SRG Group Conscience meeting May 17, 2023

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Bob R., John S., John L., Ana C., Anna Maria, Peter F., Bruce D (St. Louis), and Dan W.

The minutes of April 19, 2023 were read and approved.

**Old Business**:

**1. New representatives needed:**

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

b. elect new AA GSR rep.Courtney is current GSR. (per AA, the representative needs to   
 live in West Virginia, so this is limiting factor for now)

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

2. **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: Jana S – timer - Ron M

Tuesday

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

(Beginners Mtg) - 8 PM: Hosts: Robin H. and Jana S. are alternating hosts, looking   
 for co-host and a timer; Gail L. will be substitute when she can)

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: Melissa L.

(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

-*see new business today for update* on this Portuguese-speaking Secular mtg

Saturday

(Secular on Saturday) – 1 PM: Host: LiZa; Timer: (Louise)

3. **Treasurer’s report**: The budget is not posted on the SRG website, consistent with   
 majority of AA groups. SRG PayPal balance is $7,561.78 USD; Prudent reserve (PR):   
 $2,000.00; Balance less PR: $5,562.78; 2023 Projected Expenses: $228.99; 2023 Income   
 forecast $ ~ 2,000.000; Projected final balance ~ $9,000.00 by end of year. We need to   
 consider donating more money to appropriate recovery-resources; caution to be exercised   
 so as to not donate to an entity that isn’t supported by secular AA members; this will be   
 addressed at each Group Conscience meeting. During the April 2023 Group Conscience   
 meeting, decision was made to not incorporate. PayPal is our default “bank,” and both   
 Courtney and Bob have access to it, and can print out every single contribution and   
 payout (reimbursement and purpose for same). PayPal publishes all activities with   
 its service.

**New Business**:

1. Maria T. (confounder of Sober She Devils) was invited to be a speaking on June 4 at 2 PM at a Spanish speaking group (see SRG Face Book page for link) – unknown whether there will be an interpreter for English.

2. Donation to AA GSO: SRG had stopped making donations till AA portal was changed to accept donations; it has now been changed and appears stable. So far our group has donated to Secular Recovery online and Online Intergroup of AA. A motion was made to resume quarterly donations of $100.00 to AA GSO beginning with this quarter. Discussion ensued. Group Conscience Decision was affirmative to donate $100.00 in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarter of 2023 (cannot donate 1st quarter, already passed).

3. Possible change day/time of Tuesday men’s mtg at noon EST: Some members want consistency with there being an SRG general discussion meeting at noon EST during week (like Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursday, and Fridays), and in order to do that, would need to change the day/time of the Tuesday men’s meeting. One option would be changing the Tuesday men’s to Thursday at 8 PM EST. Discussion ensued. Group Conscience Decision was to keep the SRG men’s meeting on Tuesdays at noon EST.

4. Ana and Anna Marie, co-hosts of the meeting Portuguese-speaking meeting, “Feira Laico & Sobrio” meeting said they are unable to continue with hosting/cohosting service positions due to responsibilities at home and the lack of attendance at the meeting (beside each other), and no means to invite more to the meeting (per AA tradition, they cannot “market” the meeting as it is “attraction rather than promotion).” Hosts’ decision was to cancel the meeting until further notice; if there is interest in an agnostic AA meeting in Portuguese, interested person(s) please feel free to contact Ana C. at [aartskids@gmail.com](mailto:aartskids@gmail.com).

5. International Conference of Secular AA (ICSAA) 2024 meeting – Orlando, Florida, has been chosen at the location for the ICSAA 2024 meeting; the website does not show specific dates, so we tabled discussion of a gathering of this SRG members at the ICSAA in 2024. Please feel free to check the that website for updates: <https://www.aasecular.org/international-conference-of-secular-aa>.

Submitted in service

Dan W.