4/20/2022; Group Conscience meeting (GC), SRG 5 PM EST

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Bob R, Robert F, Ron M, Peter F, Bruce D (Seattle), Bruce D (St. Louis), Marc F, Jane G, Jorge Lc,

Brijet M, Mike (Ecuador) and Dan W.

**We reviewed, discussed, and approved the minutes of March 2022**. No changes.

**Treasurer’s report**:

Courtney screen-shared 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 PayPal Master Account balance as of today is $5228.22.35 (not counting our “prudent reserve”). Today’s balance minus prudent reserve and PayPal fee is $3928.22, which is our operating budget. PayPal publishes all activities with its service. Courtney provides Bob R. a monthly report of PayPal activity with SRG to enhance transparency and accountability of SRG finances. **Discussion ensued as to our PayPal account, so that Courtney isn’t the name on the account. Bob R will look into this further.**

**Old Business:**

**1. Resources:** Dan continues compiling a list of SRG chat resources (websites, Podcasts, books, etc.) and once complete, will forward 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 – 1 PM EST - Host: Marty B.; Timer: Louise

Monday – noon EST - Host: Bridget; Timer – Robert F.

Tuesday – noon EST Men’s Meeting: Host: Courtney S.; Timer: Dan W

- 8 PM Beginners Meeting - Hosts: Robin H and Gail L (co-host is the Timer)

Wednesday – noon EST - Host: Kara F; Timer: Louise or other volunteer at the time

- 7 PM EST Host: Courtney S. - Timer: Mike H

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

Friday – noon EST Host: Dan W.; Timer: Maria T.

Saturday – 1 PM EST Host: Jorge L.; Timer: Robin H

3. **Specialty meetings**: LGBTQ+ meeting or other special interest meetings: SRG is awaiting interested people to commit to being a host or co-host for such meetings - please attend next Group Conscience meeting (monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at 5 PM EST) and/or post your contact information in any SRG meeting chat so the meeting cohost can contact you.

4. **Chat settings**: since last Group Conscience meeting, security settings are “chat for hosts and cohosts only” for the first 45 minutes, then chat is open to all. This has been a smooth transition.

5. **Zoom issues**:

(a) when host sees problematic backgrounds of attendees, host directly chats with that attendee to modify; if continues to be problematic, attendees is either warned or removed

(b) people smoking on camera: this can be triggering to attendees who are trying to stop smoking – if this is distracting or of concern to attendees, either attendee(s) or host/cohost can ask smoker(s) to turn off video temporarily while smoking or vaping.

(c) Zoom bombers: Courtney and other hosts/cohosts continue careful monitoring to keep meetings safe.

6. **Disbursement of funds beyond the prudent reserve:** Worldwide secular.com refused Courtney’s offer of donation, and they suggested instead we donate to the traditional AA Intergroup in Cleveland; however, since that is not secular, Courtney withdrew the offer. Courtneysent $100.00 to[www.secularrecovery.online](http://www.secularrecovery.online). **Motion was made to giving a one-time $100.00 donation to ICSAA (International Conference of Secular AA), seconded it and motion was passed, Courtney said he would contact them and ascertain their future needs so we can be prepared to donate more.** The next ICSAA is in Bethesda, Maryland, and is October 28 to 30, 2022 at the Hyatt.

7. **2022 SRG Event**: **Group Conscience Decision was to formally ask Dr. Baker to be the presenter. Dr. Ray Baker had tentatively agreed to present on “Lifestyle Recovery” (includes Recovery Capital, social connection, lifestyle medicine, community reinforcement, and positive psychology), provided Group Conscience Decision agreed. As Dr. Baker does not ask for an honorarium, Courtney suggested that Dr. Baker be asked if he wants SRG to donate money to his home group or something personally related to him in recovery – Dan will ask Dr. Baker. Dan will ask Dr. Baker for a head shot and bio for advertising purposes.** We are aiming for 2 (two) hour event, a 75-minute speaker with 15 – 20-minute Q&A; a moderator; chat questions go to host only so not distracting for attendees; for Q&A session, moderator will ask questions sent by attendees. **The date is Saturday, May 21, at 1 PM EST.** Courtney will post the webinar event details on SRG website, and hosts are encouraged to announce it at each meeting. SRG attendees were encouraged to announce at non-SRG meetings as well.

Submitted in service

Dan W.