SRG Group Conscience meeting 3-20-2024

**Host**: Courtney S.

**Guests**: Rich L, Peter - (sf), Jim F SE Texas, Bob R (Fl), Kelly, John S,

The minutes from last month’s Group Conscience meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Old Business**:

 1. **New representatives needed:**

a. 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.

 Discussed withdrawing from OIAA. They are erecting barriers that make it

 difficult, if not impossible, to get secular meetings listed through their service.

 The new guy in charge of meeting listings is being pretty nasty with us. He doesn’t like

 secular AA, and he’s also listing traditional meetings on the secular meetings lists.

 Rich L. will make a motion at the April SRG Business meeting to withdraw from OIAA.

b. AA GSR rep. **-** Courtney is current GSR.

 Per AA, the GSR needs to live where the group is registered.

 SRG is registered in 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.

 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. **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. **Treasurer’s report**:

The budget is not posted on the SRG website, consistent with majority of AA groups.

**SRG PayPal balance** **today is $8,990.69**.

Previous month balance: $8,919.53.

We reviewed expenses and revenue from Feb 21, 2024 to March 20, 2024.

Payouts:

* $104.30 – 1st Quarter ICSAA Donation
* $ 9.99 – WP Media (Image Software Mo. Chgs.)
* $ 24.99 – AI Monthly Payment (Reimburse Courtney)

Prudent Reserve (PR) is $2,000.00 (how much it costs to run SRG website per year).

Balance less PR: **$6,990.69**.

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

 Sunday - 1 PM: Host: Rich L, Co-Host: Dan W, Timer: Kelly.

 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)

 Patrick will retire the Host position after 3/23/24 meeting.

 Rich L. offered to cover if no other takers.

We will poll membership and ask for volunteers.

 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.

1. **AI Help Bot**:

The AI Help Bot which Courtney installed last month saw a significant slow-down in usage.

* 0 questions in February, 1 question in March (so far).

**Per last month’s Group Conscious meeting, SRG will continue AI Help Bot for 6 (six) months, and then reassess as to whether to continue it**.

The group reaffirmedthis decision, based primarily on the value of steering even one person with suicidal thoughts to the appropriate resources for help.

1. **Group Conscious meeting Day/Time**:

The question was raised during a meeting in February if the Group conscious meeting day/time

could be changed to better facilitate attendance.

Multiple requests at meetings for suggestions/options/input went unanswered.

The group brainstormed several different options, all of which had drawbacks.

We’ll continue soliciting feedback and review again during April’s meeting.

1. **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.

1. Members present discussed arranging a dinner or a private meeting room for m

members of SRG during the international meeting. Several options were presented,

but no agreement was reached. We will continue discussing this at future meetings.

1. **Donations**:

- **AA** ($100 per quarter).

- **Secular AA** – ICSSA mtg ($100 per quarter).

- **Secular Online** - Chris Miller runs this, and he is very helpful.

We’ve donated to him in the past, and we should consider future donations.

1. **Coverage requests**:

 Dan W. - Wed, Mar 20th Secretary at Bus. mtg. Rich L. will cover

 Dan W. - Wed, April 3rd Host daily mtg. Rich L. will cover

 Bob R. - Thu, April 4th Host daily mtg. Rich L. will cover

Dan W. - Fri, April 5th Host daily mtg. Rich L. will cover

Bob R. - Thu, April 9th  Host daily mtg. Dan W. will cover

 Bob R. - First 2 wks of April Treasurer responsibilities Courtney will cover

 8**. No Politics –** several attendees said that this pre-established SRG policy has been violated
 multiple times. Meeting hosts are encouraged to emphasize this during the opening

 readings, highlighting that we want to keep this meeting safe and don’t want the meeting to

 devolve into a fight.

1. SRG hosts/moderators are encouragedto announce the upcoming ICSAA in-person meeting

and if anyone wants to do service at that meeting **-** and how to access service positions.

1. Moderators will be reminded that if there is a newcomer at an SRG meeting, whatever topic was

originally planned for the meeting will be postponed and the meeting will switch to a first step

meeting. Links will also be provided to the newcomer as to SRG Beginners’ mtg on Tuesday and to

worldwide newcomers Secular AA meetings.

**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. Group Conscious meeting day/time.

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

Submitted in service

 Rich L.