

Group Conscience Business Meeting Minutes
Serenity of the Woodlands
May 17, 2021

Meeting Chair: Ginny M

Meeting was opened at 7:10 by Ginny with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 19 members were in attendance with 9 online and 10 in the room.

Reports

Secretary: Carol W

Review of the minutes from April 19. A motion was made by Sue (online) to accept the minutes. Seconded by Ron (in-room). Approved unanimously.

Treasurer: Greg B and Crystal B

Greg B (online). Commented that the total income was lower in the month of April then in the month of March. Outstanding invoices are still due to InterGroup. Tom H (in-room) made motion to approve, Andrew (in-room) seconded. Approved unanimously. See appendix A.

GSR: Susan B

Susan (online) will remain in service as GSR until a replacement is found. Not much to report from yesterday district meeting because there was a delegate there to give a report. Susan cannot get to district for the next 4 months so hoping there will be a new representative by then. Will email the secretary with the "picnic table report," she has received. See appendix B.

Literature: Lizzy R

In room. Nothing to report.

Grapevine: Eddie M

Not in attendance. Nothing to report.

CPC Rep: Kristi N

In room. Nothing to report.

Website/Communications: Larry B and Scott S:

Not in attendance. Nothing to report.

Group Reps: Tom H and Doug C

Doug and Tom attended the club meeting in April, but no club members were in attendance.

Serenity Online Team (SOT): Ron K and Crystal B

Ron has emailed a proposed schedule to all (see appendix C) for the group to vote on. Votes were cast as follows:

Online votes – 9 For, None Opposed

In-Room votes – 10 For, None Opposed

The group voted unanimously to approve the new online meeting schedule to go into effect on June 1, 2021

Old Business

1. New Website Design: Vote on implementation.

View at www.dev.serenitywoodlands.com

Crystal made a motion that we replace the current website with the new design that has been presented by the design committee. Motion was seconded by Tom H. Votes were cast as follows:

Online votes – 9 For, None Opposed

In-Room votes – 10 For, None Opposed

The group voted unanimously to approve the new online meeting schedule to go into effect on June 1, 2021.

Vicki B. asked if there will be an avenue for members to request website content to be posted or if members had any suggestions for website updates or corrections. Question was noted.

2. Online Meeting Schedule – SOT

(See report section above)

3. Night Watch Update

Night Watch must be held in the club due to the intergroup phone set up. Volunteers have signed up and all is in place for our group to host the Night Watch event.

4. Spring Fling Report

A financial report is not yet available. Enough was raised by the cake auction to reimburse the club who had originally donated \$250 to the group for the food. The cake auction raised \$650. Fun was had by all.

5. Open positions at Serenity: GSR, alt GSR, Intergroup rep, TCF chair, CFC chair

Andrew B nominated Kristi for the open GSR position.

Remarks made by Kristi are summarized as follows:

Kristi will stand for GSR because she loves participation in the district meetings and learn more about AA while representing the group!

Crystal made the motion that Kristi be voted in to the GSR position, Alicia seconded. Votes were cast as follows:

Online votes – 9 For, None Opposed

In-Room votes – 10 For, None Opposed

The group voted unanimously to approve Kristi as the new GSR effective immediately.

Kristi nominated Andrew B for the open alternate GSR position. Remarks made by Kristi are summarized as follows:

Andrew would like to get back to being more involved in our group service work

Crystal made motion to elect Andrew as alternate GSR, Susan seconded. Votes were cast as follows:

Online votes – 9 For, None Opposed

In-Room votes – 10 For, None Opposed

The group voted unanimously to approve Andrew as the new alternate GSR effective immediately.

The open CPC position will be nominated next meeting. There is still a need for an intergroup representative and chairs for TFC and CFC committees.

Other Business

Crystal provided an update on Birthday night.

Started using new certificates at last birthday night and received positive feedback. If online members request a chip. Charlie (online) reminded us that GSO envelopes should be given to celebrants

New Business

1. Add position of Parliamentarian to our service committee. Consider Tom H.

Ginny explained the need for using Robert's Rules of Order (RRO) to run our business meeting and would like the group to consider adding a position of parliamentarian to our service. The role of the parliamentarian for group conscience will be to assist the chair by keeping our meetings running smoothly per the suggested procedures of RRO.

Discussion was as follows:

Andrew asked if this would be a permanent position, and this was confirmed by Ginny.

Charlie suggested that the parliamentarian also serve as historian.

Ron made a motion to add position of parliamentarian/historian. Crystal seconded.

Charlie explained that the new position should be posted for 30 days before the group votes.

Ron amended the motion to recommend that we add a position of parliamentarian/historian that will be posted on for 30 days on then voted on at the next meeting. The amended motion was seconded by Crystal. Votes were cast as follows:

Online votes – 9 For, None Opposed

In-Room votes – 10 For, None Opposed

The group voted unanimously to approve the motion as amended.

Announcements

Night Watch is coming up on May 28 thru June 1

Please sign up for our Serenity Group email with this link <https://bit.ly/SerenityGroupEmail>

Possible Softball Recreational Team: Alicia D.

Alicia suggested that Serenity form a co-ed sober, softball team for our group members. Alicia asked permission from the group to consider that we organize a Serenity Team and she will provide more information all this entails. Alicia reported that the monthly dues are \$150 per team with an annual fee of \$30. Funds will be needed for equipment.

Ron made a motion that we to post information about starting a softball team in the club for 30, Crystal seconded. Charlie stated that he will request that the club sponsor the team.

Alicia will email the secretary a detailed spreadsheet with more information. See appendix.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 by Ginny. Next business meeting to be held Monday, June 21 at 7:10 PM.

Appendix A: Treasurer's Report for May 2021 – Greg B and Crystal B

**SERENITY GROUP
IN DISTRICT 31 OF S.E.T.A. OF AA
MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT
4/30/21**

Opening Balance - Unrestricted Funds		\$5,500.00	
DEPOSITS			
BASKET COLLECTIONS		\$5,995.00	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	4640 CASH 148 CHECKS 1207 SQUARE	\$5,995.00	
DISBURSEMENTS:			
ROOM RENTAL AT 85% SERVICE CHARGE (BANK)		\$5,095.75 \$0.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$5,095.75	
NET FUNDS:			
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
PRUDENT	LITERATURE	G.S.R.	TOTAL
BEGIN	\$807.45	\$0.00	\$6,307.45
LIT. SALES	\$187.00	72 \$0.00	\$239.00
RED CAN	\$371.00	323 \$0.00	\$694.00
ADD	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
SPENT		\$0.00	\$0.00
END	\$1,495.25	\$0.00	\$6,995.25
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION			\$794.84
DISTRIBUTIONS			
G.S.O.	30%		\$238.45
S.E.T.A.	10%		\$79.48
INTERGROUP	50%		\$397.42
DISTRICT 31	10%		\$79.48
paid smcaf %85 of basket			
ENDING UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		\$5,500.00	
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY LITERATURE CAN COLLECTION		\$349.00	

Approved: _____

Treasurer or Co Treasurer



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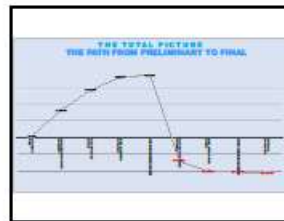
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	2020	2019	% Change
OPERATING RESULTS			
Operating Revenue	\$10,044,000	\$10,526,210	(4.6%)
Operating Expenses	\$15,452,814	\$14,445,727	7.0%
Operating Deficit	\$588,814	\$479,271	23.1%
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Operating Revenue	\$401,870	\$485,771	(17.3%)
Operating Expenses	\$401,870	\$485,771	(17.3%)
Operating Deficit	\$0	\$485,771	100.0%
CONTRIBUTIONS			
Contributions	\$1,712,000	\$1,208,300	41.7%
Operating Deficit	\$588,814	\$479,271	23.1%
Contributions	\$1,712,000	\$1,208,300	41.7%
Operating Surplus	\$1,123,186	\$729,029	52.8%

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Appendix C: SOT Report for April 2021 – Ron K

Serenity of The Woodlands

May 17th, 2021 Group Conscience Meeting – SOT Update

Vote: Adoption of the **Proposed Schedule** below including a transition to scheduled online meetings effective in June 2021

Current Schedule	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6:30AM		OD	OD	BB	OD	12 & 12	
7:00AM	OD						OD
10:00AM	OD				Women		Men
12:00PM	OD	OD	12&12	OD	OD	OD	OD
6:00PM	OD	BB	OD	OD	12 & 12	OD	OD
7:30PM							Birthday
8:00PM	3B	OD	12&12	OD	OD	OD	OD

31 meetings per week including Birthday night 7:30pm last Sat of every month (no 8pm meeting)

Proposed Schedule	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6:30AM		OD	OD	BB	OD	12&12	
7:00AM	OD						OD
10:00AM	OD						Men
12:00PM		OD	12&12	OD	BB	OD	
6:00PM							
7:00PM	3B	BB	12&12	OD	12&12	OD	OD
7:30PM							Birthday
8:00PM							

21 Meetings Per Week + Birthday Night 7:30pm last Sat of every month (no 7PM meeting)

Proposed Schedule

- Difficulty getting chairpersons to cover the current schedule over the last 4-5 months
- Online meeting attendance is decreasing. Average attendance = Jan 65, Feb 49, Mar 48, Apr 36
- Proposed schedule to 21 meetings per week is not permanent. Revisit in 3-6 months

Scheduled Meetings

- Serenity's Zoom meetings are currently set up so that anyone can join at any time (24/7)
- SOT's proposal for "Scheduled" meetings is a result of the research into the new schedule above and the risk of disruption (bombers) and unauthorized use under the current set up

Transition to "Scheduled" meetings looks something like this:

- Participants can join the meeting no more than 30 minutes before the published start time
- All participants will enter the waiting room until the Host admits them
- The Host / Chairperson will logon and "Open" the meeting and can then admit (or remove) people from the waiting room, assign co-hosts, set security etc.
- The meeting will end when the Host "Ends" the meeting or 30 minutes after the published end time whichever is later
- Between meetings, anyone can still join but they will be put in the waiting room until the next scheduled Host arrives (No access to the Zoom meeting room between meetings)

Appendix D: Proposed Serenity Group Softball Team – Alicia D

Serenity Softball Team				
	QTY	Range	Median price	Flat Fees
Monthly Dues SRC Houston July 2021-2022	12			\$ 150.00 \$ 1,800.00
Annual Fee	Once annually			\$30.00 \$ 30.00
Baseball Bats 4-5	5	\$30-\$300	\$ 135.00	\$ 675.00
Baseball Gloves 7-8	8	\$50-\$200	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,050.00
Total cost				\$ 3,555.00
Accessories (optional)				
Customized Baseball caps \$25	20		\$25	\$ 500.00
Customized Softball Shirts \$25	20		\$25	\$ 500.00
				\$ 1,000.00
Overall Cost				\$ 4,555.00



Location:

Collins Park
6727 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379

****One Sunday a month co-ed 4-5 games within that day between the hours of 8-3:30 PM—12 pm break for prayer**

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About



The Sober Recreation Committee is dedicated to providing and promoting fun events for the recovering community in the Greater Houston Area.

We are a volunteer group of hard working men and women who believe in the importance of fun and fellowship in personal recovery, with a focus on welcoming the newcomer into this environment.

The SRC sponsors three golf tournaments a year, bi-monthly bowling and ongoing co-ed softball leagues and tournaments.

If you're interested in reaching one of our Board Members please contact us at pvt1113@yahoo.com or (713) 882-9249

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