**Marijuana Anonymous World Phone Meetings**

**Group Conscience Meeting Minutes:**

**Sunday, March 13, 2022**

**Summary:**

* **MOTIONS PASSED**:
* Change the Tuesday 10pm meeting to “Topic Discussion, LGBTQIA+ and allies open meeting.” (Web administrator will update)
* Change "The newly updated 12 Questions and other readings" to "These readings" when readers are requested in the script (Web administrator will update)
* Approve Jesse as SNL Speaker Coordinator.
* Create a safety subcommittee to discuss safety language in the script and bring back a motion next month.
* To have a memorial meeting on Sunday, April 3rd at 1:10 pm.
* **MOTIONS FAILED**:
* Create a new meeting that would be specific for members who are dealing with re-entry after incarceration due to their marijuana use. No second
* **MOTIONS TABLED**
* **DISCUSSED BUT NO MOTION:**
* Motion passed last month requiring members to call from an unblocked phone number. No mechanism was discussed for how to enact this item.
* Create a subcommittee to address the issue of the disruptor (Safety subcommittee will bring a motion to April GC)
* Update the script “meeting schedule for reference” to reflect current changes to meeting times and topics. I.e., Tuesday 10pm and Friday 10 pm meeting. (Withdrawn, web administrator will update)
* To have 6 months of sobriety before you share your number. (Withdrawn)
* **AGENDA ITEM NOT DISCUSSED- NO MOTION**
* Member suggested we change out safety statement from “sexual harassment” to “harassment”

**Opened with Serenity Prayer at 1:10 PM Eastern**

[**12 Traditions**](https://ma-phone.org/meeting-readings) **were read**

[**Reconciliation Prayer**](https://ma-phone.org/prayers#1fbe0845-8005-48e7-8b16-8153852b8322) **was read**

**Roll Call: 22 present**

**Summary of motions from** [**Last Group Conscience Meeting**](https://ma-phone.org/mawpm-meeting-minutes#679a3c8d-0704-4c80-910e-36de1d64de75)**’s Minutes were read**

* **Motion to approve minutes; seconded. No objections. Approved by unanimous consent.**

**Subcommittee / Service Reports**

* Web Administrator & Internet Subcommittee
* Updated website under announcements to include information about the men’s meetings.
* Updated meetings that were available for a chairperson several times.
* Added announcement this week about the new Daily Reflections book MA is publishing.
* Internet Subcommittee has not met
* A member stated that the MAWS Literature Committee is not soliciting artwork for the daily reflections book at this time.
* Chairperson Coordinator
* We have 5 meeting that needs chairs, fellows have been helping fill in.
* 8pm Tuesday needs a chair.
* 8pm Thursday needs a chair.
* 10am Monday needs a chair; current chair will continue until filled.
* 10am Thursday needs a chair; current chair will continue until filled.
* 8pm Sunday chairs last day is April 10th, will need to be filled.
* Fellows offered to help filling in.
* “A New Leaf” Liaison
* Very quiet, we should maybe eliminate.
* This is kind of a busy work position between fellows and A New Leaf, may not be a necessary position.
* If you want anniversary date published in the newsletter, it may be faster if you did it yourself.
* Podcast Administrator & Speaker Tapes Subcommittee
* Position is open and ready to be taken over.
* A few have shown interest.
* Takes 30-60 minutes weekly to add recordings.
* Over 40,000 views and 220+ recording are up.
* Speaker Tapes Subcommittee has not met but stays in contact.
* Training for Podcast Administrator would likely take one initial 30-minute session and one 30-minute follow up for training.
* Position description can be found on website under Business Meetings, MAWPM Service Positions.

**Old Business**

* Motion passed last month requiring members to call from an unblocked phone number. No mechanism was discussed for how to enact this item.
* Motion was passed but there is no way of knowing if they are unless you use the Free Conference Call HD app.
* If using app and I.D. on the call is blocked, you will just see anonymous
* It was voted that people could only call in from unblocked numbers but how do we enforce this.
* Member shared that their phone got hacked by a member at a meeting, so they use a blocked number now and doesn’t support this motion.
* Reminded that this has already been passed and is not a new motion.
* When you chair using the app there is a way to boot people off the call.
* Several people call from blocked numbers and it’s challenging to police this.
* Better option is to train people on using the app rather than requiring members to call from an unblocked number.
* Member objects.
* Point of order, this is not a motion.
* Clarification that only hosts using the app can see everyone’s numbers, the individual members using the app cannot see everyone’s phone numbers.
* Member suggests that if you want to monitor calls you can use the app, should motion be withdrawn since there is not an official way to follow up on it.
* **Motion** to withdraw prior motion and suggest that members can use the app if they like.
* **Seconded.**
* Does this mean that chairs can start kicking people off calls?
* It’s just an option for chairs to use if they have a disruptor, hopefully this power won’t be abused.
* If there are multiple people that call from blocked numbers, they all show up as anonymous and chair won’t know who is disrupting and who to kick off or mute them.
* Suggested that it’s easier if we all call from unblocked numbers, knowing that no one is going to see it.
* Maybe should not be a motion but more of a curtesy to the chair, no one wants to kick off or mute members, but we do want to keep the meeting safe.
* Fellows calling from other countries may show up as blocked.
* **Point of order, this motion cannot be withdrawn**. You would have to make another motion
* Nobody’s talking about using the app. This item is purely about needing to call from an unblocked number. Discussion about using the app would need to be a separate motion that would go at the end of new business.
* We have taken more time discussing this then the time disrupters have caused issue.
* **No Motion, no solution**.
* Create a subcommittee to address the issue of the disruptor
* Not Discussed.

**Motions from last month not discussed**

* **Motion** to change the Tuesday 10pm meeting topic from “topic-discussion, LGBTQ-oriented mtg that is open and welcome to all.” To “topic discussion, LGBTQ+ and allies open meeting.”
* Was discussed last month
* Point of information, this item was not discussed.
* **Seconded.**
* Discussion that we should make it the LGBTQIA+ to be as inclusive as possible.
* **Motion amended** to change the Tuesday 10pm meeting to “Topic Discussion, LGBTQIA+ and allies open meeting.”
* **Seconded; discussed, no objection, passed by unanimous consent**
* **Motion** to change "The newly updated 12 Questions and other readings" to "These readings" when readers are requested in the script (It's been 8 months since they were changed)
* **Seconded; no discussion, no objection, passed by unanimous consent.**
* **Motion** to create a new meeting that would be specific for members who are dealing with re-entry after incarceration due to their marijuana use.
* There was no second to this motion, died on the floor.
* **Motion** to update the script “meeting schedule for reference” to reflect current changes to meeting times and topics. I.e., Tuesday 10pm and Friday 10 pm meeting.
* Point of information, that is within the web administrators scope of duty, they can update as needed.
* **Motion withdrawn**, just reference for web administrator.

**New Business**

* **Motion** to approve Jesse as SNL Speaker Coordinator.
* Jesse has read the position description and willing to be of service.
* Seconded.
* Point of order, motion needs to be made.
* Motion is made.
* Seconded; no discussion, no objection, passed by unanimous consent.
* Thank you, Jesse, for your service.
* 2 newcomers have shared about harmful or inappropriate contact from fellows. We need to discuss safety.
* Member would like to discuss before a motion is made.
* 2 members have had difficult problems and it needed to be brought to the group.
* If we look at Traditions, its related to Tradition 12. “Within the fellowship anonymity is also necessary, we must take special care to remember the adage, what is said here stays here. When we allow discussion outside the meeting about another members intimate secrets, trust will be lost because that story is being circulated throughout the community. Discussing identities and contents of stories outside meeting rooms is gossip, by engaging in gossip we turn our focus away from the principles of the program and instead focuses on the personalities involved. This derails our quest for serenity.” “We cannot afford to alienate members when someone comes to Marijuana Anonymous, they are often attracted by the word anonymous. Knowing anonymity will be respected helps the newcomer make a commitment to recovery. Putting principle before personalities means that we listen to gods will for us and do what is right no matter who is involved.”
* From Tradition 5, “Our fellowship will always be safe if our main interest in attending MA meetings is to recover from addiction and help others recover as well. In this way MA will maintain an atmosphere of recovery where addicts can gather to share experience strength and hope.” “Each group has but one primary purpose to carry its message to the marijuana addict that still suffers.”
* From Tradition 1, “Our common welfare should come first, personal recovery depends on MA unity.” “We are often called upon to make personal sacrifices to preserve the fellowship, the group must survive, or the individuals may not. Our personal recovery and the growth of MA are contingent upon maintaining an atmosphere of recovery in our meetings.”
* Suggestion to bring back some of the old script language around phone number exchange. It also mentioned, please be aware that you are sharing your number in a public space.
* The newcomer doesn’t have the experience for boundaries so as a group we should protect that.
* Suggested that we discourage newcomers from leaving their number, rather get numbers from fellows that have more time.
* Member shared their story about how their anonymity had been violated after their first meeting.
* Suggested that you have 6 months of sobriety before you share your number for fellowship.
* **Motion** to have 6 months of sobriety before you share your number.
* **Seconded**
* Members objected.
* Motion needs clarification if this is required or suggested.
* This is a suggestion that people who do not have 6 months on the phone line, do not give their number out.
* Group Conscience may come up with a better solution.
* We must make a motion first.
* **Prior motion has been withdrawn.**
* **Motion** to create a subcommittee to discuss script language, safety and phone number exchange and bring it back to group next month.
* **Seconded.**
* Clarification if this is for the script subcommittee or if we need to create a safety committee?
* **Motion amended** to create a safety subcommittee to discuss safety language in the script and bring back a motion next month.
* **Seconded.**
* Member requested that we remember that chairs are only required to have 60 days and are often asked for their number. We must be mindful of this when discussing time requirements to share number.
* Member felt that this is not a solution and still felt unsafe.
* We have District 6’s pamphlet “A Safe Place” to guide us.
* **Discussed, no objection, passed by unanimous consent.**
* Member suggested we change our safety statement from “sexual harassment” to “harassment”
* Suggested to broaden the term harassment.
* No motion was made and no discussion.
* Clarification is needed on what “will not be tolerated” means in our safety statement.
* No motion was made and no discussion.
* Consider holding a phone meeting to commemorate a recent dearly departed member.
* **Motion** to have a memorial meeting on Sunday, April 3rd at 1:10 pm.
* **Seconded**.
* Members can get in touch with his wife so she can hear all our tributes.
* **Discussed, no objections, passed by unanimous consent.**
* Phone number was shared to be a part of the safety subcommittee.
* SNL Speaker Coordinator requested access to the google doc that keeps track of who the speakers are each week.

**Announcements**

* All members are invited to take-part in our MAWS conference May 27-30th by watching or listening. For more information and to register go to mawsconference.org.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded, no discussion, no opposition. Passes by unanimous consent.**

**Meeting closed with Serenity Prayer at 2:37 PM Eastern.**