

3/16/2022; Group Conscience meeting (GC), SRG 5 PM EST

Host: Courtney S.

Guests: Peter F, Bruce D (Seattle), Jorge Lc, Ron M, Dan R, Lindsay D., Kara F., and Dan W.

We reviewed, discussed, and approved the minutes of February 2022. No changes.

Treasurer's report:

Courtney screen-shared the budget - he described each line item and their relevance to SRG and the budget. Bob R. and Peter F. are the co-Treasurers. The budget is not posted on the SRG website, consistent with majority of AA groups. There have been regular contributions to SRG. Our yearly expense is \$ \$1,339.08 (hence, our prudent reserve of \$1,300.00). Our PayPal Master Account balance as of today is \$5256.35 (not counting our "prudent reserve"). Today's balance minus prudent reserve and PayPal fee is \$3956.35, which is our operating budget. PayPal allows only one person to have access to each PayPal account; however, Courtney is arranging to have Bob added in case of emergency. PayPal publishes all activities with its service. Courtney provides Bob R. a monthly report of PayPal activity with SRG to enhance transparency and accountability of SRG finances.

Old Business:

1. Resources: Dan will email a list of SRG chat resources (websites, Podcasts, books, etc.) to Courtney for his review - Once Courtney is satisfied the list is "safe" (i.e., free of spam-links), the list will be emailed to all SRG home group members so that the list can be reviewed, assessed, and then be voted on at next Group Conscience meeting as to whether Courtney should post the list on the SRG web site. *There will be a disclaimer that the list of resources is not an SRG endorsement per se and is listed as adjuncts to recovery only, and that attendees who click on any links do so at their own risk.*

2. Update Schedule for Hosts and Timers

Designated Hosts and Timekeepers:

Sunday	- Host: Marty B.; Timer: Louise
Monday	- Host: Bridget; Timer - Robert F.
Tuesday	- Men's Meeting: Host: Courtney S.; Timer: Dan W - Beginners Meeting - Hosts: Robin H and Gail L (co-host is the Timer)
Wednesday	- new mtg: Noon EST (begins 3-23-22) - Host: Kara F; Timer: need timer - 7 PM EST Host: Courtney S. - Timer: Mike H
Thursday	- Host: Bob R. - Timer: Bruce D. (St. Louis)
Friday	- Host: Dan W.; Timer: Maria T.
Saturday	- Host: Jorge L.; Timer: Robin H

3. 2022 SRG Event: We talked about hosting a webinar event (instead of Zoom), so SRG can invite people and it is secure with no Zoom bombers. Courtney will check into "WebEx" (<https://www.webex.com/>) as a secure webinar site; Zoom has similar resources. We are aiming for 2 (two) hour event, a 75-minute speaker with 15 - 20-minute Q&A; a moderator; chat questions go to host only so not distracting for attendees; for Q&A session, moderator will ask questions sent by attendees. Our preference is people in personal recovery who also have medical/addiction medicine credentials, proposed topic: neuroscience of addiction. Potential speakers include Dr. Ray Baker, Mayra Hornbacher, and Dr. Kevin McCauley. SRG prefers no honoraria, but could make exception. We prefer Saturday at noon or 1 PM EST, in

May or June 2022. Dan will contact potential speakers. Kara is Chairperson of the Event Committee – she asks that any SRG attendee interested in being on the committee to contact Kara directly kara@secularrecoverygroup.org.

4. Specialty meetings: LGBTQ+ meeting or other special interest meetings: SRG is awaiting interested people to commit to being a host or co-host for such meetings - please attend next Group Conscience meeting (monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at 5 PM EST) and/or post your contact information in any SRG meeting chat so the meeting cohost can contact you.

New Business:

1. Chat settings: Bruce D, Seattle, read an email from Sandy who was unable to attend meeting and wanted to present her input: summary: “during the meeting, let’s stop chat so the person sharing has full attention.” Bruce made motion to shut down chat except for hosts/cohosts and that chat is open to all after formal mtg over. Discussion: Input from attendees, summarized:

- as a newcomer, I would leave before end of meeting, so prefer keeping chat open during the

- meeting so we can reach out to newcomers as soon as we know there is newcomer;

- I routinely chat with newcomers, as soon as I know there is a newcomer, and provide phone

- number and private chat during meeting if needed;

- there is a button each attendee can push to block the “chat” from popping up on screen if such a

- pop-up message is distracting;

- sometimes contentious topics/people arise where the host has to intervene while trying to

- simultaneously run the meeting, so chat can alert the host/cohost for action;

- sometimes people put good information in chat without sharing vocally.

Bruce amended the proposal: “Chat will be open to host and cohosts only for first 45 minutes, then open to “everyone and anyone” for the last 15 minutes of formal meeting and during the parking lot meeting.” Courtney seconded the amended motion; Group Conscience Decision was to pass the motion; it will be added in Preamble instead of “chat will be closed until room is secure.”

2. Zoom issues:

(a) people smoking on camera: this can be triggering to attendees who are trying to stop smoking – if this is distracting or of concern to attendees, either attendee(s) or host/cohost can ask smoker(s) to turn off video temporarily while smoking or vaping.

(b) Zoom bombers: Courtney continues careful monitoring to keep meetings safe.

3. Disbursement of funds beyond the prudent reserve: Courtney reviewed www.worldwideseccularmeetings.com; www.secularrecovery.online; and www.iscaa.org as worthwhile disbursement agencies – discussed ensued. Motion was made to donate a “test trial” of \$100.00 to each of three above. Group Conscience Decision approved the motion.

Submitted in service

Dan W.