**ACA SMR**

**Business Meeting**

June 21, 2021

8:45 am

Attendees: The meeting begins with 35 participants in attendance, including Kimberly, Nifer, Paul K-F, Jim R, Wendy from Montreal, Kate W, Robert, Adam, Anita, Argentina, Adrian, Austine, Cristy, Claude Moss, Candi L, Drew, Haley, James, Rene, Heathadora, Jean, JL, Lisa, Linn, Margaret, Kare, Vivienne, Conrad, and Jennifer from Montreal. The meeting ends with 23 participants.

**OPENING**

**1. Call to order:** Meeting is called to order by Kimberly at 8:48 am.

**2. ACA Serenity Prayer:** Kimberly invites the assembly to read the ACA Serenity Prayer.

**3. Call for service:** Kimberly identifies service people for the meeting:

* Meeting secretary record-keeper: Jennifer
* Timekeeper: Nifer
* Volunteer to read the tradition of the month: Candi
* Volunteer to read the concept of the month: Jim R.

Candi reads the 6th tradition. Jim reads Concept 6.

**REPORTS & BUSINESS**

**4. Reports:**

Treasurer: Delivered by Jim

* Jim:
  + Funds were down last month but cash flow is healthy.
  + Jim suggests that the group conscience consider asking groups using the zoom meeting room, to make a message encouraging donations.
  + Jim is setting aside $125/month in case group decides to send a delegate to the Annual Business Conference in San Francisco in April 2022.
* Robert asks to add to “New Business,” a discussion on whether to hold a group conscience vote on setting aside $125/month.
* Barbara suggests discussing the question about adding a message encouraging donations, to “New Business.”
* Leslie moves to accept the treasurer’s report as read; Candi seconds; all are in favour.

Technical/Scheduling: Delivered by Robert

* Robert:
  + Areas needing more service: host/moderators on Tuesday and Wednesday; greeter coordinator
  + 3 meetings presently use Zoom account: daily 7:30 meeting, men’s meeting on Tuesday night; men’s meeting on Thursday night.
  + Morning meeting schedule has been extended to August 8.
  + Robert is conducting research on automatically closing the break-out rooms.
  + The training of new tech hosts and room hosts is continuing.
* Leslie suggests using “service spotlight” to highlight the need for room hosts.
* Wendy C moves to accept the technical/scheduling report as read, Kate W seconds; all are in favour.

Communications: Delivered by Kate W

* Kate W:
  + 318 people are on the new contact list.
  + Password is unchanged.
  + Jim moves to accept the communications report as read, Leslie seconds; all are in favour.

WSO Representative: Delivered by Jim

* Jim:
  + Jim attended the monthly Board meeting on 12 June. One of the trustees was asked to step down because of non-compliance with ACA traditions. This was the first time in 6 years that Jim witnessed such an event. It was handled in an adult manner.
  + Creation of service manual: WSO is seeking feedback.
* Rene A confirms her willingness to replace Jim as WSO representative. She has been a rep for her home group, would leave that commitment to serve ACA Morning.
* Jim motions that Rene A be accepted as the next WSO representative; Leslie seconds; all are in favour.
* Nifer moves to accept the WSO representative report as read, Vivienne seconds; all are in favour.

Website: Delivered by Wendy C

* Wendy:
  + 7013 views in May, 2000 more than in April
  + Addition of pages on survey results and on tech host training
  + Wendy requests suggestions of ways to improve the home page.
* Leslie moves to accept the website report (with acclamation!) as read; Kate W seconds; all are in favour.

Service Description Committee: Delivered by Paul K-F

* Paul K-F:
  + Paul explains purpose of committee.
  + 4 service descriptions approved to date; other descriptions will be bundled for public comment before bringing them to GC for approval
  + 4 meetings over past month
* Nifer moves to accept the service description report as read, Leslie seconds; all are in favour.

Environment Survey Committee: Delivered by Robert

* Robert:
  + Survey is completed, results have been posted on the website.
  + Committee ended its work upon posting the results.
  + At-large members of ACA Morning are free to request that one or more survey results be discussed at the GC meeting
* Wendy asks for text for the website, stating that members may request that one or more survey results be treated as new business items at the GC meeting.
* Kimberly states that the survey results have yet to be analyzed; up to GC to decide how to proceed. The “open comment” section in particular merits further analysis.
* James K. makes a suggestion to improve the meeting; Kimberly clarifies that this is not the subject of discussion.
* Barbara suggests a group care meeting, instead of a committee, to analyze the survey results.
* Cristy motions to hold a group care meeting regarding the survey results; Barbara seconds. Before a vote is taken, more discussion takes place.
* Vivienne asks about the timing of a group care meeting; Kimberly thinks the material may require several group care meetings.
* Austine prefers that a dedicated group of people distill the results, rather than leaving it to group care.
* Paul K-F agrees with Austine and suggests a working group rather than group care, given that group care decisions are as binding on the group as GC motions, whereas committees merely make recommendations.
* Leslie requests a committee to analyze the survey results.
* Leslie requests announcing the survey results and making spreadsheet publicly available, so as to better inform a group care meeting if one should take place. Kimberly states that the survey results were already announced and are already publicly available.
* Jim motions to extend the meeting by 10 minutes; Paul K-F seconds; all are in favour.
* Leslie withdraws her request for a committee.
* Jim proposes a committee, open to all, to organize the survey results and propose a way forward . He suggests this instead of a group care setting.
* Barbara recalls that group care meetings are equivalent to GC meetings; they are open to all; the distinction from committees is that a committee would make recommendations to the GC, whereas a group care meeting actually makes the decisions; no need for the GC to ratify.
* Leslie suggests a group care meeting to read all the comments and then form a committee. She suggests making a motion to this purpose.
* Cristy motions to hold a group care meeting in 2 weeks regarding the survey results; Barbara seconds; several are in favour, several are opposed. The votes are not counted. The motion does not carry.
* Robert explains his opposition to the motion. He notes that it is unlikely that members of the Survey Committee wish to continue serving with the mandate to analyze the results, and he states that the expertise necessary for survey committee has not been established.
* Austine does not think that urgency would serve the survey initiative.
* Paul K-F underlines importance of expertise on survey analysis committee well, and suggests a slower, more thoughtful approach.
* Barbara motions to extend the meeting by 5 minutes; Leslie seconds; all are in favour.
* Barbara recalls that the meeting functions by majority vote.
* Kimberly notes that approximately 9 of 23 people opposed the motion, which she considers a high number of opposants. She asks for a new motion to clear the slate and suggests conducting votes with raised hands.
* Leslie motions to extend the meeting by 5 minutes; Paul K-F seconds; all are in favour.
* Cristy motions to hold a group care meeting in 2 weeks regarding the survey results; Leslie seconds; 11 are in favour, 5 are opposed.
* Barbara notes that the meeting’s culture and history is to respect a pure majority as a determinant of motions passing. Those opposed are invited to express their opinion.
* Paul K-F confirms Barbara’s remark.
* Jim notes that Kimberly should not feel obligated to run the group care meeting, that the person who motioned for that meeting, can do so.
* Paul K-F motions to extend the meeting by 5 minutes; Leslie seconds; all are in favour.
* Kimberly invites 3 people who had opposed Cristy’s motion, to speak.
* Nifer explains having opposed the motion because the meeting time didn’t work for her.
* Vivienne explains having opposed the motion because of her concern that a group care meeting would be unstructured.
* Robert explains having opposed the motion because the leadership/staffing of the committee or a group care meeting had not been addressed.
* James makes a statement.
* Jim explains having opposed the motion because he does not expect a group care meeting to be productive, and suggests developing a policy on how meetings on subjects like this should run.
* Barbara motions to extend the meeting by 5 minutes; Leslie seconds.
* Kimberly asks if anyone wishes change their vote, after hearing the opposants. Rene and Candi change their vote; they wish to oppose. A re-vote is called.
* Cristy motions to hold a group care meeting in 2 weeks regarding the survey results; Barbara seconds. 4 are in favour, 11 are opposed. The motion does not carry.
* Kimberly states that this item will be moved head the agenda of the GC meeting in July.

**5. Adjournment:** Paul K-F moves to adjourn the meeting; Nifer seconds; all are in favour. The meeting adjourns at approximately 10:05 am.