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ACA STRENGTHENING MY RECOVERY (WEB0120)
GROUP CONSCIENCE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2022, 8:45 a.m. EDT; approx.
Attendees: 49 people attended the start of the meeting

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Serenity Prayer and ACA Suggested Commitment to Service
2. June Minutes and Motions
3. Reports
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Next Meeting
7. Adjournment and Serenity Prayer

1. Call to Order, Serenity Prayer and ACA Suggested Commitment to Service

If not identified before, the meeting Chair may ask for a participant to take minutes, and another to be the meeting's time-keeper.

MEETING SECRETARY, TIME-KEEPER AND AGENDA

GC Secretary: Boaz

Meeting secretary: Jim R.

Time-keeper: Wendy C.

NOTE: Throughout the meeting, participants are requested to use Zoom's "Raise Hand" function to be called upon to share, and to limit their shares to one minute.

2. June Minutes and Motions

NOTE: Participants are requested to review the minutes of the previous month's business meeting beforehand. The motions passed at that meeting will be read aloud, followed by a call for a motion to accept the minutes.

Motion: To accept agenda - Wendy, 2nd – Pam; CARRIED

Motion: To accept the June Minutes – Caitlyn, 2nd – Conrad; CARRIED

June Motions read by Wendy

3. Reports

NOTE: If a report is prepared in an electronic format, it is to be posted by the Friday before the meeting. Participants are requested to review reports prior to the business meeting.

<https://www.acamorning.org/treasury-reports/>

<https://www.acamorning.org/monthly-reports/>

Each person giving a report may provide a brief (two minute) overview. The floor is then opened for questions and comments, followed by a call for a motion to accept each report.

Treasurer (Adam K)

- Contributions trending upward - \$508 received last month
- \$50 outlay to Zoom
- \$300 sent to World Service Organization (WSO) general fund

- \$100 sent to the WSO International Literature Fund
- Contributions from the Men's meeting will have to be transferred to a personal account in order to move those funds into our PayPal account

Motion: To grant Adam the authority to transfer funds from the Men's account – Wendy, 2nd – Caitlyn

Motion: To accept the Treasurer's report – Brian, 2nd – Pam

Web Servant (Conrad J)

- Since the June GC there have been 3581 views
- Primary pages – home; script&slides; etc. New – Warriors meeting page
- There was a brief glitch this month – the site was down briefly

Q: 'Warrior's' page, what is that?

A: It's an events/meetings announcement - <https://www.acamorning.org/ubuntu-warriors/>

Motion: To accept the Web Servant report – Vivienne, 2nd – Anny

Service Descriptions Committee Chair (Offered by Boaz for Paul K-F)

- Not much activity
- Met with Boaz 3 times in preparation
- Ready to restart, as needed. Especially with the new Communications Team Committee

Motion: To accept the report – Caitlyn, 2nd – Vivienne

Communications Co-Secretaries (Wendy C and Matt D)

- Looking to streamline process
- No new addresses added to website
- A Communications Team being assembled; 5 or 6 members have expressed interest

Motion: To accept the report – Vivienne, 2nd – Candi

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

- Not a lot of updates
- Looking at the practices of the Tech Host – filling in Room hosts
- Schedule being analyzed for what will be sustainable

Motion: To accept the report – Wendy, 2nd – Krista

WSO Representative (Vivienne; alternate needed)

- Bill of Rights – a new version is in fellowship review for 1 yr., approx.
- How best to get the message out? – Announcement/Email/link

Q: Could we arrange to have a breakout room discussion at some time in the coming weeks?

A: Vivienne & Caitlyn will arrange a time and format for a discussion

Motion: To accept the report – Wendy 2nd – Candi

Zoom Security Ad hoc Committee (Pam and Krista)

- Focus on structural and administrative concerns
- sending a questionnaire to meetings on our account
- reaching out to other meetings about how they handle their multiple meetings
- open to member participants – write to gc@acamorning.org (subject line: Ad hoc Comm)

Adam: The Men's Meeting would like to be kept informed of next steps

Caitlyn: Groups currently on the Zoom account are grandfathered in for 12 months

Pam: Actually, no time limits have been set at this time

Also: This was agreed to in Committee, but not at a Group Conscience Meeting
Motion: To accept the report – Caitlyn, 2nd – Candi

4. Old Business

NOTE: Per group conscience, a person who proposes a business item must be present for it to be discussed. A business item that is tabled (carried over to the next business meeting) two times due to the absence of the person who proposed it, is removed from the agenda of the following meeting. Business items are re-labelled alphabetically each month as items are decided upon, or otherwise removed or withdrawn.

A. Issue: Following the Breakout Room script (a “walk on” item)

As offered by Boaz in the GC Meeting, a recommendation that has arisen out of the Service on the 7s meetings...

“The script of our SMR Meeting is the result of more than two years of thoughtful consideration. The script, along with the training of room hosts, is for the purpose of keeping our meeting safe and is an expression of our group conscience.

“As trusted servants, room hosts have the responsibility of conveying, via the script, and their training, the spirit of the SMR Group Conscience.

“There is growing concern that there are room hosts who, perhaps unintentionally, have drifted from the script and even from the intended culture of the rooms, thus jeopardizing the safety of our meeting.

“‘Service on the Sevens’, in collaboration with the service co-secretaries, would like to consider a possible means of communication with or even possible recertification of room hosts, perhaps in the form of an email reminder of our commitment to consistently representing the group conscience as laid down by our training and as worded in the script.

“If you are interested in participating in the creation of this gentle reminder email or process... Or... You don’t necessarily want to participate but you have experienced uncomfortable practices in a breakout room that you would like to bring to the groups attention... Please email: service@acamorning.org
Please type “Room Host Refresher” in the subject line.

Note: This is not about trying to control – it is about the safety of our meeting

Caitlyn: Can we review your text?

Vivien: Complaints? How many? Are there specifics?

Boaz (in response): Hosts veering from the script, unrequested timing of participants, etc.

Candi: Thank you for putting this ‘out there’. As a host, there are times when I must experience restraint. I appreciate this effort.

Motion: To extend the meeting – Wendy, 2nd – Krista

Adam: About 1 yr. ago a survey kicked off, looking at safety issues. To summarize – the response was, ‘let’s not do anything’. Perhaps an improved or advanced training would be helpful. This is a challenging area. Maybe it’s time for another questionnaire?

Boaz: Last year’s survey brought about natural growth within the meeting. All but 2 of the issues raised in the survey were organically resolved.

Wendy: Perhaps this could be worked out in the Service on the 7s sessions

Motion: To adjourn the meeting – Caitlyn, 2nd – Krista

5. New Business

6. Announcements and Next Meeting

No announcements were made.

Next ACA SMR Group Conscience Business Meeting – Monday, August 15, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. EDT

7. Adjournment and Serenity Prayer