**ACA SMR**

**Group Conscience Committee Meeting**

February 9, 2021, 8:45am Meeting #4

Attendees: There were 33 attendees which included but not limited to the following: Barbara, Paul KF, Katie DC, Diane, Rene, Christy, Craig, Shalyn, Robert, Indira, Paula, James W, Kiery, Beverly, Nolan, Harry, Beth, Katt, Sarah M, Margot, Robin, Jeff

**1. Call to order/opening prayer:** Meeting was called to order at 847am by Paul KF. This was followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**2. Meeting Secretary, time-keeper and agenda:** Meeting Secretary: Craig, Time-keeper: Diane F

Agenda for meeting was screen shared by Paul KF

*1. Call to order/opening prayer*

*2. Meeting Secretary, time-keeper and agenda*

*3. Minutes of the Feb 2, 2021 meeting*

*4. Business:*

*Prioritizing action on group comfort rules*

*5. Next Steps*

*6. Next meeting*

*7. Adjournment and closing prayer*

Robert asked that the agenda be amended to reflect that actions are the focus of this meeting. The original agenda read “Following group comfort rules” and was amended to “Prioritizing action on group comfort rules”.

**Motion was made by Robert to accept the amended agenda as proposed. Second was Diane. Motion passed.**

**3. Minutes of the Feb 2, 2021 meeting:** The minutes from Feb 2, 2021 meeting were screen shared by Paul KF. **Motion was made by Robert to accept the minutes as shown. Second was Carol. Motion passed.**

**4. Business:**

**Following Group Comfort Rules:** The emerging themes have been chat, leader/moderator, pre- and post- meeting. Members were asked if there are other themes to be addressed. Vote was taken for order of prioritization of these themes. Leader/Moderator had 12-yes, 3-no for number one slot in prioritization. Private chat was 9-yes, 2-no for number one slot in prioritization.

**Motion was made by Nolan to create small committee to design inventory to learn what’s really going on in our group. This would be 10 – 15 questions. Second was by Jim R.**

Discussion ensued for this motion.

**Motion to extend meeting. Barbara motioned for 10 minutes to extend meeting. Carol was the second.**

Discussion on the prioritization was given by the group.

Katie in DC: feels leader/moderator be addressed first; pre/post meeting be number 2 and chat be the third item. She also likes Nolan’s idea of survey.

Diane: agrees with leader/mod being first with chat in the second position.

Beth: asked “How is this going to affect new comers. I am looking at the bigger picture.

Sarah M: the predator behaviors [concerns] should not be shelved. This needs to be dealt with first. Is it considered under the “chat” part of this meeting?

Nolan: The individual identified as engaging in these inappropriate/predatory behaviors has stopped doing so. There may be others but they haven't come to my attention.

Diane: concerns of predator behavior trumps everything else.

Robert: suggested hand raise function to vote on priorities

The following vote was taken for the priority list:

Leader/Moderator to be the first priority: yes = 12; 3 = no

Chat to be the first priority: yes = 9; no = 2

Pre- and Post- meeting – not voted on due to the high “yes” count for leader/moderator.

**The priority of these issues will be as follows: Leader/Moderator; Chat; Pre- and Post- meeting**

Nolan’s motion was revisited and clarified which was to **Create small committee to design inventory to learn what’s really going on in our group** (as in concerns for the above topics). **Jim was the Second.** Discussion on this motion followed.

Vote was taken: 15 out of 24 voted yes. 3 out of 24 voted no. There were 4 abstentions. **Motion passed.**

**Barbara suggested that the survey needs to be enacted before the solutions for these issues can be developed.**

**Diane called time. Katie motioned to add 5 minutes to the meeting. Jim was the second.**

More discussion followed on the members of the committee who would be formulating this questionnaire. Nolan and Harry volunteered. Diane stated that she would want a female on this committee as did another female participant. Harry stepped down from the co-chair to let Katie have that spot. He added that he would like to participate in the development of this questionnaire at some level.

The new motion was amended to read: Nolan and Katie in DC would co-chair the committee to formulate this questionnaire. The vote included yes = 17 out of 24, no = 2 out of 24 and 5 abstentions. Robert spoke on the minority vote which involved the group voting chose not to use the experience of the longer participating members of this group. Diane was the second “no” and felt that there needed to be a more immediate action needed.

Diane reported that time was over.

**5. Next Meeting:** Group decided to “stand down” until the survey has returned its results and no further meeting on group comfort rules will be had until survey has concluded with its results.

**6. Adjournment:** **Motion was made by Craig to adjourn meeting at 956am. Second was made by Carol. Motion passed**.