

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

Serenity of the Woodlands

March 16, 2020

Opening/Updates:

Meeting Chair: Mike

Opened at 7:13 p.m. with Serenity Prayer. Troy read 2nd Tradition.

Secretary: Bart

Read minutes of prior month's Group Conscience. Motion made to accept, seconded, approved.

Treasurer: Brian

Read Treasurer's Monthly Report. Motion made to accept, seconded, approved. Will be posted with minutes so group can follow the money. Reminder that chair is to sign, count and drop meeting money and to check on coffee money too.

GSR: Eddie

GSR report will be posted along with treasurer report and minutes. SETA cancelled everything up through end of June. State convention still on deck.

Intergroup Rep: Scott

No report.

CFC Rep: Andrew

Apologizes for his misbehavior for last GC meeting. Still looking for correspondence and prison visitors. See Andrew or Vadim. Paul mentioned visitors not allowed in prisons for foreseeable future.

Grapevine: Meghan

No report.

Website/Communications: Larry

No report.

Literature: Dan L and Lizzy

No report.

Treatment Facilities: Carlos

No new information at this time.

Old Business:

- Still have open positions – IG, Treasurer, and Group Rep. Find people to help. Handout up at front table cover requirements to fill positions.
- Troy – Last weekend in April 25-27, 2020 Northside 24 Club has a bbq competition. Would like to get crew together to compete. Troy will head it up.
- How do we use the Not A Glum Lot board so the group will know how to fellowship? Mark said the original intent a none meeting focused group not attached to meeting or club, just for a group of people to get together and fellowship. To run an activity, you'd have to have at least a year of sobriety. Maybe get an outside activity group chair and co-chair. Ken suggests we use the website to get the word out. Mike suggests announcements at the end of the meeting. Ginny expressed un-comfortability with it as it is not AA per se.

- Andrew makes a motion to keep the schedule as is when a newcomer comes in, take them in the back and discuss with them when the next meeting is if they need to go to a meeting. Group Conscious says we should qualify them first and if they are not an alcoholic, technically we should ask them to leave. Andrew and Bart will create a workshop for how to conduct a meeting. Mark says we should table it. Motion passed.

New Business:

- To repeat Not a Glum Lot is just a fellowship outside of AA meetings. No one has an issue with it anymore. Motion brought up, seconded, and passed.
- How do we handle newcomer meetings? Previously GC voted that if a newcomer comes in, we converted meeting to newcomer meeting. Andrew made motion to keep closed meetings closed and as they are and not to change it arbitrarily to a newcomer meeting. Eddie seconded the motion. Walter mentioned GC already voted on it 6 months ago. We should not deviate on it. Andrew said he would retract his motion if it was 6 months or less. Mike said he was here for 17 years and recalls it coming up 7 times at least. Mike says we have an extra room if needed but it would probably cause a newcomer not to want to come back. John asked Andrew to clarify closed but not open. Andrew agreed. John said it may be best to take the newcomer in the back room. The key is not to make the newcomer feel unwanted. Taking them in the backroom will make them feel wanted. Andrew is going to table it until we know what the facts are before we vote. Chrissy says the verifying thing is important for newcomers meetings. It was voted on in GC. Motioned to table and was seconded. Will be brought up next month. Walter said we need to move on.
- COVID-19 Kenny states we should enter here at their own risk. Walter states it is a club decision, not group. Charlie stated we consulted with lawyers. We are covered. John mentioned we should wipe down tables, put money basket in middle of table. Brian says he will wipe down tables after 8 o'clock meeting. 8 pm will start putting basket into middle of table. We need to have only one person in the coffee bar. Through out germ collecting cups. Chairperson make announcements about the slight changes. Dan says we need to make a marginal attempt and announce to all that we are doing our part. Ted told us what morning meeting does. They are not holding hands. They announce about the basket, and it is working. Debbie mentions the unwrapped food. Scott says we can do virtual meetings and will load links and Charlie has ZOOM. Wipe door handles was mentioned by Mike.
- Meeting adjourns at 7:56 p.m. Next meeting 4/20/2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting is March 16, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.

Mark motioned to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Next meeting 04/04/2020.