

Back Porch Meeting
Group Conscious
Jan. 20, 2022

Attendees: Alyssa, Tracy S., Andrea, Ryan L, Jason D, Bartman-Tejas, Brian, Joe B, Heather S, Peggy, Shana M, Ashlei S, Mason F, Victor, Sara, John D

1. Last minutes – not available. Please contact Andrea for minutes from December's group conscious meeting.
2. Financials -- available to group at any time, will not be posted online in the public forum
 - a. Not available during this group conscious meeting
3. Old business discussion
 - a. Updated format review and discussion
 - i. Streamline meeting
 - ii. Include things that are missing
 - iii. Give specific instructions, in writing, for chairs
 - iv. Reviewed [Revised Format Back Porch Meeting Nov. 21](#)
 1. Anyone who shows up to the group conscious and is a regular member of the group can be considered a part of the steering committee
 2. Sharing should be kept to a manageable length (3-5 minutes). Sets general expectations, especially for new chairs.
 - v. New business
 1. Keep the 3-5 minutes in the format
 - a. Approved unanimously
 2. Added to meeting format "I would like to ask _____ to close us out with the Serenity Prayer, or a prayer of your choice found in AA approved literature."
 - a. Approved unanimously
 3. Specific format instruction (specifically bullet #2 and #5) feedback received from the group:
 - a. Gives clear instructions to new chairpeople – nice to have specific instructions to learn the same format
 - b. Give an opportunity for others to chair
 - c. Absolutely no need for this, it hasn't been a problem
 - d. Nice to have clarification one way or another
 - e. As a newest member of the meeting, it's nice to have clear instructions in the format that all chairs for Back Porch should follow
 - f. Everyone has own personalities, ways to chair / host will evolve individually through time
 - g. Rules and instructions are good, but absolutes might be too much (too rigid?)
 - h. Good to have the support for people

- i. Serves the group and follows traditions
 - j. We need to ensure we are making the decisions as a group, not one person's opinions on the matters
 - k. Experience has taught us that these guidelines work for a successful meeting
4. Motion to table instructions only at this time, seconded
 - a. 6 to table, 5 to not table
 5. Motion – make these guidelines available to read over the next month, onto the website for instructional purposes. Unanimously approved
 6. Motion – approve meeting format ([UPDATE: 1-27-2022 Meeting Format to be used](#)) only at this time, seconded
 - a. Unanimously approved

Adjourned 10 p.m.

ROCK ON BACK PORCH!!