

Robbers Roost Men's Group

Group Conscience Minutes: 3 Jan 2017

Attendance: Michael, Craig B, Ken, Chris, Marc, Don, Ben

Intros & minutes— minutes approved

Reports:

- Don S (GSR): Attended Dec D24 meeting; invited DCMs to attend and possible chair on the topic of service. There is now one male and one female DCM. They will let Don know in advance so we can announce. Asked if they can sponsor a workshop on working with wet drunks and volunteered Sami to help. Ongoing discussions about BtG and turning over to D24, treatment committee. No longer a for sure thing, still being discussed. Mikael attended D24 as well and brought up inactivity of CPC committee at D24 level. Asked District committee about how they expect to mentor people into service without regular monthly meetings? Don discussed the district committee chair positions and requirements. Don can attend district committee meetings if group reps cannot. Marc: Did they announce who the new committee chairs are? A list should be distributed to groups.
- Ben (Alt GSR): Did not attend because I was in Hawaii. Nothing to report.
- Chris (Treasurer): See printed report. Balance total may be incorrect; the available balance is correct. Chris will work with Brandon to make disbursements and get on the signature for the bank. By the end of Jan, Chris should be on the account.
- Ken (GSC): Nothing new, just trying to keep the volunteer positions filled. Keeps me out of trouble. Chris: we need to update sign-up forms for 2017. Marc has the template and can update for next Tues. Ben has CO template as well. Send templates to MG and Aaron.
- Craig B (IGR): Missed last month due to illness.
- Tucker (Alt IGR):
- Mikael (CPC):
- Aaron (Website): Website is updated; will post GSC signup templates. RR reunion--post the flyer on the website? We can post the reunion flyer on our site so they can print flyers around the state. Don will send to Aaron.
- OPEN (Archives):
- Jeff (Grapevine):
- Ted (Literature):
- Larry (Nightwatch):
- OPEN (PIR):
- OPEN (Local 12 Step Coordinator):
- Marc (Treatment): Chaired last BCTC meeting on Christmas night. Would like to see that meeting continue so he will go on his own in the meantime. Marc will inform the new district TFC chair about what has been happening at BCTC.
- Dan (Phone List):
- OPEN (Tue Coffee/Setup):
- OPEN (Tue Cleanup):
- OPEN (Thu Coffee/Setup):
- John (Thu Cleanup):

Old business:

>Group inventory follow-ups.

1. Phone list: The current list is too long and has not been purged for a while. We would like to discuss a process for pruning the list and creating a list that includes active group members only.
 - a. Dan is forming a group to follow up and find out who does and doesn't want to be on the list. Open until closed.
2. Chairing meetings: We suggest that a more formal signup process be developed. Chairs would sign up one week in advance and propose a topic.
 - a. Model would be Men's RR Group in Austin. They have the same person chair the meeting consecutively for a while. Action to follow up with Austin group to find out how they do it [Craig will follow up] Suggestions for 1 month organizer, or chair, or using the GSC signup sheet format. **Craig: In other RR groups, secretary turns over every 6 months. Part of secy job is to line up a leader/chair for next meeting, to prep topic for next meeting, reminder call etc. That's how they keep the meeting on focus. Chair has a week to prep topic and select reading. Motion: Redefine secretary position to include finding meeting chairs? Better to have a dedicated position. Keep a notebook to track chairs and topics.
Motion: create a service position called "Meeting Secretary" which would assign meeting chairs. Two positions: Tues meeting secy and Thurs meeting secy. Service commitment: 6 months. Ensure chairs are prepared with appropriate topics. Approved unanimously. ANNOUNCE! Add some explanation about why we are adding this new position. Outcome of group inventory.
3. Thursday newcomer meeting format: We would like to explore ways to make the meeting more focused on teaching steps and tools for early sobriety.
 - a. Craig has been thinking about maybe doing more of a newcomer step meeting (focused on first 3-4 steps). **Suggest applying same chair position to the Thursday meeting. Done--see above. New Thurs chair can focus the newcomers meeting on Thurs night. Refine the list of topics to focus closely on first three steps--keep the focus on the beginner.**
4. Sponsorship: We would like to see a greater emphasis on how to get and use a sponsor and how to be a sponsor. Sponsorship could possibly be a regular topic for Thurs meeting.
5. What is our relationship to Robbers Roost and other RR groups? Are we possibly affiliating with a non-AA entity? Can we discuss and clarify our relationship to RR, specifically as this relates to the Traditions?
6. Information: We would like to focus on providing more information, especially for newcomers. What AA is, how the steps work, etc.
7. Summer cooling: the meeting room gets uncomfortable in the summer months. Maybe consider some form of additional cooling or climate control.

New business:

Audit list of current and open service positions

**Make a point about the value of service as part of RR vision of recovery. Suggestion: Add a note to the announcement of open service positions. Share that with those we sponsor. Research and propose new language for announcements--MG AI. Check language on AA pamphlets. Inside AA.