

LITTLE YELLOW HOUSE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 2025

Date: 5/26/25

Minutes taken by CJ

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Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Donna

Reading of long form of Serenity Prayer by Lisa

Attendance: (15) Donna, Julie, Richard, Marmian, Lisa, Duff, AR, Mark, Ronny, Sarah, Donavan, Jim, Nikki, David, CJ

Ronny motion to accept April minutes as posted, Duff seconds motion, motion passed, none opposed

Reports

Treasurer: Diane - absent - will update next business meeting minutes with both may and June report

Secretary: CJ - I do not have anything this month

Supplies: Duff - Bought groceries and items from Sam's club

GSR: Ronny - We experienced a loss in T-shirt sales, one problem was the wear and tear after washing, so we are thinking of ways to recoup the money lost such as dinners. Went the previous week to the New Estates meeting, said it was a nice meeting with 18 people and to get with him if interested in going. Ronny's GSR positions term is ending at the end of the year and invites anyone to volunteer. Says he will show the new person what to do and help them be comfortable with the Area Meetings and will continue going until 2 months after the new year.

Intergroup: David - Absent

Chip and Lit: Lisa - Gave the Venmo deposit for the month was \$273.50 since Diane was absent

History: Richard - nothing to report

Meeting coordinator: Mark - we have 5 more openings to chair. We keep trying to get a full months

Group Technology Coordinator: Sarah - During the month we had 55 unique participants on zoom. I also found links on the webpage that go to old flyers and old information so I hid that. I also added living sober to the literature page, fixed typos and in general the user interface. I did 2 zoom co-host training sessions in the month.

Donna adds We still need someone for the CITF (corrections institutions and treatment facilities) and for public information

Ronny Motions to accept the reports as presented, Richard seconds. 14 in favor, 1 opposed (Duff)

Old Business

1. The beginner invitation in zoom meetings has been established by adding a bullet underneath "meeting topic" saying we invite newcomers under 1 year in sobriety to share first. If there's none then the meeting goes on as normal for all to share
2. We continued tabling the window tint. Julie said she did price searching and most of what she found was in the \$60-\$70 range from various sources. Nikki interjected saying she works specifically in window tinting. So she suggested it being tabled for another month so she can get better discount prices and can professionally do it herself. Some were concerned about it not being renter friendly (being easy or hard to remove if evicted/moving) but Nikki said it's a simple solution to install and easily removable. Group decided to table window tinting discussion for another month

New business

1. Mark said Al-Anon wants to put up a sign that said the time off their meetings on the front door like they have on the back door. Adds they will make the sign and simply tape it on the front of the door window. Duff motions to approve the sign, David seconds, none opposed, motion passed
2. Richard wants to introduce a (open) Military/Veteran meeting that is open to everyone also. Some were concerned about lack of attendance, after some discussion it was agreed that veterans in the room are excited about the thought and think others along the gulf coast would travel to go as well. Richard will talk to Kristine about studying meeting attendance numbers. People think the Sunday Noon meeting would be the best time and day for the meeting. Richard motions to make a trial period for the open/veterans on Sunday noon, AR seconds, motion passed. Richard states he will make flyers and start spreading the word
3. Julie wants to do a 1 month, 4 meeting Back to Basic workshop. There's a concern about lack of attendance and it being too much solely on Julie. Group wants to table the discussion for next month so she can get a group for the workshop who will chair each meeting and flyers with information.
4. Nikki asked about the lack of attendance and people signing up, Donna explained yes we are having a lack of attendance in some meetings and people not really wanting to volunteer to sign up to chair. Nikki asked if we are spreading ourselves too thin with as many meetings as we have and is worried about adding a new meeting to that. Donna and Mark explain that something they have noticed over the years is that the lack of attendance is just something that generally happens in some parts of the year. Some parts of the year it's up and then it's down, but it's nothing to generally concern about.
5. AR wants to be the Activity Coordinator. He also said that he has been told by one of the drug court officers that there has been issues about some people signing drug court

participants papers when they themselves were not chairing the meeting. Specifically some have been physically threatened about signing papers when the participant has missed the meeting or showed up late. Someone has been contacting the drug court officer about the bad things happening. He wanted to inform everyone that the drug court officer said it is up to the discretion of the chairperson whether they do or do not sign the participants papers or not. And if this continues it is a possibility that the Little Yellow House could be removed from the authorized meeting places drug court participants can come to. Which would lead to more lack of attendance and the integrity of the LYH. Ronny said Crystal (DCM) has contacted him about a speech drug court had asked our district to give. Essentially presenting to the drug court what we are, what we are not, what we allow, etc. because the rules and guidelines here are different from other groups' rules and guidelines. So the drug court officers can inform the participants about each groups rules about what to do or what they do and don't allow. We decided it is up to the chairperson to discuss how the papers will and will not be signed. AR also said he would tell the other drug court participants via word of mouth.

6. Donna pointed out that Steve has not been to 3 consecutive business meetings so he is not applicable for the group activity coordinator, and invites AR to sign for the role, he did. Nikki volunteers to be the Alt activity coordinator. David wants to be Alt Supplies. Group votes to have AR as Activity Coordinator, group votes Nikki as Alt Activity Coordinator, group votes David as Alt Supplies. All votes were none opposed

Motion to close made at 7:30, none opposed, motion passed.