SRG Group Conscience meeting 1-18-2023

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Bob R., Jorge Lc, Peter F., Ana Maria, Ana C., Clyde F., Bruce D (St. L), Maria T., Michelle (Miami), Ron E., and Dan W.

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

**Old Business:**

**1. New representatives needed:**

**a. to elect new OIAA rep.** Courtney is the primary (Bob R.) is the alternate – they have   
 been voting in OIAA.

**b. to elect new AA GSR rep.** Courtney is current GSR.

***Both will be tabled until next Group Conscience mtg.***

**2. Courtney continues looking for a backup IT person for the SRG website.** He said an IT person needs to able to: (1) respond to server side language inquiries; (2) be a “full stack web developer,” and (3) a member of AA.

**3. Update Schedule for Hosts and Timers** – times in Eastern Standard Time, USA (meeting listing for Sober She Devils is on website, <https://secularrecoverygroup.org/sober-she-devils/> )

Sunday

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

Monday

(Speaker Monday) – noon: Host: Robert F.; Timer – Ron M

Tuesday

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

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

has also been working with the hosts)

Wednesday

(Wednesday IQ [Inspirational Quotes]) – noon: Host: Dan W.; Timer: Louise W.

Thursday

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

Friday

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

(Portuguese-speaking Secular mtg – 6a Feira Laico & Sobrio) - 7:30 PM Brazil time,   
 10:30 PM Portugal time, and 5:30 PM EST USA; Host: Ana C. and Ana Maria

Saturday

(Secular on Saturday) – 1 PM: Host: LiZa; Timer: Robin H. (alternate, Louise)

Robert F and LiZa can’t sign as hosts yet, Courtney will address that with them to provide host codes for starting the meetings

**3.** **SRG Event**: The Event Committee is comprised of Robert F., Peter F., and Robin H; said Event to be scheduled for Fall of 2023. At our Group Conscience meeting last month, we discussed options. Courtney posted a Survey Monkey on SRG website and Facebook page to assess interest from regular attendees. So far, only 17 people have responded to the Survey. **Peter recommended hosts make announcement daily for the next 2 weeks to encourage more people to complete the survey**. **Peter** recommended the following wording for consistency: “if you are a regular attendee at SRG meetings and would like to participate physically with other SRG people, we have a survey on our website, please complete promptly.”

**Results of survey as of 1-18-2023: (not all respondents answered each question):**

**Whether to meet**: of the 15 who answered:

60% said yes;

26% said maybe;

13% said no.

**Time of year**: of the13 who answered

76% said October;

24% said September

**Location**: of the 14 who answered;   
 18% (3 people each), for San Francisco and Seattle and Charleston;

6 % (1 person); Miami

12% (2 people): New Orleans   
 6% (1 person): Chicago

**Who wants to go on a Caribbean cruise:** of the 16 respondents:

31% said yes

69% said no

**Type of mtg –** of 12 respondents

social only – 75 % yes, 25% no

workshops, panels, and speakers – 91% said yes,

speaker mtg – 100%

**Additional feedback**: 5 submissions:

1. “Allergic to airports – would like to drive to Seattle”

2. “Requested 2 day cruise in October”

3. “Whatever works for majority”

4. “Pick a US location with substantial recovery commuting Columbus, Ohio is one, I’m sure   
 there are others” and

5. “Let’s do this.”

**Per the survey results thus far:**

If meeting on land: 3 possible cites: San Francisco, Seattle, or Charleston;

If cruise: Miami area

Peter recommended against San Francisco due to cost; he suggested Seattle might be more cost-  
 favorable, and could take a cruise on Lake Washington; Dan said that Seattle may   
 not be any more cost-favorable than San Francisco – also, Seattle makes it very unlikely our   
 European SRG members would attend

**Group Conscience Decisions today:** Courtney will revise/“fine-tune” the survey and repost it our own website within the next day or two. Survey to include, specifically:

**1. Location: does each respondent prefer one of the two:**

**a.** a cruise :likely 3 nights, 2 days: out of Miami; **OR**

**b.** in a hotel:  **3 choices:** Charleston, New Orleans, and Miami [Miami is frequent

destination for Europeans])

**2. Time of year: 3 options: September, October, or November 2023**

**3. Event title: draft: “**Secular AA and Sober She Devils,” (possibly add AA)

**4.** **All hosts to announce at SRG meetings for the next 2 weeks, encourage attendees   
 interested in a person-to-person meeting to complete the survey on SRG website**

Peter **made a motion** to include AA, SRG and Sober She Devils for the Secular 2023   
 Event, and for someone to contact all hosts to go to website and take the survey and announce   
 to each meeting; Courtney said he will do that. Bob seconded the motion. So moved.

**4**. **SRG has been registered as an AA group with AA** General Service Office in New   
 York. SRG is registered as virtual group, AA Group # 431993; Area 73 (mainly West   
 Virginia) There are currently 2 (two) other virtual groups, one in western WA state, Area   
 42, and one in NY, neither are secular. **Still to be determined: if SRG will be assigned   
 to a geographical virtual group.**

**5**. At the SRG business meeting in November 2022, the Group Conscience Decision was that SRG will   
 make a quarterly donation of $100.00 to AA GSO, and will review quarterly. (this is retained in the   
 minutes to ensure we do review this quarterly).

**6**. **Treasurer’s report**: Bob R. reviewed the budget. The budget is not posted on the SRG website, consistent with majority of AA groups. Bob reviewed the pertinent items and explained additions. There have been regular contributions to SRG. SRG yearly operating expenses have increased to $1,402.72, we may need to increase our prudent reserve*.* Our PayPal Master Account balance as of today is $ 7,156.09 (not counting our “prudent reserve”, which is $1300.00). Today’s balance minus prudent reserve and PayPal fee is $ 5,856.09 which is our operating budget. PayPal publishes all activities with its service. PayPal is our default “bank,” both Courtney and Bob have access to it. Bob is working to PayPal to streamline this process.

**New Business**

**1.** there have been glitches in attendees getting into some SRG meetings, including today.   
 Courtney said for an unknown reason, two Wednesdays meetings at noon EST were listed on   
 our website, even though he changed that 6 weeks ago – only one of those two meetings   
 allowed entry to the meeting today. Bob R. informed Courtney of that Courtney changed SRG   
 website to list only one meeting at noon on Wednesday, just prior to the beginning of this   
 meeting. Zoom is behaving erratically lately and he will look again at “fine-tuning” the SRG   
 portion to the degree that Zoom allows him to do so.

Submitted in service

Dan W.