SRG Group Conscience meeting 12-21-2022

12/21/2022; Group Conscience meeting (GC), SRG 5 PM EST

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Bob R., Peter – SF, Gail L., Ron M., Dorothy H., Robert F., Bruce D (St. Louis), Bruce D (Seattle), Jorge Lc, Maria, Robin H., Tim (Albany NY), Yana S., Jane G., Shane H., and Dan W.

We reviewed the minutes of November 16, 2022 and approved them.

**Old Business:**

**1. 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.***

**2. Courtney needs to significantly reduce his admin responsibilities – at minimum, we need 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. David Z (Colorado), during the SRG mtg on 12/21/2022, said he had some of those – Dan W told David Z that Dan will provide Courtney with David’s contact information and those two can sort this out (Dan emailed Courtney on 1/7/2023 and provided him with David Z’s phone number)

**3. Update Schedule for Hosts and Timers** - all time in Eastern Standard Time, USA

Sunday

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

(Sober She Devils Sunday) – 10 AM; women only meeting; Host: Bethany D; Timer Caren J

Monday

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

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.***

(Sober She Devils Monday) – 9 PM; women only meeting; Host: Maria T

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; Yana

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)

(Portuguese-speaking Secular mtg) - 6 PM Brazil time, 9 PM Portugal time, and   
 4 PM EST USA; Host: Ana C. and Ana Maria

Friday

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

Saturday

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

**3.** **SRG Event**: Robert F and Peter F researched feasibility of SRG in-person event. They checked with Sober She Devils to see status of their conference so as to not interfere – spokesperson for Sober She Devils said their 2024 all-women’s conference would not be restricted to secular only. Robert said the Secular International Conference is also scheduled for 2024, so 2023 is wide open. We can do this if volunteers emerge. Peter F researched whether it should be an SRG educational event vs. an in-person SRG event without a formal educational component.

**Peter learned what might be available as options, for purposes of background information only:**

**Round trip air to Miami**

Us/Canada Air $500 to $600

EU air: $700 to 800

**Possible options:**

**(1) Celebrity cruises from Miami to Nassau and Bimini**

3 night/2 day October 23 – 26th

Inside cabin = $1100 +/- $550 per person

Ocean view = $1200 +/- $600 per person

(on cruises, food and drinks are included in price)

**OR**

**(2) Miami South Beach hotels, for a hotel in-person event**

3 night/2 day October 23rd to 26th

$200 to $350 per room per night

$600 to $1000 single

$300 to $500 double room

Courtney added that transportation infrastructure in South Miami is very good, and if using cruises, transport to hotels is seamless. Courtney said there are many AA groups that do AA cruises.

There was much discussion as to logistical parameters such as location in USA, hotel, ease of transportation between airport and hotel (and venue, if not in the hotel), affordability, etc. **Action:**  Peter F moved that attendees at SRG January business mtg come together with ideas; **Group Conscience Decision was to accept that motion.** The prior “In-Person Research Committee” (comprised of Peter F and Robert F, will hereafter be referred to as the “Event Committee.” Robin H offered to join the Event Committee. Maria asked if we could bill the event as Secular AA and Sober She Devils, as could be mutually supportive. More details to be discussed in January Group Conscience meeting and “ad hoc” meetings amongst the Event Committee members until then. Courtney offered to post pertinent questions on SRG website, after input from the Event Committee, for a Survey Monkey to assess interest from SRG members and others interested in attending such an event.

**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. **Still to be determined is whether 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. screen-shared 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. Since *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 $6,967.66 (not counting our “prudent reserve”, which is $1300.00). Today’s balance minus prudent reserve and PayPal fee is $ 5667.66 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.

**There was no New Business**

Submitted in service

Dan W.