

AA Home Group Meeting Minutes April 21, 2021

Meeting opened 6:05PM EST

1. Lord's Prayer: Liz P
2. Secretary: Laura Dee - Open Meeting
3. Treasurer Report: Patty M- Not Present.
 - a. Seventh Tradition Report: Venmo Balance as of writing of Agenda \$2804.23
4. IT Chair Report: Duane
 - a. Telegram is fully integrated, will no longer being using WhatsApp.
5. Online Intergroup Service Report: Ash Megan- Not Present.
6. Scheduling Report: Kerry M
 - a. Doing best we can to keep schedule filled.
 - b. NEED OVERNIGHT SERVICE MEMBERS!!
7. Security Report: Bob M
 - a. There are 24 new trainees out of 67 emailed.
 - b. Module 1 May 6th 9PM EST & May 9th 10AM EST
 - c. Module 2 May 10th 8PM EST
 - d. Discussed importance of surrendering Creds when not active on meeting.
 - e. Held Security GC last Sunday, April 18th to tighten up, went well!
 - f. When SUBSTITUTES are Needed- REQUESTS GO IN SERVICE CHAT ONLY
 - g. Communication within Service Chats needs to get better.
 - h. Please try to arrive 10-15mins before your scheduled commitment.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Common Welfare Subcommittee was passed last meeting. Call on Sub Committee Chair or Rep to give progress notes. Written report attached below.

1. Set time for next GC
 - a. Next GC will be Saturday, May 22nd 12 Noon EST
3. Adjourn Closing Prayer: Laura Dee

Dear Homegroup family,

I am sending this information out to all who are interested. The Group Conscience held on 17th February 2021 voted to form a sub-committee. Directly responsible to the Security Committee. Common Welfare Sub-Committee 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. The reason for starting this sub-committee is to help with the day to day running of the website. This incredible 24 hour, World-Wide platform. We are in new territory in terms of A.A Guidelines. Currently there are no guidelines for World-Wide Online AA Groups. The U.S guidelines on Internet. https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/mg-18_internet.pdf ONLINE A.A. MEETINGS/GROUPS Just like regular A.A. meetings, online A.A. meetings/groups are autonomous. Due to the lack of a central geographic location, online A.A. meetings/groups are not a direct part of the U.S./Canada service structure. A.A. members are encouraged to participate in service where they physically reside and to participate in group conscience decisions locally. In addition, some online A.A. meetings/groups have business meetings and collect Seventh Tradition contributions. INTERNET STREAMING AND WEB CONFERENCING Among A.A. members, there are various levels of experience in the use of computers, email and the Internet. It is important to remember that not all A.A. members have computers and not all who have access are comfortable using this technology. Some people are just now signing up for their first email accounts, while some are talking about things like "Internet streaming," "Teleconferencing technology," and "Web conferencing." Since these topics are relatively new, G.S.O. is still collecting shared experience. One district has shared that they are considering how to utilize Internet streaming and/or teleconference/web technology so that general service representatives (G.S.R.s) may participate in area assemblies without traveling to the assembly site. They are considering several options: video and audio conference; audio-only conference; full-stream one-way video and audio with text chat return. Geographically isolated A.A. members are able to participate in weekly A.A. meetings thanks to the efforts of local A.A. committees to connect them via video conference. A.A. Conventions have also utilized the Internet to live stream portions of their programs to far distant members. Many technological options are possible and, presumably, more are being developed each day. Yet, as stated earlier, it is important not to let the speed of technological development pressure a committee into a quick solution as opposed to a well thought out A.A.-oriented decision. Of course, all decisions must include careful consideration of any situations where an A.A. member's anonymity could be compromised at the public level. Also we meet using Zoom, so consent to their terms (<https://zoom.us/terms>) and community standards <https://zoom.us/community-standards> Currently there are 83 A.A General Service Offices across the Globe. Each is an autonomous group, which is why literature and

guidelines differ across the continents. All are based on the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. Our role is to bring together this vast network of knowledge and information. To support our group members and group service members with their Countries G.S.O guidelines and literature, across the World. The idea is to find information, precedents and communicate with G.S.O's to help find solutions to some of the questions asked in the day to day running of the meeting. That information can then be shared with the Security Committee. To be taken forward to the Steering Committee and ultimately the Group Conscience. To begin with I intend to start a Telegram Group, where members can join, any member with an interest. Then monthly, or when needed communicate with the Security Co- Chairs regarding any issues that have come up. Holding Sub-Committee meetings to find solutions. Also it is my hope to bring experienced service members and board members from across the World, to share their experience, strength and hope on the 12 traditions and 12 Concepts.

-Yours in Fellowship Jo H England