

**AA Home Group
Meeting minutes
February 17, 2021**

Meeting opened at 7:06 PM EST

1. Welcome and Prayer: Patty M. And again Robert S.

2. Secretary: Christine W - Meeting Opening format introduction

3. Treasurer Report: Patty M.:
 - a. Seventh Tradition Report:
Current venmo balance: \$4800.07
No word yet on the 5013c nonprofit status
Motion to donate \$2300.00 to the World Services AA. Seconded by Jen CA. Passed nearly unanimously.

4. IT Chair Report: Duane
Duane asked if there were any zoom major issues like the meeting flickering, that he be contacted directly at any time. He addressed again the issue of What's App being purchased by Facebook and sharing data with that platform. Is researching other messaging apps as What's App does not accommodate our large numbers either. Is most hopeful about Telegram, but welcomes other suggestions. He intends to bring his research back to the GC for a vote. There are no new charges for domain name expected till June which he will advise the Treasurer about.
He is interested in posting a page of literature links and finding a person to manage that page. Some people expressed interest in taking that on. Bob M brought up the AAHomegroup zoom user kicking off any current host, this is an update zoom made and communication to the current host should be made before someone enters with that log in if possible. Kirk brought up a question of passing ownership of the spread sheets and finding a platform with which we can save screen shots taken by security for the purpose of records. It was decided this needed to be looked into by the Security Committee then brought to IT outside the GC meeting and addressed again when a solution was proposed.

5. Online Intergroup Service Report: Rantine:
Rantine will be attending a training for Intergroup 02/18. She has contacted the GSO and is waiting on a reply. She is looking at learning more about the OIAA Guidelines which are being developed for the growing online AA community.

6. Scheduling Report: Kerry M.:
Kerry reports Scheduling is going well with only 3 vacant Host and Chair spots, more help is needed on security and lesion positions on a permanent basis.

7. Security Report: Eric M. or Bob M.
Bob M reports disruption numbers are going down due to the diligence of our security teams. He encouraged veteran team members to be welcoming to our new service team recruits. The Mod 1 & 2 trainings are going well next dates are Mod 1 02/18 9 PM EST, and 2/22 10 AM EST Mod 2 2/23 9 PM EST. He sent 48 e-mails to those filling out the service form and received 13 RSVP to training 25% is an improved response. Trainees have had high enthusiasm. There were notes to those handling re-boot

hour to remember to unclick the allow participants to unmute themselves function before the meeting begins. He asked that service members do their best to give any notice of not making their scheduled shift rather than not show with no notice at all. Service members are assigned duties at the top of their shift by the Host (clarified by Kaylee's question) he asked that they stick to the duties assigned for their hour. Do not admit from the waiting room if you are not assigned to waiting room or asked to cover it by the assigned team member. This creates confusion and frustration for the whole team.

Chairpersons should never admit people from the waiting room. The security committee meeting addressed several issues. Notably the question of objectionable displays in the home, handled on a case by case basis, by the turning off of video and private message. This was clarified in a question by Amanda So Cal. David L brought up the motion of December which resulted in the formation of this committee to create more clear guidelines for security. His commentary was cut off by the Secretary due to volume and time constraints. Rey asked that mention be made in training of a common practice of the hosting team. That if a meeting member needs to be messaged about an issue eg: Turned video off because dress is not appropriate. It is good to ask a team member of the same sex to send that message. The point was made that rather than wait for permission to alter a name, if someone wishes to join the meeting, but has an email or phone number in their screen name, and does not respond to a chat request to change it, service team will alter the name to exclude the email or phone number and admit that person. Addressing the issue of the Remove On Sight and Be On the Look Out lists was addressed. To try to make them more manageable and impose some time frame for dropping from the lesser list, 3 months was proposed. This will be addressed again after the next committee meeting. The new violators log is being filled out with as much detail of the incident so that the team has the best information to work with in future meetings. During the question portion Jeff B brought up a security issue that had not been discussed in the report. The Secretary asked him to direct that to the security committee and not bring it at the GC. Jeff be objected to being cut off and asked that it be noted in the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Ney Ney asked if we could compose a chat post about the appropriate way to submit a motion for the agenda. The Secretary provided one for Bob M to add to the Security Log chat posts. This post will be split into 2 spread sheet cells so it must be posted in 2 parts because of the length.

NEW BUSINESS

9. Jo H Proposes to have a subcommittee under the security committee that can go away with specific questions or queries. Issues that arise in the day to day running of the site, to research and come back with precedents, solutions and suggestions for the security committee to then take forward. Hopefully to give Bob and Eric support and backup. See full proposal below.
Motion was made, seconded by Kirk. There was no discussion and it was passed with over a 2/3ds majority.
10. Set time for next GC
The next GC is set for March 20th at 12 PM EST
11. Adjourn David L prayed the meeting closed.

Proposal for AAHomeGroup Group Conscience Wednesday 17th February 2021 Proposal: Form a new subcommittee to come in under the Security Committee Common Welfare Subcommittee Objective: To research and integrate international AA guidelines and Zoom terms and conditions. Making sure we are in accordance for the safety of all group members. Background: "It is hoped that our common suffering as alcoholics and our common solution in A.A. would transcend most issues and curtail negative behaviours. As noted in the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, "Love and tolerance of others is our code." Safety, however, is important to the functioning of the group. By maintaining order and safety in meetings, the group as a whole will benefit and members will be able to focus on recovery from alcoholism and a life of sobriety. Ultimately, the experience of how these situations are handled can be as varied as our Fellowship. Good judgment and common sense, informed by the Twelve Traditions, seem to provide the best guide." "SAFETY AND A.A.: OUR COMMON WELFARE" https://aahomegroup.org/downloads/Safety_and_Our_Common_Welfare_smf-209_en.pdf As an International meeting we have 64 General Service Offices, all over the world. Each country uses different guidelines. All however based on the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. Zoom terms and conditions: end user agreements and the community standards. <https://zoom.us/community-standards> International and regional laws. Also AA literature and support information for members across the globe. Yours in fellowship Jo H