T

Saturday – Host: Jorge L - Timer: Robin H

3. **2022 SRG Event**: We talked about hosting a webinar event in the next several months, similar to the Jeffrey Munn, LMFT, event in May 2021. Options include having a guest speaker(s) or a “round table” panel of speakers. SRG members are encouraged to bring suggestions to next Group Conscience meeting as to potential speakers. Courtney said SRG can pay Zoom a one-time fee for a larger room, instead of being limited to 100, as we were for our last web event. Kara offered to be the Chairperson of the Event Committee – she asks that any SRG attendee interested in being on the committee to contact Kara directly at [kara@secularrecoverygroup.org](mailto:kara@secularrecoverygroup.org). Kara will bring information to the next Group Conscience meeting.

4. **Disbursement of funds beyond the prudent reserve:** Group Conscience Decision was to table this to March Group Conscience meeting as we do not have clear guidance on this.

5. **Specialty meetings**: LGBTQ+ meeting or other special interest meetings: Discussion continues. People interested in being a host or co-host for such meetings, please come to the next Group Conscience meeting (monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at 5 PM EST) and/or post your contact information in meeting chat for the host and/or cohost to contact you.

6. **Adding a regular SRG meeting on Wednesdays at noon EST**: Kara committed to be a co-host; we are looking for an SRG attendee to commit to being a host. Discussion to be continued.

**New Business:**

1. **FLoC Protection added to SRG website**. FLoC (Federated Learning of Cohorts): Google has added FLoC to their website, which means that for anyone who uses Google or Chrome, FLOC tracks from what website a person came, and to which website the person goes after leaving Google or Chrome. In Chrome, it can be opted-out. To be on the safe side, Courtney added a “FLoC blocker” to SRG website to protect anonymity.

2. **Zoom issues**:

(a) movement in a person’s background: besides being distracting to others, can cause seizures. Discussion ensued as to how to handle this. Meeting hosts and cohosts will get an email from Courtney as to how to contact the person to change the background.

(b) people smoking on camera: this can be triggering to attendees who are trying to stop smoking - the Group Conscience decision was to table discussion to the next Group Conscience meeting.

Submitted in service

Dan W.