10/19/2022; Group Conscience meeting (GC), SRG 5 PM EST

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Bob R., Jorge Lc, Bruce D. (St Louis), Peter – SF, Robert F., Jane G., Jim F. and Dan W.

We reviewed the minutes of group conscience meeting from September 21 and approved them.

**Old Business:**

**1. Maria had a new topic for last month’s meeting;** however, we had insufficient time to address it, so we tabled it for today. Sober She Devils (SSD) has an amateur videographer who creates a milestones video that SSD shows the last Sunday and Monday of each month. SSD purchased a one month trial for 16.99 CAD and wants to purchase the annual app access for 149.99 CAD for a total reimbursement request of $166.98 CAD. Group Conscience Decision was that SRG would reimburse it.

**2. Update Schedule for Hosts and Timers**

**Designated Hosts and Timekeepers**: all time in EST

Sunday – 1 PM: Host: Marty B.; Timer: Louise (Secular Sunday)

Monday – noon: Host: Bridget M.; Timer – Robert F. (SRG speaker mtg)

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

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

Wednesday – noon: Dan W.; Timer: Louise W. (IQ Wednesday)

- 7 PM: Host: Courtney S. - Timer: Mike H or Courtney (SRG Homegroup)

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

- 8 PM Brazil (7 PM EST USA): Host: Ana B. and Ana Maria

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

Saturday – 1 PM: Host: Jorge L.; Timer: Robin H. (Secular on Saturday)

Jorge said he cannot do host Saturdays in the next 3 to 4 weeks; he will let the other hosts and cohosts know so someone can host on those Saturdays.

**3.** **SRG Event**: we have talked the last several meetings about hosting an educational event, topic likely: “Adoption/Relinquished Children in the Recovery Community;” with a suggested speaker: David B. Bohl – author of “Parallel Universe;” or possibly Dr. Gabor Mate’s ideas on primary causation of alcoholism; and another speaker was recommended to be considered, Dr. Bessel van der Kolk, an expert on trauma and recovery. As no volunteer has come forth to be the chairperson of a planning committee for this event, this topic was tabled until the next meeting or until a volunteer emerges.

**4**. **SRG has been registered as an AA group with AA GSO** (General Service Office in New York). SRG is now registered as virtual group, AA Group # 431993; Area 73 (which is mainly West Virginia) There are currently 2 (two) other virtual groups, one in western Washington, Area 42, and one in NY.

**5**. **Courtney said due to personal/family issues which are still emerging, he needs to significantly reduce his responsibilities for and within SRG**. In particular, he said SRG needs a webmaster perhaps with his skills, but possibly not as extensive. He said it may be more cost-effective for SRG to do “WordPress” hosting rather than the way we have been doing it. Peter (SF) and Jim F (TX) offered to assist in this process, each of them knows a person very skilled in IT, Robert F. will also check around. Courtney said SRG is now on a Linux server, so will need to change the server, as well as backup systems, new banking system, credit card to pay monthly or annually, etc. Robert F. said he would set up a virtual meeting(s) with Courtney and sort out which minimum skills a replacement IT person would need. Courtney said his replacement should be a member of AA.

**6**. **Treasurer’s report**: discussion ensued as to ways of consolidating the treasurers report that is more sustained; this decision was deferred to Bob R. Courtney screen-shared the budget. The budget is not posted on the SRG website, consistent with majority of AA groups. Courtney reviewed the pertinent items. There is a new charge, the “CDN” annual fee, which is now $75.35. There have been regular contributions to SRG. Yearly expenses: $1,345.82. Our PayPal Master Account balance as of today is $6568.91 (not counting our “prudent reserve”, which is $1300.00). Today’s balance minus prudent reserve and PayPal fee is $5,268.91, which is our operating budget. PayPal publishes all activities with its service. PayPal will not allow more than one name per account.

**New Business**

**1**. Bob R, co-Treas., needs a new tax ID number for an SRG and is trying to find out if he can open an account without a tax ID #. Courtney suggested checking AA guidelines for setting up an EIN (it’s an online form). Once Bob has an account, Courtney will send him the pertinent information for transfer. If Bob cannot be treasurer, SRG will need a new treasurer. Courtney wants the SRG account out of his personal name and under SRG. We will also need one or two signature cards, which can also be done online.

**2. SRG is now presenting itself to AA as one group, so will be one GSR and one alternate GSR.** (Dan W’s understanding was that SRG being 12 separate meetings was confusing to AA service structures). Courtney is our GSR but that needs to change in the next month or so. Then we will need to re-register the district/area with AA, where the new SRG resides, as voting in district/area needs to be in-person. Currently SRG is set up as Area 73, which is mainly West Virginia. Courtney is unable to vote in person, so the designated area for SRG virtual meeting needs to be changed.

**3. Bridget, who has been arranging AA speakers for the Monday SRG speaker meetings, agreed to do so for one year service.** That one year has been reached, and she told Courtney that she would like someone to replace her.

**4.** Courtney is unable to host the home group meeting on Wednesdays and if he is unable to find a replacement, that meeting will need to be closed down. Jorge said he can do it on October 28 only.

**5.** **People talking before the formal meeting starts**: this was discussed at length at last month’s meeting. Many ideas were discussed, including adding a graphic at the beginning of each meeting that states “the meeting will start at the top of the hour and in the meantime, there will be pre-meeting talking in which anyone can participate.” We agreed to table a final decision that until the next meeting in October; however, we had insufficient time to address that today and so will be tabled until next month.

Submitted in service

Dan W.