

Shalom Today Group
Group Conscience Minutes
May 26, 2024 - 1:15pm

- Meeting opened at 1:15pm by John K. with the Serenity Prayer

Roll Call

Verna J. - Steering Committee, Alt. Intergroup
John K. - Steering Committee, P.I., Alt. Lit.
Sheryl B. - Steering Committee, Quartermaster
Andy W. - G.S.R., Alt. Treatment
Joe F. - Events, Treasure
Darren T. - Literature, Alt. G.S.R.
Karen L. - Intergroup, Alt. Secretary
Casey W. - Member
A.J. - Member
Martin A. - Member

- April minutes read by John K. -approved by G.C.

Trusted Servant Reports

GSR: Andy W.

- Summer Assembly June 14-16th @ Mesquite Events Center, 21 Mesquite St, Abilene, TX 79601
- the 1st quarter report for 2024 was released by GSO. GSO continues to receive “plenty of donations”. Many groups do an end of year donation. Next quarterly report should be interesting in regards to groups with holding donations
- GSO is still 9 million below the prudent reserve.
- Spring Assembly report will be posted on Neta65.org
- Grapevine/La Vina is still operating at a lost like usual
- Next District Night Out will be Monday, June 3 at 7:30pm @ Shivering Denizens, First Baptist Church, 7901 Main St, Frisco, TX

Treasurer Report: Joe F.

Expenses:

Casey W. (reimbursed for cookout) - \$ 58.30

Electric - \$ 249.11

Intergroup (Literature) - \$ 340.58
Frontier (phone) - \$ 65.06
Donation (aaws) - \$ 10
Quartermaster - \$ 289.06

Income:

Basket/Coffee - \$ 1,635.54
Cash App - \$ 250
Venmo - \$ 153.73
Total - \$ 2039.27

Balance as of 05/26/2024: \$ 1,722.48

Prudent Reserve: \$ 5,235.43

- We will need \$600 to meet rent. We may need to draw from the Prudent Reserve to meet rent for the second month in a row
- May look in to ways on how to cut overhead expenses
- Will investigate the \$10 AAWS expense that was automatically withdrawn from the checking account

Secretary: Alt. Karen L.

- Darrien has stepped down as Secretary and has asked me to take over the position.

Intergroup: Karen L.

- Intergroup Treasurer suggested we talk to our groups about donations to Intergroup.
- New Dallas Intergroup preamble was created
- Intergroup continues to perform maintenance and research into the Intergroup website
- Suggested that groups look at their own websites, *is there a page for newcomers?, a page for professionals? Is it easy to navigate? ect..*
- Intergroup committee chairs continue to suggest group trusted servants seekout their Neta 65 counterparts especially in relation to Treatment and Correction reps.

Literature: Darren T.

- Ordered more chips and big books - should be good for the next couple of months
- There continues to be and discrepancy of \$97 in the invoices. A while back they charged us twice and said they took it off but were not sure that they did. I will look in to this next time I am at the Dallas Intergroup office.

Correctional Facility Coordinator:

- Not present

Treatment Center Rep: Alt. Andy

- Nothing to report

Group Program Coordinator: Joe F.

- May 18th Cookout had a great turn out
- Camping trip is scheduled for the weekend of June 28th at Lake Ray Roberts - Lake Ray Roberts was recently affected by a tornado, we will keep an eye to see if any camping plans need to be changed
- Please let me know if you have any ideas for events!
- Speakers are booked through June and Tradition speakers are booked through July

Maintenance:

- Not present
- Men's toilet has been fixed and some lights replaced. Looking to LED's

Public Information: John K.

- Attended monthly Intergroup meeting, there was discussion about making group websites easily accessible and easy to navigate
- Emailed an A.A. member that was suggested to me by Mary M., the Intergroup P.I. committee chair.
 - The contact gave a lot of insight about optimization and transferability in reference to websites designed for A.A. use

Accessibilities: Report from Alexa G. read by Karen L.

- Is in contact with Sam at DIA to see what there is need for, such as Deaf/HOH meetings, ect.
- Once I get a good grasp on what things are lacking, I will get volunteers together and come up with an action plan

Archivist:

- Not present

Quartermaster: Sheryl B.

- Total spent \$ 289.06

Old Business:

- Website transferability
 - John K. has yet to discuss this topic with Nick. John K. has done a little research and has some experience with maintaining the District 21 website.
 - District 21 uses WIX (\$12 a month)
 - Intergroup will be using Elementor
 - Elementor uses WordPress (hosting is \$2.99 for a year then \$11.99 each month after) this does not include a domain
 - Elementor was the sight builder that was suggested for its transferability
 - John K. does not have experience with Elementor and will be learning as he goes, however, he does have experience with WIX
 - John will continue to research website development and has stated a timeline to have the new website running by the end of the year
- Group Guidelines
 - MOTION - Proposed that a committee of 3-5 people be created to outline guidelines for the Shalom Today Group to present to G.C. next Group Conscience - PASSED
 - Committee Members
 - Andy W.
 - Casey W.
 - Verna J.
 - Sheryl B.
 - Karen L.

New business

- Discussion on Donations and Prudent reserve
 - Should we be using group events to generate donations?
 - Should we be suggesting people donate more during regular meetings?
- Open positions
 - Secretary
 - Karen L. nominated - PASSED
 - Steering Committee member
 - Andy W. nominated - PASSED
- Outside entities donations
 - Discussion on G.C. decision to withhold donations to AAWS
 - Karen L. and Andy W. will provide background documentation to Verna J.
 - Discussion on donations to A.A. entities outside of Shalom Today
 - MOTION - the Treasurer waits until the end of the month, after paying all Shalom Today expenses. If there's extra money left over after covering all

our usual costs, we can then consider donating it to other A.A. entities -
PASSED