

EDRG Group Conscience Minutes November 7, 2024

Opened with Serenity Prayer

1. Group Rep Report - Laura, no updates.

New Group Rep beginning Jan 1, 2025 has been found.

2. Group Secretary report - Sammy, needs coverage for minutes today, a volunteer was identified.

There are 3 unfilled commitments: Tech host Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
December we will begin looking for a new treasurer.

3. Treasury Report - Bill R:

EDRG Treasury Report for the month of October 2024

As of November 1st, 2024, EDRG has \$250.00 in the Treasury.
(including \$250.00 kept in prudent reserve).

\$522.00 was collected in October.

\$261.00 disbursed to GEA on October 31st.

\$2,583.55 disbursed YTD to GEA as of October 31st.

\$261.00 disbursed to WSO-AFG on October 31st.

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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

1. Playing music at the end of the meeting - Issue is separated from previous discussion of playing music at the end of shares.

Discussion:

- This is the meeting's Zoom account
- It's people's choice whether to stay after the meeting

- Tradition 4 - Autonomy at the Group Level
- We are trusted servants
- Tech Hosts have been asked to switch Host to allow member to play the music
- Multiple Concerns about Dominance
- It's a bonding time. Can we make an announcement that music will start soon?
- "Take what you like and leave the rest"
- Host issue is distracting from service positions
- A few mention it is not CAL approved
- I don't come to Alanon for poetry, music, etc. Outside issues, personal preference
- Has lots of questions - Would there be a music position?
- Depending on the day and song, people will have different feelings. How would we decide what music is played?
- It's a dilemma
- Supports us if it's a conscious choice
- Appreciations about the health of the discussion
- When heard music was shocked
- A few mention it can be alienating
- Think of the impact on Newcomers
- This is a safe Alanon place, not a party
- Reviewed why we don't discuss outside issues, ie: what concert we went to, movies, etc - can be triggering for members. Stick to Alanon
- People against because it distracts from our primary purpose
- It's kind of like it's in a parking lot, comforting, enjoyed it because it happens after the meeting is over
- Appreciated the "mellowness" of GC discussion
- Hadn't thought about the Host impact or it being on group's Zoom account
- Proposal: in Chat give Zoom ID for alternate meeting space with music
- Sees HP coming in during GC, appreciates being asked the question. We learn from our mistakes. Wishes newcomers could hear the discussion.
- Finds music jarring; serenity is interrupted by someone else's choice. Remembers the 3 Obstacles to Success - Religion, Politics, Dominance. Not in favor.
- Concerns about following the letter of the law, not the spirit
- Grateful for the music - creates fellowship. Music is an offering. Thought the rules didn't apply to the parking lot.
- Music gets me out of the beautiful space I'm in from the meeting.
- Makes the trusted servants part of the music.
- Meeting is only 30 mins, what's after that is not part of the meeting
- It's clear people can stay or go. The members intention is to be happy, joyous and free, and use creative expression in living. Although member loves to sing and

dance, they found the music profoundly triggering. Finds GC discussion to be an inspiration.

- Music is abrupt and surprising, but members sees the side of joy that could be fostered. Proposal: Can someone say something at the after the prayer about staying on? Make it more explicit that the meeting is over? Then it could be a tool for fellowship.
- Member felt such a delight the first time they heard music.
- Majority rules
- It's a reminder that we can't control everything, if a song or musician triggers me - it can be an opportunity to look at why. But may not work for everyone
- We're talking about the auditory sense - trying to control the senses.
- Not in support or against the music - Interested in what's inside of me & my reactions
- After the meeting, grateful for the music, it has never been religious or political
- Spiritual experience
- Presumes goodwill in the gesture of playing music
- Hope we get to vote on this
- Question: Is it costing us \$ to extend the meeting? - Answered: No
- Minutes including discussion will be on the website
- Tech Hosts have reached out wondering what they should do if asked about making someone Host at the end.
- This is not our format. Until we vote, please don't ask the Tech Host to make you host or play music unless we have voted to make it part of the meeting
- What is the parking lot? Reminder that what parking lot is remains unclear.
- Proposal: Can we have breakout rooms?
- What if a newcomer just wants to talk?

2. Greeting people at start of meeting

Discussion:

- Reminder given of what was previously decided in GC.

Detailed notes not available for remainder of GC.

5. New Business:

1. Suggestion to sort phone list by WILLING TO SPONSOR and then by AVAILABLE TO SUBSTITUTE

Closed with serenity prayer.