

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

- Meeting opened at 1:15pm by Andy W. with the Serenity Prayer
- Motion to accept last meeting minutes as distributed - PASSED

Roll Call

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

Also in attendance:

- Casey W.
- Mark S.
- Cindy S.
- Stacey W.
- Gerald S.
- Greg M.
- Shannon VP.

Trusted Servant Reports

GSR: Andy W.

- The district voted to withhold excess funds from the General Service Board (GSB) and redirect them to local A.A. entities, aligning with concerns raised about the GSB's financial transparency and governance.
- The group is closely monitoring floor motions for the upcoming panel. If none pass, we may discuss submitting a formal motion for the following panel. Floor motions are still being accepted; for example, one idea under consideration is the appointment of an outside auditor for improved accountability
- Area service positions and Group service positions remain open, members are encouraged to step forward thoughtfully, ensuring they can fulfill the responsibilities of the role

Treasurer Report: Paul S. read by Rodd H.

Financial Summary:

- Current Balance: \$2,418.51, with \$360.43 available after upcoming expenses.
- Recent Expenses:
 - Electric Bill: \$284.
 - Rent: \$2,000.
 - Quartermaster Reimbursement: \$346.66.

Upcoming:

- Insurance Payment: \$800 due in April.
- Rent Increase: Starting in April, rent will increase to \$2,125 and remain at this rate for the next two years.

Updates:

- Paul S. is now set up with online banking, allowing smoother transactions moving forward.
- The \$30 donation to Intergroup will be reinstated.
- \$10 AAWS payments have been discontinued.

Secretary: Karen L.

- Meeting minutes distributed. Attendees encouraged to notify if not received

Intergroup: Karen L.

- Financial updates:
 - Lost \$4744 dollars last month
 - Group contributions are down with \$5900
 - Individual contributions slight increase due to Birthday Contribution envelopes and Grateful Givers sign ups
 - Merchandise sales down at \$4000
- New Groups:
 - T.R.A.N.S. (Transcendent Recovery Aspirants Navigating Sobriety)
3rd Saturdays | 6pm | Closed Discussion | Transgender
 - North Dallas Saturday Step Study
Saturdays | 12pm | Closed Discussion | Men
 - Keeping It Real
Saturdays | 10:30am | Closed Discussion
- Added bus route access note to groups with bus route access
 - Still researching Uber Vouchers, seeking guidance from OKC on implementation
- Cutting back assistant hours 40% in office to save on payroll expenses
- Exploring options for bulk order discounts from AAWS to increase bookstore revenue

Literature: Alt John K.

- Nothing new to report

Correctional Facility Coordinator: Alt. Sean K.

Treatment Center Rep: Alt. Andy

- Nothing new to report

Group Program Coordinator: VACANT

Maintenance: Daniel O.

Public Information: John K.

- Website updates paused due to financial constraints. Free versions with ads were rejected.
- Suggested outreach to police departments.
- Developing new website has been put on hold due to financial requirement

- Cost would be \$200 a year
- G.C. is welcome to put it back on the table if deemed necessary
- Due to recent interactions with the local police department, it may be worth looking into contacting local authorities, such as the police department, to raise awareness about A.A. resources

Accessibilities: Alexa G.

- Nothing new to report

Archivist: Alex X.

- Nothing new to report

Quartermaster: vacant

Old Business:

- Defining Trusted Servant Duties:
 - Motion for each Trusted Servant to outline duties and present at the next Group Conscience meeting - PASSED
 - I have received a report from the GSR and have attached Trusted Servant duties that i received from aa.org
 - Past Shalom Today Trusted Servant duties have been located and will be sent out with the meeting minutes
- Trusted Servant Positions still vacant, to go into effect January 1, 2025
 - Alt. Intergroup
 - Alt. Literature
 - Corrections
 - Alt. Corrections
 - Group Program Coordinator
 - Alt. Maintenance
 - Accessibilities
 - Quartermaster
- Motion - Post a Phone list sign up sheet in the near future -PASSED
 - Posted by meeting chair

New Business

Homelessness Issue:

- There have been instances of homeless people staying overnight and urinating on furniture.

Steering Committee's Response: The Steering Committee held a meeting (12/25/2024) and decided to press charges after having already verbally trespassed individuals. The decision was made to lock the meeting space after meetings. If access to the space is needed between meetings for A.A. business, members can contact a Steering Committee member.

- **Safety Measures:** Members were reminded to call the police if they ever feel unsafe.

Motions and Discussions:

- **Motion 1:** To uphold the Steering Committee's decision to trespass individuals – *PASSED*
- **Motion 2:** To not close the space after meetings – This was discussed with concerns that locking the space only after the 8pm meetings might not resolve the issue of individuals entering between meetings.
- **Alternate Suggestions:**
 - Installing a different lock for easier access, possibly for 30 days.
 - Consideration of a code lock, with an estimated cost of \$3,000 (as seen in other groups).
 - Some members expressed a preference for keeping the doors unlocked, but others felt locking was necessary for security.
- **Final Motion:** To lock the doors for one month, with a review at the next Group Conscience meeting – *PASSED*.

Floor Repair:

- Motion to seal and repair floors at no cost to the group – **PASSED**.

Valentine's Day Party:

- Motion to host a Valentine's Day event on February 14 – **NOT PASSED**.

St. Patrick's Day Workshop:

- Proposal for a 4th Step Workshop on March 1 – **PASSED**.

Steering Committee Update:

- Tom T. removed from the Steering Committee.

Quartermaster Vote:

- Karen L. elected Quartermaster – **PASSED**.