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ACA STRENGTHENING MY RECOVERY GROUP CONSCIENCE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2022, 8:45 a.m. EDST

Attendees: 58 people were in attendance at the start of the meeting, among them: Adam K, Boaz, Caitlyn, Conrad J, Eddie NH, Jim R, Krista, Leslie, Mike C, Pam, Paul K-F, Steve J, Una, Vivienne, Wendy C.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Opening prayer
2. Meeting secretary, time-keeper and agenda
3. Minutes of and motions passed at the April 18, 2022 meeting
4. Reports
5. Old Business
6. New business
7. Announcements and next meeting
8. Adjournment and closing prayer

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER

The meeting was called to order at 8:47 a.m. and opened with the Serenity Prayer. Krista read the ACA Suggested Commitment to Service.

2. MEETING SECRETARY, TIME-KEEPER AND AGENDA

GC Secretary: Boaz

Meeting secretary: Paul K-F

Time-keeper: Boaz

MOTION by Wendy C to accept the draft agenda. Seconded by Bill. The motion **CARRIED.**

3. MINUTES OF AND MOTIONS PASSED AT THE APRIL 18, 2022 MEETING

Paul K-F read the motions that had carried at the meeting.

MOTION by Wendy C to accept the draft minutes of April 18, 2022. Seconded by Bill. The motion **CARRIED.**

4. REPORTS

Service Descriptions Committee (Paul K-F)

- The committee did not meet in the past month; Paul said that he did spend time with Boaz discussing the Group Conscience Secretary's tasks in helping them prepare for and chair this month's business meeting

MOTION by Steve J to accept the Service Descriptions Committee's report as presented. Seconded by Una. The motion **CARRIED**.

Website (Conrad J)

- Conrad said the website had had 3,554 views in April
- He noted that the page views for the most viewed webpages have continued to be viewed with relative consistency – Our Meeting, the Contact List, Script and Slides, the Home Page, and the SMR Service Schedule

MOTION by Steve J to accept the Web Servant's report as presented. Seconded by Vivienne. The motion **CARRIED**.

Communications Co-Secretaries (Wendy C and Matt D)

- Wendy C said work had been done to update the MailChimp database, with about 300 people archived from the mailing list and contact lists if they did not respond to three e-mail blasts indicating they wished to remain on one or the other; following the cull, 309 people are now on the former list, and 278 on the latter
- She said the list may have been hacked by someone; to increase security, the password for the contact list will no longer be put in the morning meeting slide and, instead, will be announced during the meeting
- Matt said work has also been done to consolidate the Google Forms which have been created for our website over time, and to improve security

MOTION by Brian to accept the Communications Co-Secretaries' report as presented. Seconded by Krista. The motion **CARRIED**.

Service Team Co-Secretaries (Jim R and Will B)

- Jim R said that the team has hosted some very successful service sessions, in which anyone who performs service may share their experiences as a means of helping to improve the meeting; these are held on the 7, 17 and 27 of each month
- The approach of having co-secretaries is working well; the service team has not met in a while
- Wendy C asked if there is a way to communicate with all members of the service team, and said she could them with an e-mail blast

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MOTION by Vivienne to accept the Service Team Co-Secretaries' report as presented. Seconded by Wendy C. The motion **CARRIED**.

Treasurer (Adam K)

- Adam said donations in April increased over March to just over \$250, but are still significantly less than those which were being received a year ago
- Disbursements included \$225 to the WSO's general fund, and \$75 (25% of the total disbursed) to the International Literature Scholarship Fund
- WSO does not accept donations through CashApp; Adam asked for a volunteer who uses both CashApp and PayPal to assist him in transferring about \$562 in donations received in the former payment platform to the latter, and he would follow up with them

MOTION by Krista to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Eddie NH. The motion **CARRIED**.

WSO Representative (Vivienne, alternate Jeannie)

- The ABC was held on May 6-7, 2022
- Of 13 proposals brought forward for consideration to be discussed at the conference, six were on the agenda
- Following discussion of these proposals, committees were struck to examine in greater detail: Proposals 4 (ACA's Concepts 2 and 6); 5 (change ACA's name and logo); and, 10, 11 and 12 (structure of the ABC)
- Various reports were also made, including by the World Service Representatives, which meets quarterly throughout each year
- The AWBC is being held May 21-22, 2022

MOTION by Krista to accept the WSO Representative's report as presented. Seconded by Wendy C. The motion **CARRIED**.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Before opening discussion of the first old business items listed on the webpage for this meeting, Boaz noted that at the April 18, 2022 business meeting, a motion passed to establish a committee to examine how to make decisions about whether to allow other meetings to use this meeting's Zoom account. While several people expressed interest to be on this committee, it was not created at that meeting.

Eddie NH said he had spoken with Pete D about establishing the committee, but they had not taken any specific action to do so. Jim R suggested using an announcement (e.g., spoken and in the chat function) during the morning meeting to invite people to attend a meeting to establish

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the committee. Paul K-F suggested it would be useful to discuss the committee's mandate (i.e., what is its scope of work) at a first meeting.

MOTION by Brian that an announcement be made at the morning meeting for the next couple of weeks inviting people to attend a meeting to establish a committee on Zoom meetings. Seconded by Jim R. The motion **CARRIED**.

Eddie NH said that he would make the announcement.

A. Agenda items which would change how the meeting functions be discussed, then tabled and announced for one month, so everyone has an opportunity to participate in the decision. Kimberly C. (tabled once)

It was determined that Kimberly C was not present at the meeting for a second time to discuss the item which, per group conscience, means that the item is removed from the agenda. Jim R said he was in attendance when the matter was discussed – the concern being that decisions which affect the whole group sometimes end up being made toward the end of business meetings, when perhaps only a dozen are still in attendance. Brian said he had witnessed this as well.

Paul K-F said he understood the concern, and suggested we also be careful not to undermine the business meeting's ability to make and put into effect decisions, particularly if a matter is urgent. Wendy C said polls could be sent by e-mail blast, with the response likely being a representative sample of meeting members; Vivienne noted that the ABC used overnight polling. Brian suggested ensuring important items be decided upon at the beginning of each meeting.

The merits of establishing a committee to examine the topic were discussed. It was noted that every committee requires people to join it and do work; perhaps a decision can be made now.

MOTION by Vivienne that any proposals which would change, in a fundamental way, how the monthly business meeting is conducted be first sent by e-mail to the mailing list before a decision is made. Seconded by Jim R. The motion **CARRIED**.

Paul K-F said the motion provides for some flexibility – an e-mail blast could be used to poll people and the result of the poll could to be determinative; or, to poll people and inform them that the proposal will be on the agenda of the next business meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

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7. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEXT MEETING

No announcements were made.

NEXT ACA SMR GROUP CONSCIENCE BUSINESS MEETING WILL BE MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. EDST

8. ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

MOTION by Krista to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 a.m. Seconded by Jim R. The motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

The meeting ended with the Serenity Prayer.

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