

Back Porch Meeting
Group Conscience
Nov. 17, 2022

Attendees: Sprout, Tracy S., Ed M., Jo S., Andrea, Mark, David H., John D., Photini W., Chris, Bartman, Peggy, Dom S., Taylor M., Christy McD., Amy R., Brian F.

1. Last minutes – presented, motion to approve minutes, motion seconded, motion passed unanimously
2. Financials – look good. \$176.21. Total in Venmo 198.71. Total cash on hand 398.26.
Total expenses: xxx Prudent reserves: 207.39. \$187.26 minus prudent reserve. \$284.02 to donate to GSO. Is 80-20 still a good split?
 - a. Motion
 - b. Seconded
 - c. Unanimously passed for contribution for this month
3. Old Business
 - a. Steppers – Taylor to research for the next meeting. John to send Taylor all information he has on this organization.
 - i. Having your phone on during a specific time to help an alcoholic in need
 - ii. Sign up sheet? Let's get some more information to see what people would like to sign up for. Full discussion next group conscious meeting.
 - b. Website updates – Tracy to complete – completed 11/22/22
4. New Business
 - a. Informal group conscious taken about profanity in the meeting
 - i. Have had in the past month a large uptick in profanity. One person in particular 'led the charge' with the colorful language. Several other members experienced discomfort with such extreme profanity. The message was given to the member and we'll ascertain later if the member revisits BackPorch.
 - ii. Excessive profanity could be uncomfortable to all and the message / spirit of sharing could be lost.
 - iii. Our group format does not have anything specifically that prohibits. We have a spiritual program that follows spiritual tools. Let's do this in all of our affairs. Can we change this in a loving way? Gentle suggestions – we use moderation in our language.
 1. Just a reminder... A lack of profanity will offend no one – perhaps a nice line to talk about adding to the meeting format
 - iv. Bring ideas – Motion is there will be a vote at the next group conscious – add a line in the group conscious regarding excessive profanity or not add a line at all
 - v. Specific proposal for format:
 1. Motion to change the format to add a line regarding profanity for next time
 2. Motion to put a temporary plan in place to let chairpeople know how to handle. Include "as a reminder...a lack of profanity will

offend no one” after “keep your shares about your experience, strength and hope...” in the. Or – please hold profanity down to a minimum

- a. Strong push to have something temporarily put into place this evening for the next month
 - b. Take a minimal approach to begin and if it doesn't get the job done, we can make a bigger push
 - c. Motion to vote: “Also, please respect others and we ask that you keep from using excessive profanity as a sign of respect for people's spaces and please do not cross talk”. Move it up to the 'respect' area in the format.
 - i. Motion passes
- vi. Meeting format is too wordy – bring ideas to meeting
 - 1. Motion put forth, seconded, and passed
 - 2. Send new meeting format ideas to Tracy
- 5. Motion to close
 - a. Responsibility statement
 - b. Meeting adjourned

Adjourned 9:28 p.m.

ROCK ON BACK PORCH!!