SRG Group Conscience meeting 11-15-2023

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Bob R., Peter – SF, Jim F., Michelle, Bruce D (St. Louis), John L., and Dan W.

The minutes of October 18, 2023 were read and approved.

**Old Business**:

1. **New representatives needed:**

a. elect new OIAA IGR rep. (Intergroup Rep) - Courtney is the primary; Bob R. is   
 alternate – they have been voting in OIAA. There has been no interest to date   
 from our members to participate as IGR, so Courtney and Bob will continue.

b. elect new AA GSR rep. **-** Courtney is current GSR. (per AA, the representative needs to   
 live where the group is registered, which is West Virginia, *so this is limiting factor   
 for now*). **Plan:** Courtney said that AA is discussing changing this policy and once   
 that is done, we can elect another AA GSR.

***Both will be tabled until next Group Conscience meeting; we will continue listing these items monthly as reminders.***

2. **Donation to AA GSO:** Per Group Conscience Decision, SRG will continue to donate $100.00 to   
 AA GSO each quarter. All SRG payments are recorded in the main PayPal ledger.

3. **Treasurer’s report**: The budget is not posted on the SRG website, consistent with   
 majority of AA groups. **SRG PayPal balance** today is $ 8,254.50USD. Prudent Reserve   
 (PR) is $2,000.00 (how much it costs to run SRG website per year). Balance less PR:   
 $6,255.50; Projected final balance minus PR: ~ $7,000.00. Courtney presented a detailed   
 review of annual SRG expenses. Because we haven’t had speaker for the last several months   
 at least, Courtney stopped paying the fee of $7.99 monthly for “Audioship,” a service  
 that allows SRG to record speakers. If we start having AA speakers again whom we wish to   
 record and post on-line, Courtney will restart the Audioship monthly fee. In an effort to   
 automate some services, Courtney installed program for **“AI Help Bot”** to answer up to 1,000   
 questions per year; this monthly fee is $24.99. Courtney recommended we try this for one   
 month and report back at next meeting. Courtney is looking for the most cost-effective   
 program. The AI Help Bot program will answer urgent questions posed by people who go to   
 the SRG website, such as someone who is having suicidal thoughts, or need information to a   
 meeting as soon as possible, etc. Courtney will add a disclaimer that AI answers *do not* take   
 the place of a qualified professional – Courtney will post that disclaimer at the top of the SRG   
 website.

4. **Replacement IT person for Courtney**: Courtney said there is nothing new on this front – for   
 details, see minutes of last month.

**New Business**:

1. **Update Schedule for SRG Hosts and Timers** – times in Eastern Standard Time, USA

Sunday - 1 PM: Host: Dan W.; Timer: Rich L (alternate timer Bruce D [STL] or Louise) –   
 Dan will ask Rich to be the host, as Rich has expressed interest in doing so, and Dan   
 will be alternate host

Monday – noon: Host: Jana S. (Michelle [Miami] is alternate host when Jana is not   
 available)– timer - Ron M

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

- 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) (Beginners meeting   
 “Sober Living”)

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

- 5 PM – Group Conscience mtg – Host Courtney S. (3rd Wednesday monthly)

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

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

Saturday – 1 PM: Host: Patrick; Timer: Rich L. (Secular on Saturday)

Sober She Devils **-** <https://sobershedevils.com>; or <https://secularrecoverygroup.org/sober-she-devils/>;

For people who identify as women, per <https://sobershedevils>

Various hosts and cohosts per meeting, which are:

Sunday 10 AM; Monday 9 PM.

2. **OIAA is stabilizing**, so we today we discussed donating again to them (they list our Secular AA   
 meetings). **We agreed to a donation of $100.00 this month, and review this policy in 2024**.

a. Jim said that some of the meetings listed under “Secular AA meetings” on the OIAA website   
 are actually traditional AA trying to boost their attendance; Jim agreed to start a list of   
 those meetings – Courtney and Bob will address this concern at OIAA assembly meetings.

3. International Conference of Secular AA (ICSAA)

a. September 20 through 22, 2024. in Orlando, FL, **in-person.** Mikey is local Secular AA   
 person there who is organizing/coordinating events. **Can now register for this meeting** –  
 <https://www.aasecular.org/international-conference-of-secular-aa> . Registration fee is   
 $135.00; can also arrange hotel accommodation’s on that site. Will be at the Wyndham   
 Hotel adjacent to the airport, there is a shuttle between that hotel and the airport. The   
 group rate for hotel rooms is $115.00 per night. Attendance fee is for AA members only, not   
 spouses, or significant others.

1. Secular AA now has a portal directly to support the meeting in Orlando and not just the general fund of Secular AA. **Courtney asked to donate $100.00 to the Orlando meeting - Group Conscience Decision was to approve that request.**

(2) During the ICSAA 2024 meeting: Members present agreed to arrange a dinner   
 meeting, ideally in a private room, for members of SRG during the international   
 meeting – Patrick will research local restaurants, prices for different size groups, etc.,   
 and report back at a future Group Conscience meeting – Patrick was unavailable   
 today, so he will report back next month’s Group Conscience meeting. Michelle   
 offered to research restaurants and their capabilities – Courtney suggested a smaller   
 suite inside the Wyndham Hotel (perhaps even with food), for SRG members only   
 (this includes Sober She Devils). Further discussion to be tabled till next months

4. Jim suggested SRG begin a “substitute host” list for when a moderator cannot host particular   
 meetings, so there’d be a “central depository” of candidates. Discussion ensued. Courtney   
 will ensure that Jim and Michelle have proper log-in information (including being registered   
 with Zoom) so that if they do “substitute,” they will be able to do so (Michelle can only host   
 day-time meetings).

Submitted in service

Dan W