

# Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

Serenity of the Woodlands

June 15, 2020

**Meeting Chair: Mike and Ginny** (16 members present in club - 21 online)

Opened at 7:10pm with introduction of currently serving officers listed on the agenda.

Signup sheet was made available for those who want to receive updates by email.

Mike B, group chair, led the meeting in the Serenity Prayer.

**Review of previous meeting minutes: Bart M, group secretary**

Bart read minutes from last group conscience meeting. Diane made motion to accept, Kristi seconded, passed.

**Treasurer report was presented by Brian K, group treasurer.** \$4931.00 collected, 80% to club. Remaining 20% allocated to prudent reserve. All treasurer reports are posted in the meeting room. Diane made motion to accept, Kristi seconded, passed.

**Election of treasurer & co-treasurer:** Greg B & Crystal B were nominated to serve, elected unanimously by acclamation. Thank you to Brian K and Mark C for your service as treasurer – past and present treasurers will meet to transfer information and ensure continuity.

**Report on Serenity service commitment to Intergroup Nightwatch,** Memorial Day weekend – Bart described that it went well. All shifts were covered. Charlie helped us to transfer phones. 12 step paperwork and rehab facility paperwork was shared electronically to all the volunteers. Next time is December.

**GSR Report: Eddie (not present)**

- Upcoming District 31 event: Area delegate, Troy D, will present report from the April 2020 GSO Conference in July, location TBA, most likely @Kingwood Club as well as online. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Date to be announced.

**CFC Rep: Andrew (not present)**

No report.

**TFC Rep: Carlos**

List of local treatment centers who allow outside AA members to participate in their meetings is available – see Carlos if you are interested in TFC service.

**Literature: Lizzy**

Completed an inventory of all books and chips: currently Serenity has 31 Big Books, 42 copies of the 12x12, and 65 copies of Living Sober. All chips available from 30 days through 43 years, with a few more of the upper numbers.

**Grapevine:** position open

**Intergroup Rep:** Mark C offered to stand for the position, John made motion to nominate, Mike seconded, elected unanimously by acclamation.

**Website/Communications:** Larry (not present)

**Online meetings survey:** Recent online survey was conducted and results compiled by Scott S. All results are now available on SerenityWoodlands.com website. 69 people answered survey, with the goal being to determine why members are attending online meetings, and gauge interest in continuing. Scott tracked online attendance - there are some meetings where numbers are going down and some up in attendance. Noon and 6:00 p.m. for example, do not have strong attendance online, while the 6:30am meeting is growing. Discussion is ongoing to determine how to best serve the Serenity Group as a whole, without there being any sense of “competition” between the in-person meetings and the online meetings.

**An ad hoc committee is being formed** to discuss effectiveness and need for continuing online meetings, as well as ways to increase accessibility to newcomers for both in-person and online meetings. Contact Carol W or Scott S if you would like to be part of the ad hoc committee. All are welcome to participate.

**Group Rep/Liaison between group and club: Kristi** Front door fixed. Two additional openings presently for any member who is interested in this service position – they attend group conscience meetings and monthly club board meetings to facilitate communication.

## Old Business:

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1. **Birthday Night:** Saturday, June 27, at the club, to celebrate AA birthdays with friends and family. Bart to handle preparations and set up. There will be a concurrent online Birthday night – contact Carol W for details. (Crystal B made motion to hold online birthday night June 27, passed)
2. **Update on State restrictions/COVID 19 safety** – Discussion of current state guidelines provided by the governor, to allow for Phase 3 reopening. Per John W, club board member, chairs provided within the meeting room are approximately 4’ apart, and no more chairs can be added (current max is 55) unless everyone agrees to continue wearing masks. Discussion included suggestion to “highly recommend” masks but not to require them, or to designate a section of the room for mask-wearers. One member stated he believes we should follow CDC guidelines over the current governor’s ruling. Another member shared that he has a medical condition that makes it extremely difficult to breathe through a mask. Ginny called for a vote on requiring masks while in the meeting space. Doug C made the motion to extend the requirement to wear masks for the next 30 days, John seconded. The motion passed 29-7, to be revisited at the next group conscience in July.
3. Further discussion re safety precautions while in the meetings: Ken T made a motion to follow state guidelines on recommendations for mask-wearing and social distancing. It was determined that most members present did not have a good understanding of what the state guidelines are, so the motion was tabled until more clarification can be provided.

## New Business:

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1. Reimburse Scott for expense of setting up online mtg platform, authorize continued expense. Will talk about next meeting when we get an invoice.
2. Create a new service positions for online mtgs coordinator - nominate Carol, Scott. Tabled to next GC meeting.
3. Equipment needed to utilize Square app in meetings. Tabled to next GC meeting.
4. Proposal to review guidelines approved in 2013 for Serenity Group service positions: term lengths, duties. Tabled to next GC meeting.