

INTERGROUP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF June 3, 2020

These minutes have not been approved.

This meeting was hosted on Zoom. Documents made available during meeting through Zoom Chat and emailed to members prior to meeting.

CALLED to ORDER 7:35 p.m.

OPENING CUSTOMS

- Serenity Prayer • Preamble • 12 traditions • Sign-in sheet (send Magi info via Zoom chat, email, or text)
 - 7th tradition (Paypal link posted in Zoom Chat) • Introductions
- BIRTHDAYS: Misty 3 years, Tara 16 years, Grey 4 years

REPORTS

VIRTUAL MEETINGS AD-HOC COMMITTEE - Murias

- Going well, talking about shifting duties related to controlling/updating virtual meeting list back to Website Committee soon

GENERAL SERVICE LIAISON – Murias

- Post conference assembly this weekend via Zoom. Delegate report at next week's district meeting. New York office still in huge deficit, has used \$4 million of prudent reserve, tell groups that they could use support, donations can be made online on contribution.aa.org. Has heard that some churches are inviting/urging meetings to return, talked with member of city council, learned that churches are permitted to have half of room capacity, Magi will discuss resources and guidelines she has found in regards to meetings reopening in Chair report

CHAIR—Magi

- Discussion on meetings reopening, some things to consider – staying in line with traditions, by following health codes and guidelines it would mean that some people would have to be turned away from meeting if the room is at capacity, how does opening a meeting back up affect AA as a whole, if meetings are reopening and not following safety guidelines from county this could poorly reflect on AA as a whole, anonymity concerns with contact tracing required if any members test positive for COVID-19, anonymity concerns with hybrid meetings. Bob share he had spoken to New York office, they said it is up to each group to have a group conscious in regards to reopening, as long as they are following all safety guidelines put in place by county health officials. Watsonville Fellowship has reopened, capacity of 12 people at meeting, they are following guidelines from county and got clearance from Mayor, police, and city council as long as they are practicing social distancing, limiting attendance, and thoroughly cleaning before and after each meeting they are not ready to have advertised or shared that they are reopened in order to try to limit attendance and lessen the amount of people having to be turned away. Other members know of some meetings downtown that are meeting in person, Damien clarify that SC Fellowship has not sanctioned or approved of meetings in parking lot. Mary share she had received a document with guidelines about reopening meetings as well, will send to Magi. Magi will be sending all documents mentioned to members so they can bring back to their groups in order to start discussion about reopening or have as guidelines for whenever group decides to reopen. Apologizes to group about not doing more research on group reopenings up to this point, will be looking into more info and forwarding sources once they are found. Motion made by Phil in regards to We Agnostics meeting description change was tabled at steering committee so it will be discussed during New Business for members to bring to their groups. Researched some options of how to sign attendance cards for members attending virtual meetings, some suggestions found were to have the secretary or host provide their number so they could text confirmation of attendance, some meetings using online templates, some meetings using honor system and members are signing their own meeting slips, it all depends on what each group is comfortable with and what their group conscious is on subject. Was contacted and asked if it was possible to have phone list of all intergroup members sent out, Magi checks to make sure all members are comfortable with their phone number being shared with other intergroup members, no one

opposed. Magi will compile list and send out in follow-up email very soon. Trying to get in habit of sending out follow up emails more following each Zoom meeting with minutes and all other pertinent info from meeting so all members can have available to them

VICE CHAIR—Marianne

- no report

TREASURER—Ken

- has not been able to access financial reports, encrypted files not opening anything understandable, Magi is able to open reports, will send to Ken from now on to see if that helps fix tech issues. Bob printed out report but forgot to pick up, doesn't have in front of him so doesn't have exact numbers. April was low income month due to decrease in group donations and literature sales, also paid taxes so more expenses than usual. Magi share that groups can add note in Paypal donations which says which group they are contributing in part of which will help Bob and Ken keep track of group donations. Can also use notes section to say if you are contributing in regards to birthday speaker meeting, intergroup 7th tradition, etc. Will help track where income is coming from.

OFFICE MANAGER—Bob S.

- Been getting lots of calls from people hearing rumors about meetings being open, Bob not able to give answers since he hasn't heard of meetings being open, asks reps to let him know if meetings are reopen, if they are "formally" or "informally" meeting, if they are trying to limit attendance, etc so he can be better informed. Need volunteers at office Tuesdays 1-5 and Wednesday 1-5, been going into office more often so can cover some shifts but still looking for volunteers that can reliably take shifts.

BIRTHDAY SPEAKER MTG CHAIR—Kathy

- Asks reps to help spread word about using note section on Paypal to specify donations to BSM, June BSM this Saturday speaker Allison G. from Salinas with 31 years host Mid County Women's Big Book Study Group, July BSM will fall on July 4th, going on as planned, not rescheduling, speaker is Rick K. from San Ramon with 29 years, contacted James from Grateful and Gay group to try to get readers for meeting because she was unaware Brandon was intergroup rep for meeting, Brandon says he will find volunteers for readings at July BSM, Kathy planning to reach out to Erin C. from Area 8 to coordinate host group for August. Should be recording speaker this Saturday unless there are technical issues, Bob says he has not received any recordings, Kathy says Molly sent recordings and will send recording from Saturday after BSM

BYLAWS COMMITTEE CHAIR—OPEN

TELEPHONE DIVERTER CHAIR—Scott B.

- all shifts filled

ACTIVITIES CHAIR—Grey

- upcoming event July 11th 7pm FUNraiser, speaker Jimmy S with over 20 years, talent performances will start around 7:50, singing, dancing, acting, comedy, etc, looking to recruit talent/acts for entertainment portion of event. Contact Grey 831-535-3539 or Joseph 415-240-8046 to sign up to perform. Contact Grey if interested in joining committee. Magi will be including link to event in follow up email along with all other documents discussed tonight

NEWSLETTER— Mary

- Asks area reps and reps to ask meetings for ideas/plans about reopening, send to grapesccin@gmail.com email, Damien share he could also use stories of how meetings are adjusting to shelter in place, virtual meetings, their plans to reopen for archives, email to

santacruzdistrict06archives@gmail.com. Had hip replacement surgery scheduled for April, was just rescheduled for June, will need help preparing newsletter to be sent by snail mail, Brandon offered to help, Damien also available to help, Brandon and Damien will coordinate a time that works best. Apologies for not using BCC on last newsletter

WEBSITE COMMITTEE CHAIR—Porter

- Called webmaster Mark, waiting for call back. Heard he is willing to help with maintaining current site and with finishing building new site. Magi share she was able to talk with Mark earlier in the week and he sounds ready to help once given codes or sign in info for new site. Bob clarify that Mark has been webmaster all along, never stepped down and no one else was ever elected. Magi clarify that if new webmaster were to be elected it would happen at steering committee.

H&I LIAISON – Mitch(absent)

CRUZYPAA LIAISON – Quinn(absent)

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OLD BUSINESS

- Open positions: Bylaws Committee Chair, Recording Secretary, Area 1 rep, Area 7 rep, Area 11 rep. No one available, positions still open

NEW BUSINESS

- Adding “Secular” as descriptor option for We Agnostics meeting: Magi share what was discussed at steering, motion was made by Phil, wants to add ‘Secular’ as descriptor option(similar to how women’s, closed, chip meeting, etc can be used currently), would help people find meeting if they are searching by meeting type if from out of area or new to AA. Some members of steering committee were uncomfortable using word ‘secular’ to describe a meeting of AA since their understanding of the word meant ‘non-spiritual’ and AA is a spiritual program, Magi shared documents from NY office that use secular to describe non religious meetings, share article about secular meeting that sued local intergroup area when their meeting removed from meeting list because it was listed as secular. Rick A. clarify that group is not discussing opinions on motion at this time, that we are giving background information and clarifying for understanding, and each rep should bring this information back to their meetings to get a group conscious. Each rep will come to next council meeting with group conscious from their meetings, will discuss and vote on motion next council, no vote happening at this time. Some members say they did not receive last email with info about motion, Magi will resend to everyone so they can reference when going to collect group conscious.

AREA REPORTS

Area 1: OPEN –

Area 2: Rick A – been going to meetings, all meetings in area have virtual meetings, one group choosing not to post info for meeting on website, lots of reps in attendance tonight

Area 3: Maryanne B.– left early, no report

Area 4: Jack – been going to meetings, some don’t have virtual meetings, planning to go early to women’s meetings to make report or check in with secretary beforehand

Area 5: Nicole – left early

Area 6: Randy – absent

Area 7: OPEN -

Area 8: Erin C. – left early

Area 9: Holly – been going to meetings, attended Sober Slugs they do not have rep, asks if she is responsible for recruiting rep, Magi clarify area reps can encourage group to get rep, ask why they don’t have rep, try to help them find rep, or make reports if they know meeting doesn’t have rep, Sober Slugs

meeting typically does not have rep because they rotate all positions each quarter, past area rep committed to attending Sober Slugs more frequently to make intergroup reports. Has some men's groups in area, asks if any male area reps want to help and she can attend the women's meetings in their area, Magi recommend Holly and Jack get in contact and coordinate switching off meetings

Area 10: Steve A. – left early

Area 11: OPEN–

TAKE BACK THESE ITEMS TO YOUR GROUP:

- Open positions: Bylaws Committee Chair, Recording Secretary, Area 1 Rep, Area 7 Rep, Area 11 Rep
- Group conscious about using 'Secular' to describe We Agnostics meeting

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

—Submitted by Magi R., (interim) Recording Secretary