

The SMR Business Meeting Minutes 25-1 January

Welcome

1. **Call to order, NOTE:**

Date: January 19, 2025

Time: 8:

Participants: Number of raised hands declaring their presence at start:

The ACA Serenity Prayer (*and optional long version*)

2. **General Guidelines**

3. **Call for Service** (*The following attendees offered to be of service*)

- a. Meeting Chairperson - Jim R
- b. Recording Secretary - Jim R
- c. Timekeeper - Carrie
- d. Other (*optional*) -

4. **Readings:**

The Suggested Commitment to Service (BRB, pg 601), **read by: Candi**

The Tradition of the Month, **read by: Carrie**

The Concept of the Month, **read by: Birgit**

AUDIO RECORDING . The meeting was not recorded.

5. **Approval of the Minutes**

The minutes were posted to the website. They were read into the record.

Motion to approve - Staci ; 2nd - Carol; Unopposed

6. **Motion to Adopt the Agenda**

Today's Agenda:

- Reports
- Current Proposals
- Old and New Business
- Announcements

Motion to adopt – James; 2nd – Sue; unopposed;

7. **Reports**

Treasurer: [Shana]

Question: The Dream Host expenses are described in the writing yet are not clearly listed in the table of expenses.

Service CoSecretary: vacant

NOTE: Antoinette and Boaz recently conducted Room Host trainings

- Communications CoSecretary: vacant
- Webservant: [Staci] Report on website
- WSO Representative: [Vivienne]

Report not yet posted. Quarterly Delegate Meeting - Dec. 7th

Largely about having the Delegates take a greater role in the Conference.

NOTE: SMR members can get involved; time for a new Rep to step up.

- Other

8. Current Proposals - Update

Screen share, or reference, the status of the Proposals on our website:

[Motion 24-15: The Language around 'Training'](#)

[Motion 24-14: A Revised 'Feelings' Slide](#)

[Motion 24-13: A New Set of Meditation Slides](#)

MOTION NUMBER	STATUS	DATE OF DECISION	DATE FOR REVIEW
Motion 24-15	Accepting Comments	until December 26, 2024	
Motion 24-14	Voting Open	until December 20, 2024	
Motion 24-13	Voting Open	until December 20, 2024	

9. Old Business

Service Celebration -

We returned to old business touched on last month - the production of an event, 'Service Celebration', which would provide an opportunity for SMR members to learn about service to the group; the different positions and their descriptions; an opportunity to step up to serve.

Also discussed:

- Posting and announcing DAILY reminders of business meeting and group service needs. This would be a way to get more members interested and willing.
- Clarity for the entire group. Ideas - Offer a WEEKLY Business Chair report. (thoughts - perhaps this could instead be linked to the Healthy Service 24/7 schedule and announced on those days)
- Read and/or post in chat the current service opportunities, DAILY
- Note: Attending Biz Mtg is a form of service.

[Motion to extend the business meeting 5 minutes to conclude the discussion: Vivienne; 2nd - Staci; Unopposed]

- Proposal(s): Members were invited to participate in fashioning a proposal - that the monthly business meeting take place in the main room of our Zoom space.
- Additional ideas for proposals:
 - that there be no fellowship breakout room during our group business meeting.
 - That we initiate the process of updating our morning meeting script - modeled on the previous update, from 2022.

New Business

Re: December Next Steps: *“A proposal concerning the Business meeting and the use of breakout rooms will be developed. An additional poll looking at the choice of the day of the Business meeting will be created.” Jim R and others*

John J: Hold a business meeting during/instead of the regular meeting, once a month; during the 7:30 - 8:30, eastern.

Philippe: Challenge - everyone has to be aware and have a vote, prefer in-person GC with a vote. This is a big change

Jim: I would like to see the polling aspect be explored.

Philippe: Daily announcement of possible change, notice of time of voting.

Tracy: Better announcement of business meeting schedule - perhaps at the opening of the meeting.

John J: Everyone is available to attend during our regular meeting time.

Elizabeth: My first business meeting ever. Thank you.

Philippe: Like the idea of earlier announcements; I don't tend to check the website.

Re: A look at Next Steps from December:

- A proposal concerning the Business meeting and the use of breakout rooms will be developed. An additional poll looking at the choice of the day of the Business meeting will be created. Jim R and others. **Undone.**
- A date and the content of a Service Celebration will be explored by a working group. **Undone.**
- Create a Proposal around updating our morning meeting Script. Vivienne & Jim. **Done.**
- Change Contact List password. Staci. **Done.** [Grace]
- Look at fashioning Daily Service Announcements. **Done.** (Jenny)
- Fashion a Business Chair Report - 2x a month (on the 7th and 24th). Jim R. **Clarify.**

Safety Concern has been raised. Asking for 5 members to participate with fact-finding.

Philippe: Any further details?

Jim: It relates to bullying.

Tracy: Are we looking to create a policy?

Jim: No, we have a policy. It's on our website. We are asking for volunteers to interview to find the facts.

Tracy: The group should not be mediating squabbles between members. Keeping the meeting Safe is our responsibility, which could include reading the crosstalk statement.

Jim: For context - What about when it's a room host who is repeatedly harassed while doing service, to the point of stepping back from service? This is affecting the group.

[Motion to extend 10 minutes]

Tammy: I feel this is an important issue.

Philippe: I think this is so easy to turn into a witch hunt. Members have to take responsibility for themselves.

Jim: The safety policies agreed to by the group are on our website. A proposal affirming trusted servant empowerment is being fashioned. I am unsure of how much room host training is devoted to this topic.

Tracy: It is so important to have a safe place to talk/trust/feel. Clear guidelines need to repeatedly be stated.

Jim: Perhaps it's time to review and restate the boundaries and guidelines.

Philippe: Literature and practice around service sponsorship is a great resource.

NOTE: This conversation can be continued in the Healthy Service 24/7

Announcements Email blast on the way. Watch your inbox.

10. Adjournment and Closing Prayer, Time - 10:07 approx
Motion to Adjourn: Kate, Seconded: Lisa M.

Closing prayer. Jim R

Next Steps:

Remaining from December:

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- A date and the content of a Service Celebration will be explored by a working group.
- Fashion a Business Chair Report - 2x a month (on the 7th and 24th). Jim R - (?)

Next meeting: Sunday, February 16th

Minutes submitted by: Jim R

References:
