

Purpose:				To create a new structure for the Group Conscience business meeting			
Guiding questions:				1. What are my goals for the business meeting?			
				2. What is my purpose in the business meeting?			
				3. What am I looking for in the business meeting for my own recovery?			
Themes from Sticky Notes							
Support for Members		Support for Trusted Servants		Support for GC Business Meetings		Other	
Room 1		Room 2		Room 3		Room 4	
Offer opinions in GC		Efficiency - sharing of info		Efficiency - address motions in a timely manner		Spiritual - good orderly direction	
Understanding business meeting procedures		Transparency - sharing of info		Transparency - understand developments in business meetings		Spiritual practice	
Be kept informed what is going on for the group for inclusion & participation		Communication - updates		Communication style - listen & respect viewpoints		Spiritual principles	
		Ongoing support for discussing issues that arise in meetings		Structure - procedures and processes		How to be a functioning adult	
				Decision making - based on GC		Practice kindness & emotional sobriety in meetings	
				GC script revision			
				Group needs			
				Safety - chat function			
Additional Themes							
				Business meeting occurring on weekends?			
				Agendas posted in advance & announced			
Next Steps - how do we do this?							

<p>Group suggests doing an audit of available tech tools/survey options in our Mailchimp, Zoom account, and website. In an effort not to reinvent the wheel, WSO uses Voting Buddy and Google Forms. Survey issues could be supported/promoted on the News page of our website and include recordings, instead of emails.</p>		<p>items on business meetings too long. get items on agenda dated and sponsored (owner) of each item. Addressed in timely fashion. sponsor person should be there at meeting. if it gets tabled twice, then its off the list (this is existing group conscience decision). if things arent addressed in 60 days, 2nd ad hoc GC meeting to address in a timely manner. no new motions made during reportings by service members.</p>	<p>loving language is important</p>
<p>Another suggestion was to expand motions over two monthly Monday meetings, to allow for more announcement times and member inclusivity.</p>		<p>Business meeting time may not be ideal for all members. Group liked Sundays, next 6 months. Every other month swapping will be too challenging. Keep it simple.</p>	<p>-Principles over personalities</p>
<p>Also, more tools may be available for purchase if a budget was approved. This may require more 7th Tradition donations first, however.</p>		<p>How to get more active participation in GCs? How to improve inclusion but not open scope of items discussed/voted on to everything under the sun? (strong opinions with low buy-in).</p>	<p>-The role of the chair is to facilitate, not to use unnecessary time speaking or commenting.</p>
<p>Surveys and Election Buddy. They publish and distribute agenda items with background information for membership discussion.</p>		<p>Surveys for offcycle voting on group items? May be bad idea without additional context and discussion with other group members. Would need to be very black and white in the survey, and even then things could get misinterpreted by those reading the survey.</p>	<p>-Our "business" is in active waiting and in meditation.</p>
<p>Online voting. Recorded discussions</p>			<p>-God is in the silence</p>

<p>Does Zoom have a survey option? Also, she attended an in person meeting where no decision on first vote. The issue must be announced every week so interested parties can come to the next meeting.</p>			
<p>One committee meets on alternate days (twice a month?). This necessitates a two meeting cycle for every vote to be sure minority view is heard.</p>			
<p>plug-ins have been considered before but cost \$. The yearly budget for web stuff is capped at (3 or 4 hundred?) If we do a better job of collecting 7th tradition donations a group of our size could easily afford plug ins that assist in making our decision process more democratic.</p>			