



## Group Conscience Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 17th, 2022 ~ 7:10-7:50

*Currently serving trusted servants: Scott S, chair; Ron K, co-chair; Jessica T, secretary; Greg B & Crystal B, co-treasurers; Kristi N, GSR; Andrew B, alt GSR; Doug C, Grapevine chair; Lizzy R, Intergroup Rep; Ginny M, literature chair; Kimberly C, SOT chair; Tom H, Sidney V, group representatives; John P, speaker meeting coordinator; Alex C, PI.*

### Meeting Opens – 7:10 PM with Welcome and Serenity Prayer

**Review of Minutes:** Copies available for review, both paper and on [www.serenitywoodlands.com](http://www.serenitywoodlands.com) and on the current Newsletter.

**GSR:** Kristi N. and Andrew B.

Discussed 2022 Seta Convention. Refer to GSR report regarding upcoming workshops in District 31. District 31 would like input from groups on workshop ideas for the coming year. It was decided by the district that district meetings for April and June will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month due to Easter and Father's Day falling on the 3rd Sunday. Open positions for District 31 include: Archives, IT (Information Technology), PI (Public Information) and CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community). Responsibilities and qualifications for these positions are posted on the board under district news.

**Treasurer Reports:** Greg B and Crystal B.

Greg B stated he is working on executing a more legible format for treasurers report with the help of Crystal. Correction from last Group Conscience, we have already distinguished all of our excess funds based on a previous vote by Group Conscience. We are right at our \$6500 prudent reserve. Provided copies of the bank journal, asked for recommendations on how to better capture these reports. Provided journalization from Jan. 1st - 14th, 2022. Will continue to use the current report while also providing the bank journals.

*Ginny M. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Bill M. Unanimously approved.*

**LITERATURE:** Ginny M.

Completely out of newcomer booklets. Booklets will need to be revised if the Speaker Meeting changes to a new time. Ordered enough for the interim. Will order 100 more after the Speaker Meeting vote.

**SOT:** Kimberly C.

No formal report. Working on transition between Ron K. and Kimberely C.



## **Old Business and Discussions**

**1st Motion:** Move the Saturday Night Speaker meeting from 8:00pm to 6:00pm

### **Discussion prior to vote:**

John P. stated the only reason for bringing the motion is more people here at 6:00pm, the speaker meetings are powerful.

Ron K. confirming that the 8:00pm will still take place as a discussion. Suggested putting a time limit on the change (3 months, 6months) and then revisit, but we don't want to be changing it every week.

Crystal stated she thinks it's a great idea to switch the two meeting formats, agreed with Ron about the time limit and to revisit after 6 months. Further discussion 6 months from now.

Tom H. stated a concern about the Speaker Meeting being finished in time for the 8pm meeting to begin. John responded that in his experience Speaker Meetings end on time.

### **Point of Order - Tom H.**

Tonight doesn't allow the sufficient 30 day criteria of posting.

#### **Discussion:**

Ginny stated that it was never meant to be 30 days, it's between one Group Conscience to another. John P. asked Scott S. if it had been 30 days, Scott S. responded it has not been 30 days. Scott S stated we are ready to vote, we do not have written bylaws, the nature of the intent of having notice has been fulfilled by the group.

**VOTE:** Changing the Saturday Speaker Meeting from 8:00pm to 6:00pm

28 FOR

2 AGAINST

1 ABSTAINED

**MOTION 1 - PASSED**

### **MINORITY OPINION**

Lizzy R. feels it's a slippery slope if we start making certain meetings more important and need to be well attended more than other meetings. Trying to control who is in the room, God puts people in the chairs when they need to be in the chairs.

Scott S. asked if anyone wanted to change their vote after hearing minority opinion. No votes were changed.

### **Discussion following vote:**

John P. and Ron. K asked for the effective date of change. Scott S stated effective this Saturday (1/22). Charlie stated that there is no end date, if someone doesn't like it they have to wait 6 months to make a motion to vote against it. Scott S agreed with Charlie saying if you have an objection or want to discuss again we can start in July.



**2nd Motion:** I vote to take \$4000 dollars from the Groups prudent reserve used to front the Serenity Group 40th Anniversary Ad Hoc Committee for expenses to be repaid after the event.

## Discussion:

Matt said he has never seen the group pull that much money out of our prudent reserve to fund an event, ever.

As co-treasurer Crystal states it makes her very uncomfortable. Paying it back after the fact could take a very long time. It will take too long and will put too much pressure/strain on our group without some sort of time limit.

Charlie commented - anything that God wills we can do together. We can start raising the money, lots of different things and ways we can do to begin raising money. It takes work but Serenity never gives up. Activity boards committee can start motivating as "It Can Be Done".

Amy asked about the prudent reserve. Greg explains the prudent reserve.

Kasey asked where the number of \$4000 came from? Is that a working number, is that negotiable? When would we withdraw from that fund?

Ginny states that the venue cost is \$1200, the cheapest place we could find. The number of \$4000 came from Doug. We can spend \$2000 or \$2500, it's just a working budget.

Laura asks what the dollar amount was coming in when the club was shut down. There might not be \$5500 - \$6500 coming into the club to pay the bills if something like COVID happens again. In my past experience of club events food was usually donated or provided by someone in the club. It's a lot of money to spend out of savings account when the goal is to keep the amount at \$6500.

Vicki would vote against the \$4000. Vote no to this motion and figure out how much money we really need. Vote on this and then start over.

Kristi asked how much money had been raised.

Crystal shared the current totals of donations. \$45 from Square, \$371 from the can, total \$416 raised so far. We have a couple ideas coming together as the t-shirts we believe would be able to cover quite a bit of it if not all of the venue and possibly food.

Greg is uncomfortable with the total amount to seed the party. We have a couple expenses that already have been identified. If we purchase 150 t-shirts we would need \$1600 to fund that. If the t-shirts sell for \$25 or \$30 a piece we are more than doubling our money back. I'm concerned about reducing our Prudent Reserve to \$2500.

Ron reiterates Charlie's point, he believes we can pull it off. Previous parties like this have been promoted and people chip in and it happens. Understands the part about the t-shirts but that assumes they will sell. I'm talking about fundraising between now and the event.

Crystal asks a question to what Charlie and Ron meant by "we can do this". Did you mean we can raise the money on our own for this party or did you mean we can refund this \$4000 after the party? Ron responds that we can focus on fundraising between now and March 5th and raise money and maybe require less than \$4000. Ron agrees that we need a budget.

Doug asks Charlie what the cost of the 35th Anniversary cost. Charlie doesn't have exact numbers. Both the 30th and 35th anniversary we did exactly what we are talking about for this and came out black and it worked out perfectly. 10yrs ago the cost was \$3400, food was \$1500, room was \$950. Doug continues that this is simply money up front that covers expenses that have already been incurred. We will continue to make money through donations over the next 2.5 months at meetings and people will contribute at the



party. We do not have to spend \$4000 if we don't spend it. \$4000 was based on past experiences to throw an anniversary party.

Greg stated that he witnessed on two occasions the blue can being passed around simultaneously on separate sides of the room from the basket taking away from the 7th tradition. Before 7th tradition collections are passed around the chairperson must announce that donations made in the blue can are completely separate and not in lieu of contributions to the club.

Ginny shared the committee has been discussing offering hamburgers and hot dogs, someone has offered to provide a big grill and having members provide the side dishes.

John suggests making an announcement at the end of the meeting to contribute to the blue can. Agrees with the confusion of having the blue can in the basket.

Doug makes a motion to vote, seconded by Bill.

5 FAVOR

14 AGAINST

## **MOTION 2 : DID NOT PASS**

### **New Business:**

Kacey asked who is our delegate to Intergroup? Lizzy responded that she began the role this January.

Vicki asks about bylaws. Charlie responds that Group Conscience can't have bylaws. The club has bylaws.

Kristi nominates Sidney for Group Rep. position. Matt seconded the nomination. *Unanimously approved.*

### **Close of meeting:**

Motion to close meeting made by Tom, seconded by Doug. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer at 7:52 PM