11/16/2022; Group Conscience meeting (GC), SRG 5 PM EST

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Bob R., Peter – SF, Robert F., Ana Maria, Ana C., Bridget, Todd F., Bruce D (St. Louis), Ron M.,
 Salem, Jorge Lc, John S., and Dan W.

We reviewed the minutes of October 21, 2022 and approved them.

**Old Business:**

**1. People talking before the formal meeting starts**: this was discussed at length at September’s mtg. ***Group Conscience Decision today was that this will be left up to each individual host as to how each host wants to handle 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)

 Bridget will be leaving this service position by the new year; ***Robert F
 (Idaho) has offered to host that meeting beginning January 2023, Ron
 M. offered to be the timer – all agreed.***

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

 - 8 PM: Hosts: Robin H. and Gail L. (co-host is the Timer; Yana has also been
 working with the hosts) (Beginners Mtg)

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

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

 - 6 PM Brazil time, 9 PM Portugal time, and 4 PM EST USA:

 Host: Ana C. 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 is looking for a replacement host for Saturday meetings.

**LiZa offered to assume hosting Saturday meetings for one year
 beginning 11/19/2022**

**3.** **SRG Event**: we have talked the last several meetings about hosting an educational event, topics to be considered include: “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. ***Courtney asked as to whether SRG “does or doesn’t” want to host/sponsor this kind of event.*** Courtney anticipates between 50 – 100 attendees. Discussion ensued as to perhaps a Survey Monkey of 8 to 10 questions on SRG Face Book page asking for volunteers; besides topic, to be decided includes: where it is a regional mtg, virtual, in-person, and/or hybrid. Will need a chairperson (or co-chairpersons), and a committee. Logistical parameters include location, hotel, ease of transportation between airport and hotel (and venue, if not in the hotel), affordability, etc. **Action:**  Robert F. offered to be the Head of an exploratory committee to ascertain viability of such an event. Peter F. offered to be on the exploratory committee. Courtney offered to post pertinent questions, after input from the exploratory committee, for a Survey Monkey to assess interest from SRG attendees.

**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, neither are secular. Courtney has been in contact with them to see if they have had any motions put before the general service committee.

**5**. **As Courtney has reduced his responsibilities for and within SRG, we discussed last month whether another person could assume Courtney’s IT duties.** Jim F. (Tx) checked with a person whom he knew had IT skills- and Jim informed Courtney that that IT person wasn’t interested. Courtney is awaiting feedback from the other SRG member who said they would “ask around” some people whom they know had IT skills which could be enough. Per last month’s meeting, Robert F. said he would set up a virtual meeting(s) with Courtney and sort out which minimum skills a IT person would need. Courtney said his replacement should be a member of AA, know how to do “server side,” and run a website; Courtney said SRG needs a “full stack web developer.” More will be revealed.

**6**. **Treasurer’s report**: 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 have been regular contributions to SRG. *SRG yearly operating expenses have increased to $1,402.72, so we may need to increase our prudent reserve.* Our PayPal Master Account balance as of today is $6,478.61 (not counting our “prudent reserve”, which is $1300.00). Today’s balance minus prudent reserve and PayPal fee is $5,176.61 which is our operating budget. PayPal publishes all activities with its service.

**7. SRG prefers we have our own bank account**. Presently, it is PayPal; however, PayPal will not allow more than one name per account. In order to have our own bank account, banks are requiring an incorporation status or at minimum a tax ID#, or EIN. In order to have that, would need to give IRS accountability information (which breaks anonymity, as name, address, and other identifying information to the IRS and possibly the public). Another option is registering as a non-profit incorporation 501-3C. Right now Courtney is the only one who can get in and out of the SRG account. *Members offered to research this further and report back at next meeting.*

**New Business**

 **1**. Since we are now a group of traditional AA, Courtney recommended a quarterly donation of $100.00. ***Motion was made to pay $100.oo for 4th quarter to AA GSO, then to be reviewed quarterly. Discussion ensued and Group Conscience Decision was approval.***

**2. Will need to elect new OIAA rep; Bob remains the alternate AA, beginning January 2023.** *Courtney and Bob have been voting in OIAA.* ***This will be tabled until next Group Conscience mtg.***

 Submitted in service

 Dan W.