

Any Lengths Online AA Group

Business Meeting Minutes - Saturday, April 24, 2021

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:11p by Pat D, Group Secretary, who led the group in the Serenity Prayer.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Kris E, Group Treasurer, reported that the Any Lengths Group contributions for the month were \$55.00, which brings the YTD donations to \$1140.00. The reimbursements for the month amounted to \$227.47 which brings YTD reimbursements to \$406.03. The group currently has \$2344.72 available in the account with \$700.00 held in prudent reserve.

A motion was made, seconded and approved (M/S/A) to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Coins/Birthdays Report

Kris E, Group Treasurer, reported on the number of years and months of sobriety represented by the cards and coins she has sent out in April.

A motion was M/S/A to accept the Treasurer's Coins and Birthdays Report as presented.

Website Report

Pat D, Website Host, reported that the move of the website to a new, faster platform has been completed and no other changes to the website were made. He also talked about how the March hackings might have occurred and he presented different ways to avoid this in the future. He explained that an \$88.00 expenditure was incurred to make the website bullet-proof.

A motion was M/S/A to accept the Website Host's Report as presented.

Chair Reports

All chairs reported that the meetings were going well overall; no concerns were noted. It was pointed out by Pat D that the Sunday meeting has been having fewer attendees but that this has given the meeting a more intimate feeling.

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer Committee

Kris E, Group Treasurer, reported that she had not put together a committee, but she did present a proposal regarding how the group contributions could be made. She proposed that when the group has \$2000 in our account this would trigger a donation of \$1500 with 80%, or \$1200, going to the General Services Office and 20%, or \$300, going to Intergroup. She also suggested that if the group wishes to make monthly contributions, they could still be divided 80%-20%. Melody J recommended that the group send the contributions quarterly instead of monthly.

Jack P raised the issue of donations to Hospitals & Institutions (H&I). It was decided that he would research doing that and report back. Pat D said that he has not yet heard back from Intergroup as to

April Milestones
CONGRATULATIONS !!

CHIPS	
1 Month	2
2 Months	2
3 Months	1
6 Months	1
1 Year	1
3 Years	1
6 Years	1
8 Years	1
EMAILS	
9 Days	1



whether they will accept donations from online meetings. Kris E thought Intergroup would respond during the week following the business meeting.

A motion was M/S/A to accept the proposal of donating quarterly, 80%-20% to the General Services Office and Intergroup.

Group Secretary Duties Committee

Pat D gave a general description of the committee and why it was formed. Melody J explained the outcomes of the committee's work, including the newly created group service position and the change of the Group Secretary title to Group Chair. Laura M presented a Proposed Any Lengths Group of Alcoholics Anonymous Business Meeting Preamble.

Kris E asked about overtaxing volunteers if they hold two positions. Hawk suggested there should be alternates for all the main group positions so that if an emergency occurs the alternate can step in. Hawk also didn't think that 6 months was enough time for someone to serve as Assistant Group Chair in order to be fully prepared to take over as Group Chair. Jack P asked if the Assistant/Alternate Group Chair would serve for the entire two-year service position. Cate C asked how we would get people to fill the positions and was told that the group-conscience would determine the people. Kris E wanted to address what happens if the Treasurer gets "hit by a bus" tomorrow. Jack P proposed that the person retiring from a service position maintain a back-up role to the person replacing them. He also suggested that the group adopt what has been recommended and table the discussion of back-ups and alternates for determination at a later date.

A motion was M/S/A to accept the Group Secretary Duties Committee report as presented and to determine the alternate/back-up position titles and terms of service at a later date.

Chair Scripts Revisions

Pat D pointed out that online script edits for the meeting chairs can get stuck in caches on individual computers and because of this some are not getting the updated versions of the scripts. He proposed putting out instructions on the website on how to clear the caches.

Interim Service Coordinator

Al H, the Interim Service Coordinator, pointed out that at first people had signed up on the technical service roster, but that then some had "fallen off". He reported that there will be a training session for timekeepers and screen sharers on Sunday, April 25, immediately following the regular meeting. He pointed out that many service positions remain unfilled. Pat D suggested that Al H help to provide on-going training during the rotation cycle and not have training happening only at the end of a service cycle.

Origins & History of Any Lengths Group

Pat D has written the article to be posted on the website and currently has four people reviewing/editing the piece. The final draft will be brought back to the group for approval.

NEW BUSINESS // // // //

Voting in New Chairs and Chat Hosts

The new roster of proposed meeting chairs was presented. The Friday and Saturday chair spots have no volunteers at this time.

A motion was M/S/A to accept the roster of meeting chairs as presented.

A motion was M/S/A to accept Will H and Marsha C as Chat Hosts and for them to be given the Zoom room key.

Backup procedures for Group Funds

Kris E voiced her concern about needing a backup person for her position as Group Treasurer in the event something happened her. She carries the Any Lengths funds in her personal Wells Fargo Bank account, although the Any Lengths monies are not co-mingled with her personal funds and they are issued a separate bank statement. She reported that she has made provision for her daughter to contact Pat D in the event of an emergency.

Pat D stated that he knows of a new system for collecting money from online groups. He proposed that he and Kris E meet with this company during the month of May and report back at the next business meeting.

Jack P will talk to Wells Fargo regarding internal transfers within the larger Wells Fargo system, because he is also with that bank.

General Services Representative

Laura M stated that there is as committee looking into online General Services Representatives.

A motion was M/S/A to adjourn

Pat D closed the meeting by leading the group in 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.”*

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30 PM PST/5:30PM EST.

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### [Proposed Any Lengths Group Business Meeting Preamble]

Welcome to the monthly business meeting of the Any-Lengths Group of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are grateful you are here. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am an alcoholic and your Group Chairperson.

May we please open this meeting with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer? [Prayer]

We ask that the group follow a few simple guidelines to help our meeting run smoothly and to uphold our fellowship’s legacy of unity.

These simple guidelines, implemented by our Business Meeting Facilitator, are as follows:

- a) Tradition 1: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.
- b) Tradition 2: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
- c) The chat feature will remain off during our meeting.
- d) Please turn off all cell phones.
- e) If you wish to be recognized during the meeting, please use the “raise hand” feature.
- f) When discussing motions, please share only new ideas that haven’t already been brought up by another member.

These will help keep our meeting to a reasonable length. Thank you.

**[Treasurer’s Report Below]**

## Treasurer's Report

### **ANY LENGTHS ONLINE AA GROUP** **April 24, 2021**

#### **APRIL 2021**

|                                        |                 |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Balance                      | <b>2,059.75</b> |
| Contributions Received                 | <b>636.00</b>   |
| Debits                                 | <b>0.00</b>     |
| Reimbursements                         | <b>178.56</b>   |
| Prudent Reserve                        | <b>700.00</b>   |
| Contributions Distributed              | <b>0.00</b>     |
| Available Balance on February 27, 2021 | <b>1,817.19</b> |
| Bank Statement March 5, 2021           | <b>2,452.19</b> |

Available balance does not include prudent reserve

#### **APRIL 2021**

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Beginning Balance         | <b>2,517.19</b> |
| Contributions Received    | <b>55.00</b>    |
| Debits                    | <b>0.00</b>     |
| Reimbursements            | <b>227.47</b>   |
| Prudent Reserve           | <b>700.00</b>   |
| Contributions Distributed |                 |
| Available Balance         | <b>1,644.72</b> |
| Bank Statement            |                 |

Available balance does not include prudent reserve

#### **Year To Date 2021**

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| YTD Contributions Received | <b>1,140.00</b> |
| Debits                     | <b>0.00</b>     |
| Reimbursements             | <b>406.03</b>   |
| Prudent Reserve            | <b>700.00</b>   |
| Contributions Distributed  | <b>0.00</b>     |