

Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

Serenity of the Woodlands

April 26, 2020

Opening/Updates:

Meeting Chair: Mike 24 members present

Opened at 2:00 p.m. 4/04/2020 minutes. Approved.

Secretary: Bart

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

- Crystal talked to Danny about VENMO App. VENMO not a good app to use. Propose to use Square

Any Anonymity Concerns?

- We haven't had any. This aspect is run more business-like, using "Square."
 - We have a cellphone without a number. It is hooked into wifi only and we put a piece of software on it that locked all of the phones functions down except for the square app.
 - Passed in the basket and swiped
 - Alternative option is online payment which we started using in emergency during Harvey
 - We tried it for 3 months. At the end of three months we permanently accepted it. For the online store part we did it as an emergency to collect money.

What about Venmo & Paypal?

- Venmo = social = one person to another
- Paypal = more business-like, but easier for the person to charge back
- Square = used for businesses = there are transaction fees
 - 2.6% + 10¢
 - \$2 donation - 2.6% = \$1.95 - 10¢ = **\$1.85**
 - \$60 donation - 2.6% = \$1.56 - 10¢ = **\$58.34**

Crystal discussed the use of Square to GC. Sheryl said it works better with large amounts over small amounts. Vicki wants a more comprehensive means to give funds to 7th Tradition. Charlie likes it because it is a free membership. Denise brought up PushPay. No one looked into that. Cash App is another one.

Treasurer: Krisiti

Read Treasurer's Monthly Report. Motion made to accept, seconded, approved. Will be posted with minutes so group can follow the money. Ending balance for March cannot be determined

as checks are out. Possibly 10,193.00 but not official. 5,500 for May will be paid from prudent reserve/bank account. We are unclear about what our current collection of funds looks like. If you'd like to send a contribution: Make checks payable Serenity Group and send to below:

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Spring, Texas
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GSR: Eddie

Not at last GSR meeting awaiting notes for the meeting.

Intergroup Rep: Scott

No report.

CFC Rep: Andrew

No report.

Grapevine: Meghan

No report.

Website/Communications: Larry

No report.

Literature: Dan L and Lizzy

No report.

Treatment Facilities: Carlos

No report.

Old Business:

- N/A

New Business:

Jane made suggestion of getting info out to everyone to use online and other payment modes to the club/group.

Cash App, PushPay, Square are online options.

Sue makes motion to table online donations and use street address and encourage people to mail their donations. Seconded by Vicki. Charlie has a key to the mailbox. Amended motion to add address on website for mail in donations seconded by Travis W. Motion did not pass.

Ginny makes motion to use Square app and mail in. Greg seconded it. Do not need the reader, we would do Square online for the next month. Greg says this is a better way going forward that can continue after the quarantine. Motion passed. How to donate via Square and where to

mail in will be added to chairperson format. Crystal will send to Carol and Sue so the change can be made.

Mike are we making disbursement in May? But we need April's treasurer report before we can discuss it.

Speaker meeting – Crystal - presenter put up a slide with a few bullets of who they are and keep picture off. Scott – we can password protect or lock the meeting to protect anonymity. Jeannette block their pic and just give first name and let them tell their story. Kenny and Scott discussed using a slide presentation in a meeting like they do at Powerhouse. Was concern about PowerPoint being AA approved literature.

Discussion about opening back up. Do we phase in or do we go all in. We will follow the dictates of federal/state/county laws. We will continue this discussion to next meeting.

Doug made motion to adjourned. Seconded.

Adjourned at 3:26 p.m. Crystal reads long version of Serenity Prayer.

May 24, 2020, 2:00 p.m. next meeting.