

# Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

Serenity of the Woodlands

April 26, 2020

## Opening/Updates:

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**Meeting Chair: Mike** 22 members present in club - 11 Online

Opened at 2:00 p.m. 5/24/2020 minutes. Troy said 3<sup>rd</sup> step prayer.

**Secretary: Bart**

Bart read re-opening notes. Motion made to accept, and it went passed.

**Treasurer: Brian**

April 2020 – no meetings held at club so basket wasn't passed in the building. 1950.00 dollars in the safe. As of May 1, 2020, we had 5500.00 prudent reserve which we paid to the club for rent. 1959.00 was coming in through apps and checks. We have 2750.00 in our account. Need to add what we have collected so far in May to that total. To include envelopes and what we received via app, their will be over 5000 in our account. We will not be buying anymore literature and no disbursements to the service entities. Sherly makes motion seconded by Mike to put money in PR. Therefore, we will give 80% to club and 20% to PR. So approximately 4000 dollars will go to the club, and 1000 will go to the PR. We used this procedure in the past and will do so again until we build our PR up to where we need it to be.

**GSR: Eddie**

No report.

**Intergroup Rep: Scott**

We have phones and it is working.

**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:

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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 asks if we are 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.

## New Business:

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- DISCUSSION PRIOR TO MOTIONS
- Discussion by Troy and Ken about the lack of people attending meetings. Turn out has been low. Need to push the word that we have club meetings now.
- Online meetings going well. Not getting many newcomers with the online meetings. Maybe one a week.
- Scott mentioned maybe stagger meetings instead of overlapping them.
- Stephanie pointed out Serenity goes above and beyond to keep a clean environment. And newcomers are attending.
- Ken brought some statistics about the rise in alcohol and drug deaths. He wants to open more meetings but keep the online going.
- Mike wants to keep online meetings going.
- John says we are cherry picking law. Are we a mental health facility? We need to wear masks to keep in guidelines.
- Vicky – Online does not have to be separate. Some of us are more vulnerable than others.
- Sue – we are not debating closing the club down, what is the problem?
- Ken states birthday night is a concern.
- Bart said let's keep it at 25%, open more meetings, do virtual and in person meetings for b-day night – split first half second half of month and do it over two nights.

- Greg – Concerns about front door. John states concerns of the past when everyone had access to the building. Since we have been good AA's and doing what we said we would, mention of giving building access/combination to the front door lock, to everyone will be brought up at the next Club meeting.
- MOTIONS MADE AND VOTED ON DURING GC MEETING
  - Pat – Makes motion to keep door open for those who are doing janitorial duties. Troy seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed. It will now go to the club to vote.
  - Ken makes a motion that we follow Texas state laws in opening the building. Robert seconded motion. Discussion - Troy wants to open up to 50% but wants to keep social distancing. Hal – Points out that it is 6 feet or mask, not both. Vicky – States we need to announce better that we are open. Carol – Before we go with Texas State guidelines, we need current guidelines and specifics – Ken - Gov. Abbott has three phases in opening things up, we are in Phase II. Doug – We follow AA guidelines, not the government. Pat wants to table the motion. Someone online seconded the motion. Motion voted on, motion to table passed.
  - On the topic of more daily meetings, Stephanie makes a motion we open meetings at Serenity following our regular schedule. Reagan seconded. After brief discussion about masks and social distancing, a vote was taken. The motion to open up regular Serenity meeting schedule was passed. Chair is responsible to keep place cleaned after meeting.
  - Birthday Night – Ken made motion to hold birthday night up at Serenity following 40-person guideline and social distancing. We will rotate people out so that celebrants from March, April, and May can get their chip. Bart seconded and made amendment that we also do an online version at the same time, but not in conjunction with, the regular birthday night celebrations up at Serenity. Choice if you want to come up. Limit it to sponsor and celebrant if and when possible so we can get as many celebrants at the club as possible while meeting the 40 person max rule. Motion passed.

Next GC Meeting June 15, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.