

Back Porch Meeting  
Group Conscious  
Sept. 15, 2022

Attendees: Noah S., Tracy S, George M, Scott YSZA, Amy R, Taylor M, Dennis, Alyssa, Joe, Brian F, Sprout H, Diana, John D., Andrea, Steve N, Darlene S, Christy McD, Dom S

1. Last minutes – presented, motion to approve minutes, motion seconded, motion passed unanimously
2. Financials – prudent reserve still looks good. 244 monthly donation. Total cash on hand – 491. Expenses to go up soon, as we would like to propose buying some of these things on an annual basis. Prudent reserves might need to be adjusted. (Bringing this to the next meeting for vote). Can send 80% of overage to GSO. OIAA sends gratitude to our group for our service.
  - a. Proposal to approve treasurer's report, motion seconded, motion passed unanimously
  - b. Unanimous approval
3. Old Business
  - a. Reorder meeting format (bringing the sponsorship up at the beginning of the meeting), This gives opportunity for new members to find someone to connect with throughout the meeting
    - i. Feedback – flows much more easily
    - ii. Raise hand blurb?
      1. Not much positive feedback for this addition
    - iii. Propose to adopt updated formatted for new for
    - iv. mat to be placed into website
      1. Proposal
      2. Motion passes unanimously
      3. Post online by Sunday, 9/18
  - b. Quorum for vote (Quorum is defined as at least a minimum number of home group members who are available to pass any given motion at any given business meeting. This helps us to hear from diverse opinions of the group).
    - i. 9 members are proposed.
      1. Discussion / questions?
        - a. Service work helps the group work
        - b. Question – what happens if there is not enough people for quorum
          - i. Bring this up at another meeting
      - ii. Meeting minutes to be posted on the business page at least 10 minutes prior to the next group conscious meeting
      - iii. Brought before business group – establish a quorum of 9
        1. Seconded
        2. Unanimous approval
    - c. Add service manual to webpage – business section

- i. This is a manual on how we do service (adopted by the GSO and followed by the particular home group)
      - 1. Feedback – one idea is to digitize everything – link to general service resources
      - 2. Add links to the digital pamphlets?
        - a. Think it's a great idea, would love to have resources
      - 3. Do we want to put links to other AA literature like the 12 x 12 or As Bill Sees It? OR, a link to GSO's meeting?
    - ii. John will put up on the website
  - d. What constitutes a home group member?
    - i. This is whatever the group says it is. Every group is autonomous. "This is my homegroup"
    - ii. You're a home group member if you say you are – you should come to our business meeting and participate in service
    - iii. Desire to stop drinking and a commitment to the traditions (helps the health of a group)
  - e. OIAA – online group representation survey / meetings / determination of memberships
    - i. We will have representation in GSO – we are voting members and we can put forward our beliefs on the GSO level
    - ii. Do we feel comfortable as voting members of our international district?
- 4. New Business
  - a. Steppers – group within OIAA that if you need a 12-step call or contact, someone will get back with them within an hour. You can volunteer to be a stepper. Bring this up at the next meeting.
    - i. Are there requirements to length of sobriety to be a stepper? John will check on that
    - ii. Chris is an alternate GSR member
  - b. Website updates
    - i. Capitalize the C and S in steering committee on menu
    - ii. Men's phone list is an invalid link
- 5. Motion to close
  - a. Responsibility statement
  - b. Meeting adjourned

Adjourned 9:26 p.m.

ROCK ON BACK PORCH!!