SRG Group Conscience meeting 2-21-2024

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Rich L., Michelle (Miami), Bruce D. (St. L),John L., John S., and Dan W.

The minutes from Group Conscience meeting last month were reviewed 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. There
 has been upheaval in OIAA, new person in leadership position – will monitor.

b. elect new AA GSR rep. **-** Courtney is current GSR. (per AA, the GSR needs to
 live where the group is registered, SRG is registered West Virginia; *so this is
 limiting factor in attendance -* Courtney said AA is discussing changing this policy
 and once that is done, we can elect another secular AA GSR to attend the meetings.

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

c. Michelle said she is the “unofficial” liaison from Sober She Devils – Courtney said that
 Sober She Devils have their own IGRs. Michelle said she will inform Sober She Devils that
 they can also have their own GSR

 2. **Donation to AA GSO:** Per Group Conscience, 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. **We reviewed expenses and revenue from January 17, 2024 to
 February 21, 2024. SRG PayPal balance** **today** is $ 8,919.53 USD. Prudent Reserve
 (PR) is $2,000.00 (how much it costs to run SRG website per year). Balance less PR:
 $6,819.53 (this takes into account the $100.00 Courtney will pay tomorrow to ICSAA [as we
 agreed at last month’s Group Conscience meeting]). Courtney presented an abbreviated review
 of annual SRG expenses. The “AI Help Bot” which Courtney installed last month has been
 answering at least 10 questions monthly; the monthly fee is $24.99. Courtney has been
 monitoring the AI Help Bot via the “admin portal” and the answers have been timely and
 accurate; he added a disclaimer to the SRG website that AI answers *do not* take the place of a
 qualified professional**. A motion was made and passed that SRG will continue AI
 Help Bot for 6 (six) months, then reassess as to whether to continue it**. Courtney
 will find out whether an annual fee is more cost-effective than a monthly fee.

 4. **Replacement IT person for Courtney**:

(a) Courtney said there is nothing new on this front – for details, see minutes of prior months.
 *Will continue posting this in minutes as reminder*.

(b) Courtney wants to establish an SRG member as a “**legacy access**,” (legal term) in the event
 Courtney is incapacitated - the “legacy access” person can legally open the SRG website so
 that a “replacement/IT person” can use the current information/data on the website instead
 of “reinventing it.” SRG uses servers, so it isn’t just a website. **To be discussed further at
 next month mtg .**

**New Business**:

 1. **New website for SRG**: <https://srgrecovery.org>; this has been working very well, is faster and SRG
 is more often than not the first item to load when a person asks for “Secular AA meetings.”

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

 Sunday - 1 PM: Host: **Rich L starts as host 2-25-2024**, Dan W will be co-host (Bruce D
 and Dan W will be alternate timers)

Monday – noon: Host: Courtney (he is asking for volunteers to be replacement for him;
 Michelle is willing to be alternate host when Courtney 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) (this is the Beginners
 meeting, name “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) (Dan
 W. and Rich L. offered to be alternate host when Bob is unavailable

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://srgrecovery.org/sober-she-devils*](https://srgrecovery.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 has now refused to list our meetings on their website –** discussion ensued as to
 whether we continue our affiliation with OIAA – **decision: as there is new leadership at OIAA,
 we agreed to** table until the next Group Conscience meetings; also decision deferred as to

 whether we donate to OIAA periodically. We may not need OIAA, as SRG meetings are listed
 on both (a) traditional AA website; and (b) worldwide links to Secular AA meetings.

 3. **International Conference of Secular AA (ICSAA)**

 a. September 20 through 22, 2024. in Orlando, FL, **in-person.**

1. Mikey is local Secular AA person there organizing/coordinating events. **Can 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. Conference will be at the **Wyndham Orlando Resort** (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.  **ICSAA meeting information can be found on SRG website** <https://srgrecovery.org> **under the “Events” tab**.
2. There is a Face Book page for ICSAA, where members may share rooming information to reduce costs of attending the conference/hotel lodging.
3. There are **service positions available** during the ICSAA mtg – if anyone wants to do service at ICSAA this year, send an email with your contact information to: ICSAAOrlando2024@gmail.com (all one word). This can also be accessed on SRG website.

 (3) 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 is researching local restaurants, prices for different size groups,
 etc., and report back at a future Group Conscience meeting.

 **4. No Politics –** several attendees said that this pre-established SRG policy has been violated
 several times; we agreed to discuss this in more detail at next Group Conscience meeting.

 **5.** Motion was made that order **to be a host or co-host for SRG meetings,** the person needs to
 attend a minimum of 1 (one) Group Conscience meeting so members can get to know the
 person. The motion passed.

 **6.** SRG hosts/moderators are encouraged **to announce the upcoming ICSAA in-person meeting
 and if anyone wants to do service at that meeting -** and how to access service positions.

 7. Moderators will be reminded if there is a **newcomer at an SRG meeting**, that whatever prior topic
 would have been presented, that instead the meeting will be a first step meeting, and links are provided
 to the newcomers as to SRG Beginners’ mtg on Tuesday and links to worldwide newcomers Secular AA
 meetings.

**Courtney agreed to email all hosts/co-hosts the following information:**

1. How to enforce “no politics” at SRG meetings, and will be further discussed at next month Group Conscience meeting;
2. Encourage them to announce the upcoming ICSAA in-person meeting in Orlando and that service positions are available and how to access the service positions
3. That if a newcomer at SRG meeting, the topic shifts to a first step meeting.

**To be discussed at next month’s Group Conscience meeting:**

1. Establish “**legacy access**” to SRG website if Courtney is incapacitated;
2. Revisit whether to continue SRG affiliation with **OIAA**, given the upheaval there;
3. How to “enforce” the “**no politics**” discussion at SRG meetings – there are so few “rules” during SRG meetings and we would like to continue that; however, some people, despite requests not to do so, bring up politics during their share, which is off-putting to other attendees, and our goal is to have a “safe” meeting for all attendees.

**To be revisited at Group Conscience meeting in July 2024** – the AI Help Bot on SRG website.

Submitted in service

 Dan W.