

ST. VITAL AA GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date Wednesday, April 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

David B called to order the regular meeting of the St Vital AA Group Committee at 6:00 pm in the St. Vital Club Zoom room and spoke about the 12th tradition.

Position	Name	Present	Absent	Regrets	Report Sent (if absent)
Chair	David B	X			
Treasurer	Tony M			X	Y
Secretary	Don M	X			
Literature Rep	Manny	X			
House Rep	Jarrett B	X			
Morning Rep	Marnie J	X			
Evening Rep	vacant				
Open/Closed Speaker Rep	Edward			X	
Sponsorship Rep	Jocelyn K	X			
AFM Women's Rep	Vacant				
Decorator	Laura C	X			
Corrections Rep	Tim B.	X			
Alt. Corrections Rep	Scott H.	X			
Special Events Rep	Mitchell Z	X			
Birthday Rep	Gallagher C	X			
PI/CPC Rep	Christopher M	X			
Treatment Facilities Rep	John S	X			
Intergroup Rep	Kelli R.	X			
Alt. Intergroup Rep	Emily L.	X			
General Service Rep	Kevin R	X			
Alt. General Service Rep	Jill D			X	
Online Zoom Rep	Vacant				

Old Business

TREASURER (Tony M)

Treasurer's Report	
Monthly Income	2982.52
Expenses	2392.50
Deficit	-409.98
Bank Balances	
Chequing	6817.07
Prudent Reserve	11193.30

The deficit for March 31 is \$409.98 down from \$1,063.20 in February.

Expenses for March included a payment to Zoom in the amount of \$224,00 (annual fee)
A payment to Wawanesa Insurance in the amount of \$358.50 (this amount is paid twice a year (March 1 & October 1)

E-transfers for March were 916.49 compared to \$1,300.00 in February.

Tradition Seven for March was \$1,932.10 compared to \$1,083.75 in February.

- Motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report made by: Tony M
- 2nd by: Marnie
- Treasurer's Report accepted as written.

CHAIR (David B.)

Old business.

- we have two vacant committee positions
 - Evening Rep (Marnie has been doing double-duty covering both Morning and Evening Rep.
 - Zoom Rep - I have been covering, scheduling hosts and providing them with guidelines.
- No members have come forward to express willingness to serve on either position, other than Scott H., who already holds a position.

Secretary (Don M.)

- Motion to accept the mins as written from the chair made by Don M
- 2nd by John S, all in favour. Passed.

INTERGROUP REP (Kelli R.)

- Presented the highlights of the WIA meeting (see complete minutes posted in the clubroom)

ALT INERGROUP REP (Emily L.)

- No old business

GENERAL SERVICE REP (Kevin R.)

- Area 80 has finally filled all its Table Officer positions.
Elected were:
Alternate Delegate – Alice G.
Secretary – Judi M.
- Calls for stories for the 5th Edition of the Big Book deadline is October 2022.
- Area 80 Hot Topic discussion at St. Vital Group:
 - **FINANCE – ITEM B (from Literature Committee)**
Consider a request to add a historical disclaimer to the front of the book ‘Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions’
This was largely supported by our group. They felt it was reasonable, understanding that the language is dated. They felt the disclaimer would cause no harm but could potentially ease some concerns people have with the verbiage.
 - **LITERATURE – ITEM L**
Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A.

The majority opinion was to select Option 1 - Take no action, as suggested by the 1985 advisory action which reaffirmed previous conference actions that there was no need for a Step study guide.

The general reasoning from our group was that having a Conference Approved Study Guide would imply a singular approach to working the Steps; the group feels that there are various ways to approach the Steps and did not want the perception that there was a ‘Conference Approved’ way.

- **LITERATURE – ITEM R**
Discuss changes to the text of the book ‘Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions’ as directed by the 71st General Service Conference.
On the two suggested changes, replacing “opposite sex” with “partner”, and replacing “No one wants to be lustful enough to rape...” to “No one wants to commit

the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony,” our group was somewhat split about rescinding these changes. Some felt that we are heading down a road of constant changes to our literature, while others felt that they were merely minor changes that would alleviate the disapproval that some may have for the dated language. On the proposed change to add the Long Form of each Tradition at the end of each essay, the group was largely in favour of allowing this to carry forward.

- **PUBLIC INFORMATION – ITEM K**

Review request to create a new form of communication to address anonymity on social media.

We were unable to complete a full discussion of this item due to time. There was a split of opinion, although none of it very strong. Regarding both the development of a new form of communication, and the membership survey to obtain the information; some felt it could be good, while others felt that it was an effort not worth making. It was expressed that the current pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity”, and “Guidelines on the Internet” covered the topic well enough to make development of anything new unnecessary.

- Western Regional Forum

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ALTERNATE GSR (Jill D)

- No old business

CORRECTIONS REP (Tim B.)

- No old business

ALTERNATE CORRECTIONS REP (Scott H.)

- No old business

TREATMENT FACILITIES REP (John S.)

Health Sciences Centre is still closed to in-hospital AA meetings. We previously were chairing 2 meetings per month with an additional 3 meetings per month every second month. Our next treatment meeting is this coming Monday and I hope to get an update on their status. Because of the number of meetings we had booked for this facility should we be taking other treatment opportunities that arise or wait for them to re-open?

I took a picture of the treatment board and play to erase all of the HSC info. A member had put their name down to chair a meeting there.

Women's AFM on Portage Avenue again had an opening to chair a once a week meeting.

Bruce Oakes is only allowing AA Action to hold meetings at their facility.

The Nest at Siloam mission has an opening every 5th Wednesday of the month. There are only two remaining months with this occurrence June and August. If they're still available, I may take them if only to lay some groundwork for additional openings in the future.

Mike S., from By the Book, has been dealing with the Kelburn Recovery Centre, located in St. Adolphe, to hold in house meetings at that facility.

Marty, the MSP liaison, has put out a call to provide clients at that facility with their own personal Big Books. My thought was to give the two chairs from our group a Big Book each to hand out to clients. I purchased the first two (donated by the St. Vital group inscription) and was wondering if the committee would approve the purchase of 6 more (\$84.60 soft cover, \$86.40 hard cover), which would cover the next three months. Depending on our financial situation, purchase of additional books can be reviewed after that period.

MPS may also have a once a month opening to chair meetings.

Ben, the AFM men's liaison, put out a call to have groups pick up clients and bring them to meetings. He put me in contact with Melissa Martin of their leadership team and both she, and Gary Henry, the co-ordinator, were thrilled to have the pick-up happen. I made no promises and told them I would take this to our committee for approval. The tentative arrangement would be to do the pick up Fridays when we hold our Intro, Step 1, 2, 3 sponsorship meetings. The only catch is they do not contact us, re: the number of clients to attend, until around 4:00pm on Friday's.

LITERATURE REP (Manny.)

- No old business

PI/CPC REP (Christopher M.)

BIRTHDAY REP (Gallagher C.)

- No old business

SPECIAL EVENTS REP (Mitchell Z.)

- No old business

SPONSORSHIP REP (Jocelyn K.)

- No old business

OPEN/CLOSED MEETING REP (Edward)

- No old business.

HOUSE REP (Jarrett B.)

- No old business

MORNING REP (Marnie J.)

- No old business

EVENING REP (Marnie J.)

- No old business

DECORATING REP (Laura C.)

- No old business.

ONLINE ZOOM REP (Brendan.)

- No old business.

New Business

CHAIR (David B.)

New Business

- A group member expressed concern about the inclusion of the following in the Zoom open meeting opening reading:
 - “who has come and share their experience, strength, and hope with us until approximately 9:20 pm.” They wanted to know why the speaker was asked to end at “approximately 9:20 pm” as opposed to 9:30. I explained that the intent was to extend the speaker the courtesy of knowing how long they had to speak, and allow them the opportunity to finish prior to the closing reading, announcements, etc. If the committee feels this should be removed from the reading, I will do so.
 - The committee agreed to leave the readings unchanged
- A member was formally suspended from attending meetings at the group in 2019 for a period of three weeks due to aggressive, intimidating behaviour with various group members. This member had a serious outburst at the end of 6:30 meeting (Friday March

25th), which was relayed to me after the fact by the meeting chairperson. I feel it would be appropriate to speak to this person, ask their side of the story, and remind them of the conditions of the letter, which states any further incidents would result in them being permanently banned from St. Vital Group meetings.

- Laura C has been present at one or more of these incidents and advised that the individual can be quite aggressive.
- Dave B will meet with this individual to remind them of their suspension and that further incident will result in immediate banning from St Vital.
- J.R. requested the group purchase a case of old Grapevines for institution. If the group buys one case, J.R. will buy and donate one to match.
 - Committee agreed with this request vote unanimous
- Group Conscience
 - Two members expressed concern regarding holding the GC meeting only at the clubroom, given the current rise in COVID cases.
 - Asked if it could be a hybrid/or Zoom only meeting.
 - Marnie motioned the group conscience meeting April 23rd be held as a hybrid meeting simultaneously in the clubroom and on zoom, Laura C seconds.
 - vote 10 for, 0 against, 2 abstain
 - committee agreed to hold a one time zoom meeting for group conscience.
 - Also, would we consider mandating masks at group conscience?
 - Laura C motioned that mask be mandatory for the upcoming group conscience meeting. Marnie J seconds
 - Vote 9 for, 0 against, 3 abstain
 - Yes, committee agreed the with the current increase in covid cases, masks would be mandated for the group conscience meeting.
 - Could members vote by proxy?
 - No, voting by proxy will not be permitted, the reason for having a group conscience meeting is that during discussion some members may bring points of interest that might make a person consider changing their position. Voting should be in person only.

SECRETARY (Don M)

- No new business

TREASURER (Tony M.)

- NO new business

INTERGROUP REP (Kelli R.)

- Kelli has suggested that we add the mini election for the three vacant positions to the end of the group conscience April 23, all agreed

ALTERNATE INTERGROUP REP (Emily L.)

- See above.

GSR (Kevin R.)

- No new business

ALTERNATE GSR (Jill D.)

- No new business

CORRECTIONS REP (Tim B.)

- No new business.

ALTERNATE CORRECTIONS REP (Scott H.)

- Headingly jail has advised that they will allow AA to hold meetings effective June 2022
- Members do need meet certain security requirements to host, see clubroom for details.

TREATMENT FACILITIES REP (John S.)

John S has requested that St Vital Group donate 9 soft cover Big Book to MainStreet project. All in favor, St Vital group will donate big books to Main Street project

LITERATURE REP (Manny.)

- No new business

PI/CPC REP (Christopher M.)

- Christopher regretfully announced that he is unable to continue serving on the committee as the PICPC representative effective immediately.

SPECIAL EVENTS REP (Mitchell Z.)

SPONSORSHIP REP (Jocelyn K.)

- No new business.

OPEN/CLOSED MEETING REP (Edward)

- No new business

HOUSE REP (Jarrett B.)

- No new business

MORNING REP (Marnie J)

- All positions have been filled.

EVENING REP (vacant)

- No new business

DECORATING REP (Laura C.)

- Easter decorations will be taken down in due course

ONLINE ZOOM REP (vacant)

- No new business

ADJOURNMENT

David B adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 11, 2022 @ 6:00pm in the clubroom