

Any Lengths Online AA Group

Business Meeting Agenda - Saturday, January 30, 2021

A. General Secretary – Pat D:

- Opened with the Serenity Prayer

B. Treasury -- Kris E:

- \$2,000 - total 2020 contributions*
- \$250 – total 2021 contributions to date (as of Jan. 30 business meeting)
- \$1,860.75 - total balance on hand (includes our \$700 prudent reserve)
- **\$910.75 - available balance**
- Debits paid out in 2020 \$367.25 in reimbursements to Pat D (includes one \$75 quarterly data payment) and \$178.56 in reimbursements to Deb W for chips, cards & shipping costs.
- *Report approved as given.*

(*previous minutes mis-stated 2020 total at \$1,950 which was the total *as of the 12/26 business meeting*)

C. Coins & Birthdays, Kris E:

- A combined total of 68 years & 15 months-worth of birthday chips were out in January (see image for the breakdown by length of sobrieties celebrated). *Report approved as given.*

CHIPS

1 Month	1
2 Months	2
3 Months	2
9 Months	2
1 Year	2
5 Years	1
6 Years	1
25 Years	1
30 Years	1

EMAILS

3 Days	1
3 Months	1
7 Months	1
8 Months	1



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D. Website -- Pat D:

- Proof of Attendance form has been put a password until the new form and a policy replaces it. Some people have using it without attending our meetings.
- Working on a planned layout for the site upgrade to avoid making unnecessary changes; focus is on improving the areas causing slowness or downtimes. *Report approved as given.*

E. Chair Reports:

Meeting Chairs in attendance:

- **Victoria** (Sunday, Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions) shared on benefits of arriving early to prep for the meeting with service team.
- **Melody** (Tuesday, As Bill Sees It) asked group to lengthen As Bill Sees It speaker time from “3-5 minutes” to “up to 10 minutes.” JC (Wednesday) suggested both Step 1,2&3 and ABSI meetings be the same. Quick motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously for scripts to reflect change to “up to 10 min.”
- **JC** (Wednesday, Step 1,2&3) also suggested the group consider limiting the time being used for non-traditional milestones outside the standard 30/60/90/6mo/9mo/1yr/annuals such as “36 days *today*,” “14 months,” etc. [tabled].

F. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Any Lengths Group Logo Redesign**: New ideas in works with Sarah, Eileen & Pat collaborating; given a full agenda for the meeting and low priority, group voted to table for a future business meeting. [tabled]

G. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Members Sharing While Driving** – [Pat D/Leon T] Safety concerns for those who join our meetings while driving a car was discussed, as well as the potential for our group to be liable if anyone ever found themselves in an accident, having their attention divided between sharing and driving. A decision was made to add verbiage to all meeting scripts and on the website stating that if a participant is driving,

they share only if and when they can find a safe place to park and remain there until their share is over.
Motion passed - all voted in favor.

2. **Big Book Study Meeting** – [Melody J]: An AA Big Book Study meeting format was proposed and discussed. Our group attracts a lot of first-timers and newcomers and without a table-top to display a few Big Books, we need to look for new and creative ways to introduce all our new members to it. It's also, of course, for everyone else, including long-timers. We'll be reading and sharing on the first 164 pages, including and beginning with the Forwards and The Doctor's Opinion. It was suggested as a replacement for the Monday Topic meeting, to start in March.* *Motion passed - all voted in favor.*
3. **Speaker Time-limit Change** – [Melody J/JC Q] Noted in the Chair Reports, the group resumed discussion about changing our Tuesday **As Bill Sees It** speaker time from "3-5 minutes" to "up to 10 minutes." JC suggested that both Wednesday's **Step 1, 2 & 3 meeting** and **ABSI meeting** be made the same. *Motion passed, all voted in favor of scripts changes for the speaker time to "up to 10 min."*
4. **Adding Variety to How We Facilitate Members Sharing** – [Anonymous, Online]: We have too much of the same people sharing at every meeting; may be contributing to why newer and shyer people don't share if they are not prompted to. Discussed giving meeting Chairs the option to call on people randomly whether or not hands are raised, making it clear members have the option to just identify and say "pass" if they wish. Another option - using the last 10 minutes daily for "burning desires." Noted too, some feel we should be mindful not to intimidate newcomers who may not feel ready to share; others point to traditional AA experience that invariably shows that 'coddling' newcomers does not serve them. Group decided on a trial basis to try different things to be reviewed at the next business meeting, specifically: Each chair can determine and try out their own style(s) - calling on people to share and/or using raised hands, and from the raised hands can choose people in any order. **All co-hosts should abstain from unmuting to inform the chair a hand is up** (who may be selecting people to share), and chat messages should communicate this change, however no format changes will be made until trial period is reviewed. *Motion passed, all voted in favor.*
5. **Group Health** – [All]: General ongoing discussions about sustainability and adapting to change without losing sight of our primary purpose. Discussed short, long term:
 - i. **Becoming "Legit"** – The AA General Service Office (GSO) in New York has a new group form available that we can submit to be assigned a **GSO group ID#** and be listed among all the other *known* AA groups. In part, a GSO-registered group # legitimizes us in the eyes of certain non-AA entities like legal and government agencies. Within the greater AA organization we're already "legit," but the group ID # is used so that we are among those AA Groups who are counted and registered with GSO. It also is used to associate all the GSO contributions we make over time directly to our group. Without this ID#, they would have no record of our group, so each contribution we make would essentially have to be made as a one-time anonymous donation. The new group form asks each group to provide contact information for the group's GSR (General Service Representative) so Pat is inquiring about how to register *online-only* groups who, having no regional or area association, may not have support for a GSR.
 - ii. **The General Secretary position** – General Secretary of the group (Pat D presently serving) open's up for rotation at the end of April (1 yr term); Pat is assembling a GenSec archive document listing all group accounts, websites & login credentials, etc. to be safely stored by our Treasurer, as well as a complete listing of tasks & responsibilities done outside the meetings for transitioning.
 - iii. **Website work** - presently the site has no defined service position(s) or term limit(s) – do we want to set any? Pat D is happy to keep supporting the site, but does not feel he should be making site decisions alone, noting the redesign.
 - iv. **Defined boundaries for service positions** – Clear boundaries help us all avoid stepping on each other's toes. As areas we can improve upon immediately, the following were each discussed. *Collective motion passed, all voted unanimously in favor* of each going forward (discussion points left in for context):
 1. Only people scheduled on the day's roster are co-hosted (or back-ups)
 - Fewer co-hosts help Tech Hosts quickly identify Zoom-bombers

- Prevents people from doing someone else’s tasks out of impulse or habit (especially if done by someone not on the day’s roster)
 - Neutralizes any sense of privilege, status or authority perceived or implied by adopting Zoom’s term “Host” or “Meeting ‘Host’”
2. Adopting Zoom’s “Host” as a name for a service position, especially with all the new people coming to our group, may be implying a unique or special status that is confusing next to AA’s 2nd Tradition of having “trusted servants that do not govern;” some members are perceiving Meeting Host as one with a leading or authority role, therefore:
- Going forward “Hosts” will more accurately be “**Chat Hosts**”
 - Chat Hosts will rotate/term like other service positions
 - Sobriety requirements – 90 Days, same as Tech Host
 - As potential help to on-duty Tech Hosts (by invitation only), Chat Hosts should be experienced Tech Hosts
 - As safe-keepers of our room’s key code, Chat Host is a trusted role; candidates are voted in at monthly business meetings
 - Chat Host responsibilities include:
 - opening the room early for the service team, no less than 20 minutes before each meeting start-time
 - Monitors wait room until Tech Host arrives, then Tech host takes over the wait room
 - In charge of posting group messages during meeting
 - Changes Chat setting from ‘Everybody’ to ‘Hosts-Only’ prior to sharing and back to ‘Everybody’ w/ 3 min. left.
 - Chat Host is willing to stay through the end of the parking lot on their service day, **or**, pass host to another of that day’s co-hosts who are present and willing to stay and close the room by 15 minutes after the hour.

Close with the Responsibility Statement:

“Who is responsible?”

“I am responsible... When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.

Meeting Adjourned

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## Treasurer’s Report

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## ANY LENGTHS ONLINE AA GROUP

### January 30, 2021

#### 2020 YEAR TO DATE

|                                        |                   |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2020 Contributions Received            | <b>2,000.00</b>   |
| Debits                                 | <b>22.00</b>      |
| Reimbursements                         | <b>367.25</b>     |
| Prudent Reserve                        | <b>700.00</b>     |
| Contributions Distributed              | <b>0.00</b>       |
| Available Balance on December 31, 2020 | <b>910.75</b>     |
| Bank Balance on December 31, 2020      | <b>\$1,610.75</b> |

#### 2020 Contributions Received

|     |                   |
|-----|-------------------|
| Jun | 436.00            |
| Jul | 423.00            |
| Aug | 304.00            |
| Sep | 232.00            |
| Oct | 256.00            |
| Nov | 162.00            |
| Dec | 187.00            |
|     | <b>\$2,000.00</b> |

#### 2020 Debits

|                                  |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Aug - Wells Fargo printed checks | <b>\$22.00</b> |
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#### 2020 Reimbursements

|     |           |                 |
|-----|-----------|-----------------|
| Nov | Patrick D | \$292.25        |
| Dec | Patrick D | \$75.00         |
|     |           | <b>\$367.25</b> |

#### Snapshot January 30, 2021

|                          |                                                            |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Contributions in January | <b>\$250.00</b>                                            |
| Prudent Reserve          | <b>\$700.00</b>                                            |
| Available Balance        | <b>\$1,160.75</b> (Does not include \$700 prudent reserve) |

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