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Group Conscience Meeting Agenda Monday, December 19th, 2022 ~ 7:10-7:50

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

Review of Minutes: Copies available for review, both paper and on www.serenitywoodlands.com and on the current Newsletter.

Crystal made a motion to pass the minutes, Kristi seconded the motion.

Group Reports: GSR limit to 5 minutes, others limit to 2 minutes, please

GSR: We had a very brief meeting yesterday because we had a holiday thing. The treasurer's budget did pass. I know I asked you guys some questions last month. When I get a copy of the finalized budget I will post it on the board over there. That's really the only thing we got done yesterday which was approving the budget.

Treasurer's report: We started with basket collections at \$6033.09. Then \$942.24 was Square. We go down, 85% of our room rental was \$5128.13. Total for disbursements were \$5128.13. Our NET funds left over were \$904.96. We put \$150 into the literature fund which gives us a leftover of \$754.96. 30% to GSO, 10% to SETA, 50% to Intergroup and 10% to District 31. Brings us back down to our prudent reserve which is \$6500.

Scott: Is it looking good?

Crystal: Yes, it's looking good. We are still on board for wanting to pass that \$100.

Scott: Can I get someone to pass the motion for the treasurer's report.

Jessica: Motion to pass

Kristi: Seconds the motion

Intergroup report: Intergroup had their Christmas Open House this past weekend, Bruce spoke at it. Holiday hours are changed or different, it's on the website and now they are open until 5:00pm.

Grapevine report: No Report

PI report: No Report

Scott: Luke you're here for the club rep, do you have anything?

Luke: I don't think so

SOT report: (Ron) Kimberely is picking up one of her kids at the airport, she's stuck in the airport mess. The big event recently was the training, so all of the training documentation has been updated. And I think the majority of the hosts and interested co-hosts have been through the training which was the idea to get everyone leveled set with new things that are happening. That's going well. Anybody else, Mitch and Sue, if I'm missing anything big please jump in. Kimberely said she would send an update later.

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Kristi: Is it okay to double dip, I forgot something.

Scott: It's okay to double dip

Kristi: I did make the change on the meeting guide for the Wednesday night meeting, so it is showing what we're actually doing. Whoever does the newcomer packet it needs to be changed on there and so that will be decided tonight.

Scott: We just printed.

Kristi: That's it.

Luke: Actually there was someone that we asked to not come back due to their lack of participation and some events that have happened recently, it's been ongoing. Do we all know who we are talking about here?

Ron: I believe so

Luke: Giovanni. Unfortunately, until further notice he is banned.

Charlie: For how long?

Luke: We have an address for him to notify him when and if it is released.

Crystal: That is a Club decision, correct?

Luke: Correct

Lizzy: If we wanted to find out what the process of that was, do we go to Club to find out what steps take place?

Scott: Yeah, I think so. The Club meeting is tomorrow, right Charlie?

Charlie: Right

Scott: It's a formal process, they don't shoot from the hip on that.

Scott: Any other reports?

Literature report: No report

Old Business:

Scott: Can we still do Greg's if he is not here?

Crystal: Do I stand in his place?

Scott: Can you read the motion and we can discuss further.

Crystal: The motion as read "that we begin contributing \$100 monthly to the line item GSR expenses on the budget". We did a roundabout estimate of \$1200 per year and we thought per.

Scott: That's a good idea. Is there a second?

Charlie: I second

Scott: Do we need to discuss it further?

Ron: That doesn't require a vote



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Scott: Yes, it does require a vote. Any other discussion? Okay, then we'll go ahead and vote. All those in favor raise your hand.

Ron: Any opposition online?

Scott: Okay, Luke would you like to speak on behalf

Luke: Only because I don't know anything about it.

Kristi: Can I share? So the GSR is expected to go to certain events during the year to come back and share with the group. I've come up with a budget for 2023, these are the events that need to be gone to and this is the estimated expense. It came out for the year about \$1200. So we were thinking about putting away \$100 per month.

Luke: So it's a pay advance to events you have to go to

Scott: Would you like to change your vote

Luke: Yea, I'd like to change my vote.

MOTION PASSES

10 YAY 0 NAY

Scott: The motion passes, it would have passed anyway. As part of Robert's Rules of Order you get to say on behalf of any negative votes why. Then you have to give the person, then give others the opportunity to change their votes as well.

Scott: Any other old business?

Jessica: Casey's for the candlelight.

Casey: I apologize to the group for missing the last GC meeting. I'm back and so I wanted to stand for starting a candlelight meeting from 11:00pm-12:00am. I also stood that I would represent for 6 months to get it started and then after that we can take volunteers to lead that meeting.

Ron: Is it open discussion or some specific.

Casey: It's an open discussion, just a safe haven. That Friday night is that bewitching hour, especially for our young members. I think we at one time we did have candlelight and it kinda died down. Trying to get a consensus that we might be able to start that again.

Charlie: Our previous Friday night candlelight meeting was 10:00pm. So you are proposing one that is an hour later?

Casey: Yes

Charlie: Cool

Scott: Anyone online have anything

Casey: Cause that's when the bars close.

Ron: Online will be independent, it's not a topic from now.

Suzanne: I like the idea of 10:00pm instead of 11:00pm.

Ron: For the in-room, for this motion?



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Casey: Okay, then you can lead it and do it for six months at 10:00pm

Suzanne: We'll I'm in bed by then.

Sue: I used to attend the meetings at 10:00pm on Friday nights. It was a good time to attend, but it dwindled down to nothing. I remember showing up one night and no one was there, so I don't know how I feel about another one starting up. I'm with Susan here. 10:00pm was a better time, I will say that.

Crystal: This is meant to appeal to the younger people who are actually itching and looking for something to do at that late hour at night, not someone who is hanging around after the 8:00pm meeting and just wants to do another meeting. So it is really meant for that crowd not so much an older crowd but the ones that are really itching, who might not even come regularly or even know anything about AA quiet yet. The ones that might want to dip their toys in instead of hitting the bar.

Ron: I think valid points everywhere for 10 or 11, I'm fine with 11:00. These things are voted on, we do them for six months and then we can talk about them and depending on the attendance change them. So they are not set in stone forever. I would encourage, let's get this going. I think it's a good idea all around. Casey is high energy so I'm sure she will get the word around and people will come. We can move it back in six months.

Suzanne: I'm good with that, I'm good with 11:00. You guys know better than I, because I'm not usually around at 11:00.

Ron: It's for the young people my age.

Scott: Any other discussion, anyone want to bring up anything. Okay, are we ready to vote. Can you please reread the motion.

Jessica: Casey made a motion to start a "Candle Light" open participation meeting to be scheduled every Friday night from 11:00pm-12:00am. Casey M. will jump start as chair for the first six months thereafter volunteers may sign up on the meeting board to chair.

Scott: All those in favor raise your hand. Any opposed? That motion passes, thank you Casey. This woman is doing a lot for this group.

MOTION PASSES

10 YAY 0 Nay

Scott: Any other old business

Jessica: No

New Business:

Scott: Any new business

Jessica: Charlie made a motion to reconsider our Night Watch commitment from 2 to 1 or none per year.

Charlie: First of all, one other note from the last Club meeting. The local AI-Anon group has asked the group to use the building for an AI-Anon meeting. We accepted them, they will start an AI-Anon meeting in this building sometime in January. It's great to have another family come into these rooms, so we now have AI-Anon, Alcoholics Anonymous and CODA sharing this building. It will be nice to have a wide family in these rooms again. It's neat not be the only things happening in here, it's really neat to share recovery with these rooms. Anyway. I make a motion we reconsider and go down to one Night Watch a year. It's



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obvious with all the service activities we have we are just not prepared for it. This last Night Watch we barely pulled it off. We are full of love, we love each other, we are good brothers and sisters but this one we had to pull a 911 duty. It was really hard and that's a very serious thing, it's life and death for some of the people calling in and we barely pulled it off. Let's get ourselves back together, get our numbers back and stuff and maybe try again, maybe i'm wrong, so y'all talk it out.

Kristi: Charlie, do you know which weekends we've typically done?

Scott: Well I've got next years.

Kristi: Is it Memorial Day weekend?

Scott: So next year is May 26th which is Memorial Day, September 15 which is two weeks after Labor Day and December 8th.

Ron: So we can opt out of 1, 2 or all 3?

Carol: I just wanted to say that during the pandemic we did it at home, cause I know I signed up for it and did it at home. On the online meetings don't have this information to do Night Watch and if we can be a part of it, either in the building or online. It was a number you would call forward and all of that, it was wonderful. I did the 12-3 shift and I would do that everytime we had Night Watch. If I could do it at home on my phone like I did. I do agree, I've done Night Watch several times and it's a very important service. We had people call at 7:00 o'clock in the morning desperate, desperate. I would just like to make a plea that we can include the people online and try to also share duties in the building or to do it with the call forwarding.

Scott: They did change their process. I know probably 2 or 3 years ago, intergroup stopped doing the call forwarding so you could change it on their end. So they can basically forward their number to our number here and we could go through a rigamarole logging onto our business account, changing the number and making sure it gets changed back. It's a lot logistically to try to do call forwarding over the web. We cannot see people and your not here, so instead of messing around with all of that...there's really not someone who is always here 24 hours a day for the whole weekend. This is all kinda volunteer. It would be too difficult to manage. To be honest we don't want a bunch of people in our business account as well. So there is a security issue as well, you can see people's numbers that call and everything else. Basically we will make sure that go to the online meetings can participate however they will need to come into the room to do the Night Watch.

Lizzy: I just wanted to make it known, this wasn't the only one that needed a 911 call. The last one I was up here for 16 hours for the event. I did not do a 911 call, but it's not just this time that it was not able to be filled. And you are correct, I was told that I could make it easier to do it at home but that would be my responsibility and I still have a full time job. So anyone that wants to take up Intergroup next, Carol it's going to be open, If you guys can do that I think that would be wonderful that would probably help people to be able to do it from home.

Ron: Charlie, everything you said is correct. A couple of observations. Lizzy wasn't able to be available this year, just a fact, not a criticism in any way to coordinate like she usually does. So I have never



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coordinated this before and didn't know the best practices. So Charlie and Scott kinda jumped in last minute, but we still got the listed signed up. I think we had two or three no shows that I saw, I wasn't here the whole weekend.

Scott: There was several

Ron: There usually is half a dozen or so. I think that was a one off. I support continuing and doing the same two or maybe three. I've called that number myself many many years ago and there was a lot of hope on the other side. I didn't go in, but I called it. Because something in me was wanting to hear that hope. The other point about Charlie and I spoke extensively about rolling the number to somebody's cell phone if people can do this remotely. The other issue with that if it's rolled to, forwarded to your cell phone and you don't answer then your voicemail is there and you're giving your name and possibly your number and breaking your anonymity which we can't check with everybody. So it has some complications, doesn't mean it can't be looked at again, but like Scott said it has some complications.

Charlie: We love each other, we're all brothers and sisters. Here's the reality tonight's elections and we don't have a full crowd. We can barely keep books stocked, we run out of chips all of the time recently. We are not a really strong service group. We have recovery is good, we have a little bit of service going on, but we're unity...we love each other, we care about each other. We're not doing so good, maybe we should step back for a little bit and focus on the things we are good at. Three, oh my god, no. That's a lot. I say we don't do three, I mean my goodness, no. Two, maybe. If you think we can pull it off, whoever's going to be chair, y'all know we have to plan ahead to get the people and have a plan if people back out. We know what we got, Lizzy is a good example. We can't ever let that happen again. That's what we got going.

Casey: I just wanted to chime a little bit. I hear what you're saying Charlie. I hear that a more critical, necessary is why our large group we aren't more service oriented. Why do we have that in our culture. It resonates with the elder statesman. It really does. They set the tone. I think if we can reframe that conversation about how as Serenity as a group we embrace service. How the room just clears out when we have group conscience unless we have something juicy we are voting on, then everyone comes from the floor to vote then leave again. We are really talking about our culture. Somehow reframing that to where we are encouraging and training. The second point is that maybe if we can bring training to this service to the Night Watch, we've got the manual, so maybe the next person who's coming on, unless Lizzy is going to do it again.

Lizzy: No

Casey: Then maybe the next person coming on may approach it in a different way. My suggestion is to curve this motion until we have somebody else in that place.

Scott: I agree

Ron: We don't have to let them know right away. We can defer this until the next meeting. The other thing to Charlie's point, if we look at all of the events over the course of 12 months as a group on one piece of paper, not only this event to sign up for but everything as a whole would be very valuable to look at.

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Scott: What we could do potentially is to create a sub committee, improvising service.

Luke: I can do my part in the mornings. We aren't really talking about it that much. It didn't have a lot of visibility.

Lizzy: I suggest we do Night Watch during bowling or volleyball games. That seems to be talked about more in the rooms than actual service work.

Scott: We will table this for now and talk about it more next month. And Lizzy, none of this was a reflection on you.

Lizzy: I know, I'm not taking it personally

Scott: I know what it's like, I did it too.

Scott: Is there any other new business?

Jessica: That's it

Crystal: There is only a couple of people being used to operate technology. While we know how to do it we are needing more people and it can't always fall on one of the two. I would like to bring up the idea of adding the position for one person to be in charge of doing it, making that commitment. Handling the birthday nights and the speaker nights and GC technology wise.

Scott: If we add a position that has to get passed by motion and posted for 30 days.

Crystal: That's fine.

Scott: So do we want to talk about that further, we have 15 minutes to do elections.

Ron: There is a description on all audio and visual equipment, meaning all of this, all of the commitments in the SOT description. It's in the SOT chair description that's posted with the detail and then this year the chair doesn't come to the room at all, so I helped her out. There is a description of what all that involves that we can pull out of there, that's the way forward.

Crystal: The motion would be to pull out that audio/visual part from the SOT and make it an in-room position under that would be a person who was also looking for other technology oriented people to train and teach how to possibly do that in the future.

Casey: I want to make a suggestion or to actually separate night to just not online from birthday night and getting another piece of equipment like a Karaoke machine that's really simple for the mic and the moderator could be responsible for that, so we don't need someone high tech around that and that would be isolate the speaker night so all of the intricacies would only be specific to the online birthday night.



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Scott: So is this a motion we are going to keep talking about? Or are we going to table it until next month. There's more to talk about. We'll bring it up as old business next month to talk about it further. If you could bring a motion in writing next month.

Scott: We are moving on, we're going to do elections. They are for 1yr of service outside of the treasurer. And you guys are done, right?

Crystal: We're done

Scott: So basically all the positions are open. Is there a minimum sobriety date?

Charlie: 6 months

Scott: 6 months sobriety and please be honest about that.

Kristi: Not for treasurer, treasurer is 2 years. GSR I believe is 2 years and it's a 2 year service commitment as well.

Charlie: No, two weeks for GSR LOLOL

Scott: We're not going to get through these all tonight since we basically have 10 minutes. So if there is not a person voting in, whenever someone wants to stand for a position they can. You don't necessarily have to do it in December, if there are open positions and there will be, you can come to a meeting and stand for any position you want to and it will go through process of getting discussed and voted on, just keep that in mind. Like I said, we are not going to get through all of these. We will start with the chairperson, which is basically the person who chairs the business meeting for Serenity's Group Conscience. Does anyone want to stand for chair? Ron does

Ron: About 12 ½ years sober, Serenity is my home group. I got sober at the morning meetings at the old location. One of the things I did on purpose when I was new in Sobriety was I waited almost 4 years until I got involved group conscience and other support side of what it takes to run this whole thing intentionally. It does get difficult sometimes. I've been involved in different things since then. There is a lot of great things being discussed here, this service culture that somebody brought up. That's a real need. I think the pandemic really beat us up in a lot of ways and we are still recovering from that. Not to take anything away from Scott has pushed the last year, which I think is great but it takes more time. With the right group of people we can come out of that, and that's probably my highest level of interest for this club and the people out there that need us.

Scott: So, does anyone else want to stand for chair. Okay, let's go ahead and vote.

10 YAY 0 NAY

Ron is elected for chair

Scott: Congratulations Ron



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Scott: Next is co-chair, keep in mind, I did not know this will be the next group chair. The co-chair basically helps out the chair if they can't attend a meeting they fill in for them but generally would be chair next. Does anyone want to stand for co-chair? So the position will remain open, Ron will probably have to recruit somebody.

Scott: Do we have anyone who would like to stand for treasurer?

Charlie: I nominate Crystal

Crystal: I'm unavailable to take it right now

Scott: We don't have a treasurer

Ron: And Greg?

Crystal: I don't know

Scott: Next position is secretary. Would anyone want to stand for secretary? So no one is standing for secretary.

Scott: Anyone standing for website chair? You have to have an IT degree on that one. I'm just kidding

Ron: Kimberly couldn't make the meeting. There is some ongoing conversations about that later.

Scott: There's no degree requirements for that.

Scott: Does anyone want to stand for GSR.

Kristi: I came in in the middle of this position so I would like to, it's a 2 year position, so I would like to continue another year.

Scott: Alright! This is an important position so let's go ahead and make sure we vote on it. All those in favor of Kristi being GSR for two more years.

Kristi: Just one

Scott: All those opposed

14 YAY 0 NAY

Kristi elected to GSR for one more year

Scott: Rather than go through these positions because it's embarrassing, is there anyone who wants to stand for.

Lizzy: I would like to do literature.



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Casey: I would like to stand for Speaker Meeting Coordinator since I came in half way through.

Scott: Okay, we'll vote on those. Is there anyone else who would like to stand for something? Do you stand for anything?

Susan: What did Casey stand for?

Ron: Lizzy stood for literature chair and Casey stood for speaker meeting coordinator.

Scott: Lizzy would you like to add anything?

Lizzy: No

Scott: All those in favor of Lizzy being literature chair, please raise your hand.

13 YAY

Lizzy elected literature chair

Scott: Casey, could you please come where people can hear you

Casey: I came in half way though from my predecessor who was doing the meeting moderator for our speaker night meeting every Saturday from 6-7 except for birthday night, the last Saturday. I would like to stand to continue to do that, I think we have some good things going, so please vote for me.

Scott: All those in favor for Casey please raise your hand.

13 YAY

Casey elected speaker night coordinator

Scott: All remaining positions we have: Alt GSR, Serenity Online Team, Co-Lit, Intergroup Rep, Correctional facilities committee, Treatment facilities committee, PIP, there's lots of positions open. I will probably do something, I'm not sure what yet. If there is something you have in mind you can stand for it at any meeting, just come to group conscience. Any other business to discuss.

Charlie: I would like to table for next meeting moving elections to March. So we can have more people attend, nobody attends during the holidays. It's where we always used to have elections.

Scott: So would that be for next year?

Charlie: Whatever, yeah

Ron: Motion for January

Susan: I just want to say quickly most groups have their elections in September or October.

Charlie: That would be better

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Ron: Not summer and not the holidays, we'll get into details.

Charlie: I make a motion to close

Kristi: Second

Close of meeting:

Motion to close meeting made by Charlie, seconded by Kristi. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer at 7:51 PM