

EDRG Group Conscience Minutes - Oct 3rd, 2024

Opened with Serenity Prayer, 136 participants

1. Group Rep Report - Laura, not present but sent email

- Her term ends end of December and we will need a new Group Rep Jan 1
- TIME SENSITIVE** She is away October 5 and would like coverage to attend Assembly

2. Group Secretary report - Sammy

- Next 4 month Service Transition coming up in November;
- Will ask chair and chat host to start announcing in daily meetings
- Contact her if you are interested in a commitment

3. Treasury Report- Bill R

EDRG Treasury Report for the month of September 2024

As of October 1st, 2024, EDRG has \$250.00 in the Treasury.

(including \$250.00 kept in prudent reserve).

\$540.00 was collected in September.

\$270.00 disbursed to GEA on September 30th.

\$270.00 disbursed to WSO-AFG on September 30th.

Anticipated expenses are as follows:

NO MORE ANTICIPATED EXPENSES IN 2024

Zoom One Pro Annual \$159.90 due March 22nd, 2025.

Zoom 500 Participants \$600.00 due March 22nd, 2025.

Website Hosting (3 years) \$396.00 due January 5th, 2026.

Domain Registration (10 years) \$126.10 due January 1st, 2033.

See July GC Minutes for other means of making donations.

4. Old Business:

• Vote to create a new 4 month Daily “Timer” commitment, discussed September GC

For 17

Against 3

Abstain 12

Vote is in in favor

ACTION: Secretary and Website Chair will add Timer to rotations and service descriptions

• Vote on Creation of new Format Committee, discussed September GC

Member clarifies Format Committee will review entire script to clarify and flow into the after meeting

For 27

Against 0

Abstain 3

ACTION: Reach out to Dustin if interested in joining the committee. Proposed script change from today's agenda will be addressed by new committee

● **Extension of Daily Commitments to 6 month terms–**

Discussion requested prior to Vote:

- Discussion from prior GC is available in minutes on the website.
- Discussion prior to vote helps those who couldn't be present at previous discussion
- It is an Alanon privilege to change rotations.
- Could the sign up period start earlier or a service coordinator position be added to reduce intensity of transition and secretary workload?
- By tradition many commitments are 6 months. Originally this group had 3 months commitments because of the difficulty filling commitments, extended to 4 months to reduce the time spent finding new service holders. Member believes the group now has adequate numbers to fill all 6 month commitments.
- The transition is often challenging with an element of chaos, and new timer position increases the total commitments so there will be plenty of opportunities to serve
- What about "switch and bait" sign up for 3 months with option to extend to 6 months if comfortable because 6 month commitment sounds long up front.
- Didn't feel timer commitment was broken
- Watching people learn during their commitment makes service feel more accessible for all
- East coast has many 3 month positions; 3 year positions are for generally assembly to conserve knowledge

-Rotation of leadership is important. Reading from Paths to Recovery to focus on traditions and concepts: “takes time to trust in GC”... “only authority is a loving god”... “here to serve not govern”... “no one gets burnt out” ... “forever non-professional”
-A 6 month position “flies by,” gives time to get to know people, initially daunting but “felt right”

Vote taken:

For 13

Against 9

Abstain 3

Action: 13 to 10 doesn't pass with 2/3 unanimity so will continue to consider the motion.

5. New Business:

• Discussion of use of music for timing the shares

Discussion opened with background provided that there have been comments about use of music suggesting it has not been well received.

- New Timer position could have training materials/role description to standardize.
- Members have experienced music at end of shares and end of after meeting
- Music seems analogous to use of non-conference approved literature
- Keep it simple, music takes member out of Daily Reader space
- Music may be linked to tastes and preferences, different personalities may react differently
- If someone says yes to a service position they become the trusted servant and get to decide
- Are timer duties described on the website?
- Tradition 4 says each group should be autonomous so we get to decide

that

- Sometimes a person puts on music, not as an official act of group, and we can't control
- Preference for hearing "gentle time" and "time's up," also less technically demanding
- Music is too complicated because it can have religious or degrading associations, have to be careful over varied responses. Keep it simple.
- Not end of world if music plays.
- Music is so personal, it can be distracting both to sharer and chair
- We know non conference approved material has an impact, it can be viewed as an issue of domination/dominance in forcing it on others
- Similarity to not talking about personal stuff because the meaning is different for others
- Example given of the music used feeling melodramatic, then wondering if share was over-dramatic
- Example of setting up app to put up the clock and the music came on, so thinks it may be associated with zoom timer, so an unintentional technical issue
- Who decides on the Timer role description going forward?

Closed with Serentiy Prayer, 24 participants