

Shalom Today Group
Group Conscience Minutes
September 29, 2024 - 1:15pm

- Meeting opened at 1:15pm by Verna J. with the Serenity Prayer

Roll Call

Steering Committee	Y/N	Trusted Servants	Y/N	Trusted Servants	Y/N
Tom T.	x	GSR	x	Treatment	-
Verna J.	x	Alt GSR	x	Alt Treatment	x
Sheryl B.	x	Treasurer	x	Group Prgm. Coord.	x
John K.	x	Alt Treasurer		Alt Group Prgm. Coord.	-
Andy W.	x	Secretary	x	Maintenance	x
		Alt Secretary	-	Alt Maintenance	x
		Intergroup	x	PI	x
		Alt Intergroup	-	Alt PI	
		Literature	x	Archivist	x
		Alt Literature	x	Accessibilities	x
		Corrections		Quartermaster	x
		Alt Corrections	x	Alt Quartermaster	

Trusted Servant Reports

GSR: Andy W.

- Nothing new to report

Treasurer Report: Joe F.

Expenses:
 Rent - \$ 2000
 Electric - \$ 541.87

Frontier (phone) - \$ 41.05
Donation (aaws) - \$ 10
Quartermaster - \$ 888.28
Intergroup - \$ 459.46

Income:

Basket/Coffee - \$ 1687.84
Cash App - \$ 179.28
Venmo - \$ 114.45

Current Balance: \$ 1981.57
Prudent Reserve: \$ 5235.43

- Paid outstanding Quartermaster and Intergroup balances
- Rod will assist to stop the AAWS payments
- We currently have a deficit of \$1944.78 for the month's bills. Currently we run about a \$400 deficit per month. Our prudent reserve will cover 1.25 months of our operating costs
- Utilities have increased \$200 due to the summer months
- Noticed higher costs for Wednesday potluck supplies
- MOTION: To withdraw \$2,000 from the prudent reserve to cover rent.-PASSED
 - Minority Opinion- The prudent reserve should be used only for emergencies and not for regular bills.

Secretary: Karen L.

- Nothing new to report

Intergroup: Karen L.

- Financial Ad Hoc Committee was formed
 - To research financial trends from 2017 to 2023
 - Monthly expenses increased slightly due to inflation from \$12k to \$13k
 - Removing gift items from the bookstore in 2019 has decreased profits by about 50%
 - Merchandise sales dropped significantly during Covid but are now nearly equal to 2019 levels
 - Individual contributions have steadily decreased from \$18k in 2018 to \$13k in 2023
- Guest Speaker on Tradition 6
 - Discussed the importance of Tradition 6 as it relates to local AA groups

- Example was the display of flyers that requested volunteers at a treatment facility within AA meetings, this can cause confusion around what is AA and what is treatment
- While these may be noble causes, and we cooperate with these facilities, putting up their information in an AA meeting is an infringement of Tradition Six
- Another example was meetings held within treatment centers; while they share a location, the group is independent of the facility
- Discussed importance of avoiding endorsement, even implied endorsement, of outside enterprises

Literature: Darren T.

- Order will be made in the near future

Correctional Facility Coordinator: Alt. Sean K.

- Nothing new to report

Treatment Center Rep: Alt. Andy W.

- Joe K. has moved and resigned from his position. Position stands open

Group Program Coordinator: Joe F.

- Anniversary cookout went well.

Maintenance:

- New sign up
- Coffee maker is leaking
 - New coffee machine cost about \$600
 - Will take the coffee machine to a repair place
 - Temporary coffee machines will be donated by members
- Hot water is still off
 - Faucet needs to be replaced

Public Information: John K.

- Nothing new to report

Accessibilities: Alexa G.

- Nothing new to report

Archivist: Alex X.

- Nothing new to report

Quartermaster: Sheryl B.

- Spend \$200
- Switched coffee brands from Foldgers to Maxwell house due to price increase

Old Business:

- Define duties of Trusted Servants?
 - Motion - for each chair to outline the current tasks they are currently doing and bring the info back to Group Conscience - PASSED
- Discussion Larry N.
 - May G.C. meeting minutes were found to have the most up to date decision "If Larry shows up to the property anyone can call and have the police come and trespass him."
 - No actual trespass was made
 - Discussion
 - If there is anyone can trespass Larry N.
 - We've already been here and there is always the same result why do it again?
 - I've had problems but i kept coming back and I got better maybe he can too
 - Our Primary Purpose is to help the still suffering alcoholic
 - We can't just wait for issues to come up
 - MOTION - Let Larry N. attend meetings at the Shalom Today Group and if he causes any issues he may be trespassed by any group member. - PASSED
 - Minority Opinion - Larry N. continues the same behavior, has disrupted both (Shalom and Show Me) groups in the past 3 months. I do not believe a life time ban is necessary but i believe a longer suspension would be suitable

New Business

- Group Finances
 - Discussion
 - Making an announcement about group deficit before meetings
 - Stop going to other groups and donating money, help the group that got you sober
 - Not being overly stocked with literature, we can purchase books as needed
 - Making sure lights and coffee machines are after meetings
 - Adjusting thermostat to higher temperature between meetings

- Wednesday potluck providing their own supplies
 - Create a finance committee
 - Organize a donation drive
 - Donating on your birthday night ex. \$5 for every year sober
- “I owe my sobriety and my life to this group”
 - More than 5 members made a pledge to donate \$500 each to the group
- Elections: Positions to go into effect January 1, 2025
 - Steering Committee
 - Rod H. - approved
 - Mark S. - approved
 - Treasure
 - Paul S. - approved
 - Secretary
 - Karen L. - approved
 - Alt. Sheryl B. - approved
 - Intergroup
 - Audrey D-B. - approved
 - Literature
 - Alex X. - approved
 - Corrections
 - VACANT
 - Treatment
 - Verna J - approved
 - Alt. Andy - approved
 - Group Program Coordinator
 - Alt Kala R. - approved
 - Maintenance
 - Daniel O. - approved
 - Archivist
 - Colton H.
 - Accessibilities
 - VACANT
 - Quartermaster
 - Joe F. - approved
 - Alt. Colton H - approved