

Group Conscience Business Meeting Minutes
Serenity of the Woodlands
June 21, 2021

Meeting Chair: Ginny M

Meeting was opened at 7:10 by Ginny with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. 20 members were in attendance with 4 online and 16 in the room.

In room:

Charlie B, Ron K, Tom H, John P, Scott S, Greg B, Ginny M, Kristi N, Lizzy, Doug C, Alecia D, Andrew B, Erin A, Jessica T, Charlie G, Carol W.

Online: Crystal B, Vicki B, Sue I, Kimberly C.

Reports

Secretary: Carol W

Review of the minutes from May 17. A motion was made by Ron K (in-room) and seconded by Tom H (in-room). Approved unanimously by all in attendance in-room and online.

Treasurer: Greg B (in-room) and Crystal B (online)

Basket collections had sharp increase. 85% paid to club. There is a prudent reserve \$5,500. Greg thinks that our prudent reserve may be higher than that amount once all expenses are itemized and suggests that we address this at the next group conscience to distribute any excess funds.

Andrew B asked for clarification of why the prudent reserve may be a higher amount. Greg explained that he will balance the account and have the actual prudent reserve by our next Group Conscience. Any amount over \$5,500 will be discussed for distribution.

Andrew B motioned to approve the treasurer report, Scott seconded. Approved unanimously by all in attendance in-room and online.

See appendix A

GSR: Kristi N

No district meeting this month due to Father's Day. There will be 2 reports next month.

Literature: Lizzy R

Women's 10 AM meeting is using a new book called "The Voices of Women in AA.". Lizzy will purchase copies of the book from Intergroup which will be available for sale in the club.

Grapevine: Eddie M

Not in attendance. Nothing to report.

Website/Communications: Larry B and Scott S:

Scott S. (in-room). Larry not in attendance. Some content and navigation need to be cleaned up. Feel free to email questions to Scott or Larry.

Group Reps: Tom H and Doug C

Doug (in-room) Club meeting was held in the small room last month. Discussion revolved around how to spend the money the manager of the strip mall is going to provide for improvements. Manager wants to make sure that the room improvements benefit the property, not just the AA group.

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

Ron (in-room). Attendance is up. Encourage people to chair and to sign up early.

See Appendix B.

Old Business

1. New Service Position of Parliamentarian/Historian

The motion for the new service position of Parliamentarian/Historian (P/H) has been posted for 30 days and is now open for discussion.

Vicki asked what the criteria is to serve as P/H. Ginny clarified that this will be a one-year position like other positions except for the treasurer. As with the ancillary service positions, the suggested criteria for P/H is 6 months of the sobriety. The newly, elected P/H serve for the calendar year. However, the elected P/H will start the position immediately. The elected P/H will have the options to stand again for the position in the next calendar year or step down.

Carol W nominated Tom H and he accepted. Votes were cast as follows:

14 Yes – 4 online, 11 in-room.

3 Abstain – 1 online, 2 in-room.

1 Opposed – 1

Doug was given the opportunity to voice his reasons for the opposed vote. He sees no need to have another person help run the meetings when we already have a chair to run the meetings. The above vote counts did not change because of this opposition.

2. Night Watch Update

Night Watch was a big success! Scott S (in room) and John P (in room) headed up the efforts. There was a total of 105 calls totaling 8.9 hours. There were 29 volunteers who took calls. John P took one call that was 1.5 hours. Next night watch is in December.

3. Spring Fling Report

No one present to give a report.

4. Softball Team Update

Alicia D. (in-room) presented the approximate expenses involved for funding the softball team. She will post additional information in the club. Further ad hoc discussion on this issue will occur. Charlie will ask the club if they are interested in sponsoring the team.

See Appendix C.

5. Bulletin board for online meeting information – Crystal B

Crystal is requesting an additional \$100 so that SOT can purchase a white board.

Discussion proceeded as follows:

- Doug pointed out the group already has a group board and there should be no need for a separate board for SOT. SOT can post on the group board.

- Ron pointed out that this bulletin board is for the online community and will help us spread more information.
- Crystal remarked that a separate board will reduce confusion between in-room and online meetings.

Ginny called for a group vote for the allocation additional funds for a SOT bulletin board. Votes were cast as follows:

12 Yes - 4 online, 10 in-room

4 Opposed – 4 in-room

Funding for the SOT bulletin board was approved by the group.

6. Open positions at Serenity: Intergroup rep, CPC chair, TFC chair, CFC chair

Ginny stated that a brief description of each of the positions is on our website.

Kristi nominated Jessica T for Group/Club Liaison that was vacated by Tom H. Jessica T expressed her willingness to take this position. Ginny M asked for a group vote and Jessica's position was approved unanimously by all in attendance in-room and online.

New Business

1. New speaker meeting coordinator beginning August 1.

Jeanette M is finishing her term and John P is volunteered for this position and will take over from Jeanette on August 1. Ginny M asked for a group vote and John's position was approved unanimously by all in attendance in-room and online.

2. Return to holding hands during the Lord's Prayer – Doug C

Doug made a motion that the group conscience approve that members can return to holding hands during the Lord's Prayer at the end of meetings. Tom H seconded. Discussion proceeded as follows:

- Charlie B stated that the club has no role in enforcing any such rules and suggested that we post the motion for 30 days to involve more group members in the discussion. Charlie suggested that since CDC and state rules regarding social distancing have been reduced, to let the hand-holding happen again organically.

Motion will be tabled until the next meeting. Meanwhile, Doug and Carol will post the motion in the room so it is visible to the group for 30 days.

3. Accommodations for online participation in Group Conscience meetings – Ron K

Time did not allow a discussion of this agenda item. Ginny stated that since the SOT found a way to manage a hybrid set up this time that the SOT will do the same for the next GC meeting. Meanwhile, SOT will continue to research a solution for accommodating online attendance for our GC meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 by Ginny and followed by the Lord's Prayer. Next business meeting to be held Monday, July 19 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
 5/31/21

Opening Balance - Unrestricted Funds		\$5,500.00	
DEPOSITS			
BASKET COLLECTIONS		\$7,216.00	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	5897 CASH 65 CHECKS 1254 SQUARE	\$7,216.00	
DISBURSEMENTS:			
ROOM RENTAL AT 85% SERVICE CHARGE (BANK)		\$6,133.60 \$0.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$6,133.60	
NET FUNDS:			
		\$1,082.40	
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RESTRICTED FUNDS			
PRUDENT	LITERATURE	G.S.R.	TOTAL
BEGIN \$5,500.00	\$1,495.25	\$0.00	\$6,995.25
LIT. SALES \$0.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$135.00
RED CAN \$0.00	\$497.00	\$0.00	\$497.00
ADD	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
SPENT	\$690.70	\$0.00	\$690.70
END <u>\$5,500.00</u>	\$1,586.55	\$0.00	\$7,086.55
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION			\$932.40
DISTRIBUTIONS			
G.S.O.	30%	\$279.72	
S.E.T.A.	10%	\$93.24	
INTERGROUP	50%	\$466.20	
DISTRICT 31	10%	\$93.24	
paid smcaf %85 of basket			
ENDING UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		\$5,500.00	
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY LITERATURE CAN COLLECTION		\$323.00	

Approved: _____

Treasurer or Co Treasurer _____

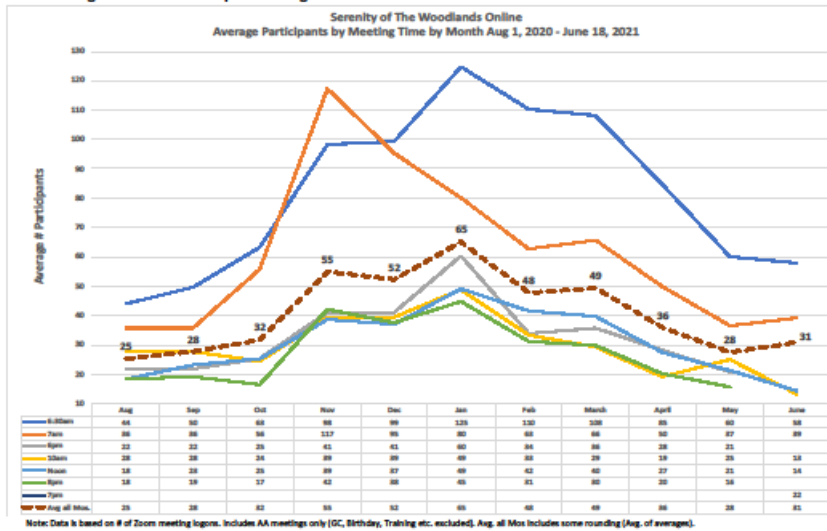
Appendix B:

Serenity of The Woodlands

June 21, 2021 Group Conscience Meeting – Serenity Online Team (SOT) Update (DRAFT)

New Schedule & Meeting Attendance

- Transitioned to new schedule June 1 with 21 meetings per week (20 with Chairs)
- Average attendance is 31 per meeting as of June 18. Continue to monitor for 6 months under new schedule



In Process

- Transition to scheduled meetings planned for July. Includes a change to the Zoom meeting URL.
- External websites being updated to have the meetings page link (not the Zoom meeting link)
- Co-Hosts handle only security and administrative tasks during meetings and require 3 months continuous sobriety. Separate Co-Host sign up list for the website.
- Script announcement encouraging people to sign up earlier in the month to chair in the following month
- Bulletin board and chair announcement in the room with general information about Serenity Online meetings

New Business

- Monday 7pm Zoom meeting overlaps once per month with the GC Meeting. Serenity has 1 Zoom license so cannot have 2 online meetings active at the same time.
- Some options for consideration...
 - o GC meeting is In-Room only with no online / hybrid option. Open for all to attend in person as it is now.
 - o Change GC meeting to another day and time and continue with hybrid GC meetings from the room
 - o Change GC meeting to another day and time and to Online only (no Hybrid)
 - o Cancel Monday 7pm Zoom meeting once per month. Continue with hybrid GC meetings from the room
 - o Get 1 more Zoom license (\$15 per month) so 2 online meetings can be scheduled at the same time. Continue with hybrid GC meetings from the room
 - o Other options or ideas...?

Appendix C:

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-

SRC-Sober Recreation Committee:

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