

GC MAWPM Meeting: 2018-04-08 (April)

Participants

John C. (Chairperson), Beth F. (Secretary), Cheryl - ATL, Mark D., Marianne, Leah - OH, Darlene, Ken, Matt NC, Mike from Raleigh, Leah - NY, Leslie - AK, Christine - CAN, Davy-O, Leslie, Yom Tov, Amy

Summary from last meeting:

- **MOTION PASSES:** Motion to add to script a reminder to Chairperson to make sure their device is unmuted while they are speaking.
- **MOTION FAILS:** Motion to make script amendment to disclose that meeting is being monitored and your phone number appears on monitor's panel unless your phone is set to Unknown Caller.
- **MOTION TABLED:** Make speaker tapes available if possible (if possible on both ma-phone.org and mariuanna-anonymous)
- Amy: Would anyone be interested in chairing the business meeting? John volunteers.
- Beth: Secretary for 3 more months
- Christine: Chairperson Coordinator
- New Leaf Bureau Liaison: John

(Forgot to make motion, second, ask for opposition for summary to be accepted.)

Reports:

Script Committee, Beth - The report will be linked here. John liked how the vote went and the number we had.

- **MOTION:** To add #11, Mike seconds
 - #11: Move the line: "Please remember that anonymity is the spiritual foundation of our program ever reminding us to place principles before personalities." to right before the 7th tradition paragraph. Also adding: "What you hear here, stays here." directly after "principles before personalities."
 - Leah - OH, Why move this phrase?

- John, It adds to the script, so that's not in the mission.
- Marianne, It's at the end of the sharing portion.
- Beth, agreed on Marianne's assessment of flow, and atmosphere of confidentiality for newcomers
- Davy-O: What you hear here, stays here. It is impossible to do that.
- John opposes, Likes it the way it is. Agrees with Davy-O about what you hear here, stays here. It is not enforceable.
- Mark D., agrees with other two
- Beth F., Allowing the anonymity/principles comment to move will allow newcomers to be exposed to the concept, if it is a suggestion and not enforceable, the whole program is a suggestion
- Leah, It is not enforceable, but it is a reminder that gossip can be damaging.
- Leslie, likes the line as a newcomer, made her more comfortable to share
- Mike, newcomers - my first meeting - it seems more oldtimers are against it and more newcomers are for it
- John: Anonymity is the crux, thinks that what you hear here weakens it
- In favor: 14 for
- Against: John C., Davy-O, Mark D.
- **MOTION passes**

Fall Gathering, Darlene - Renewal Center of the South - Madison, NC - first weekend of October, two nights lodging, all meals and snacks, \$115 quad, \$150? Double - needs committee members - wants feedback about whether to keep it or give it back

- Fine with email vote, 30 days not make or break
- 2 hours (100 miles) from Raleigh
- Headcount by Labor Day
- Greensboro Airport?
- No: No one answered
- Discussion?
- Leah, Announce at meetings as the script vote was
- Darlene will post a flyer and open registration

Additional reports?

Old Business

1. (Mark D.) **MOTION** to delete the sentence, "Please do not comment on anyone else's share, either positive or negative, or refer to anyone else during the meeting, so everyone feels equally welcome."
 - a. Davy-O seconds

- b. Mike, agrees with Mark
 - c. Beth, the entire program is suggestions and unenforceable, mindful of flattery, ego, and exclusivity, effects on observers and newcomers, read the MAWS script at this part of the preamble:
 - i. This is a non-cross talk meeting. Cross talk is defined as: directing questions or comments to any person whether positive or negative, giving advice, interrupting, having conversations on the side, being disruptive or disrespectful at any time during the meeting.
 - d. Leah, thinks there's a lot of crosstalk, and that it is upsetting. People can talk about identifying without crosstalking, setting up safe space.
 - e. John wants to move to take a vote now.
 - f. Favors? 11 for (attendance at the moment was 15)
 - g. Opposes? Beth F., Leah-NY, Matt, Leah-OH
 - h. MOTION passes**
2. (Doris) Discuss outreach to Spanish speaking community
- a. [missed this item last month]
 - b. Mark - MAWS forwarded a request for a Spanish speaking meeting
 - c. **MOTION to table** until Doris can be present
3. (Mark D.) **MOTION** to limit number of topics for discussion meetings to one topic.
- a. Script doesn't have a request for topics, land meetings have the chair come prepared with a topic
 - b. Marianne - that's how she remembered it, newcomers can share where they are that - are there any other topics? - not sure where that came from
 - c. Mike agrees - too much time taken up with the topic suggestions
 - d. Davy-O seconds
 - e. Matt - thinks it's been working, carrying the message by empowering membership to bring a topic to request experience, strength, and hope -
 - f. Cheryl - felt confused by the three topics after many years with one, wants one topic offered and anyone can speak from the heart

- g. John - takes too much time to repeat 3-4
 - h. Leah - Amendment, one topic from the group or chairperson be prepared
 - i. Beth - seconding the amendment
 - ii. Davy-O - if it is before the meeting, he's for, if it's after he's against
 - iii. Opposed? John C., Davy-O,
 - iv. For? Mark D. - accepted fri
 - v. Leah amended the amendment and Mark rejected it
 - i. Darlene - wants chair to be prepared, okay with one extra topic, but
 - j. Matt - how's it manageable? Keeping the queue clear. Don't fix it if it ain't broke. It's already in the chairperson suggestions.
 - k. Leah - OH - She agrees that chairperson should be able to ask for topics from the floor - she would feel inhibited by one topic.
 - l. Mark - is ok with someone with a burning desire
 - m. Matt - overmanaging, people need to be able to ask for help
 - n. Cheryl - do we need a mandate on style
 - o. Leah - NY - motion to vote, Matt seconds
 - p. Oppose? Matt, Leah - OH, Amy, Beth
 - q. For? (13 in attendance) 9
 - r. **MOTION passes** with friendly amendment with one topic from floor ok along with chair prepared
4. (Mark D.) **MOTION** to reduce share time down from 4 minutes to 3 minutes.
- a. One minute warning at 2 minutes
 - b. Matt: Why? It can take two minutes to get where you want it to be. The meeting after the meeting for extra shares.
 - c. John: It's a growing meeting. Everyone has the option to share.
 - d. Darlene: Q&A did cause a decline, but believes there has been growth. Thinks 3 minutes is enough to address the topic
 - e. Mike: Attendance report? Doesn't know if we are consistently run out of time.
 - f. Mark: It's available, but it hasn't been done.

- g. Davy-O: Agrees that there are few shares for the time.
- h. Matt: micro-managing
- i. Beth: Enough people vs. Enough time - I like having more time to share, but want the newcomers' perspectives.
- j. John: Not as worried about newcomers because they can find any excuse to go out the door.
- k. Leah: 19 days, 3 meetings a day, sometimes shares because no one shares, feels bad for the chairperson, at the beginning of the meeting, more shares at the end of the meeting.
- l. John calls for vote, Matt seconds
- m. Oppose? Matt, Beth, Leah - OH, Leah - NY, Mike
- n. For? (12 in attending)
- o. **MOTION FAILS**

Motion to adjourn, Matt, John seconds, Serenity Prayer

- 5. (Mark D.) Motion to add structured format for the 8pm mtgs
- 6. (Beth) MOTION for the announcement to read as follows: Safety protocols are in place for all meetings of the MA World Phone Meetings group. The dashboard consoles are used by members in service to address disruptions if they occur. For this purpose, callers IDs and numbers are visible to facilitators.
 - a. I would also like to add to this agenda item that the website currently has a disclaimer that reads:**Note: This website supports three separate MA groups each guided by its own Group Conscience. Note that the meetings are facilitated to ensure a smooth and safe meeting space. Your phone number may appear to trusted servants of MA that are guided by the traditions of the program. Anonymity will be respected.**My motion seeks to replace the language of this announcement, which has not been approved by GC, and also to clarify whether the dashboard is in fact used at the other two groups in any active way.

7. (Beth) MOTION: To define the group of people with access to the dashboard console as a Safety Committee and what the role of said committee is. This motion seeks to limit the scope just so that the dashboard is only viewed/used as necessary such as for muting lines or addressing a disruption. To determine sobriety requirements for service, how many people should have access at one time (how many people on said committee), by what process they are nominated and accepted, to determine service length for the principle of rotation, to have the committee report monthly with new business or no business to report, to have the schedule of facilitators published for the group in similar style to the chairpeople on schedule.
 - a. What is the policy on handling *67 among committee members?
8. (Beth F.) Discuss the possibility of a form on the website to collect information on when members are willing to attend or chair additional 10 pm meetings. Preferably limiting the options to Sunday, Monday, Wednesday at this time since there are Tues, Thurs, and Sat 10 pm options on the other lines. Women in Recovery just added the Tuesday 10 pm on that line.
9. ?

New Business

1. (Mark D.) Discuss options for Monday 8pm now that the hybrid is done.
2. (Yolanda) Motion to make Monday night mtg a literature mtg.
3. (Christine (Ontario)) Motion to discuss the possible focus for this meeting and suggestion to retain the same format by dedicating a portion of the meeting to giving out chips/celebration.
4. (Christine (Ontario)) Motion to update "Chairperson Suggestions" to add, "To respect anonymity, if you recognize someone's voice, please try not to refer to anyone by name until they share it."
5. (Amy) I propose that we create a Code of Conduct together. To determine guidelines about how we treat each other with respect and what makes the meeting safe.
6. (Davy O'.) A motion to add, "And please remember, Rule #62 – Don't take yourself too damned seriously!" after, "principles before personalities."
7. (Beth) Add a link to the schedules to the sidebar and under the Home menu.

8. (Darlene) Recommend we moving three required paragraphs that currently follow the Preamble to our Meeting Norms section.

Summary

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4. **MOTION PASSES** to limit number of topics for discussion meetings to one topic with **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT** for chair to come with one prepared topic and accepting one burning desire topic from the floor for a total of two is ok.
5. **MOTION FAILS** to reduce share time down from 4 minutes to 3 minutes.