

# Robbers Roost Men's Group

## Group Conscience Minutes: 7 Mar 2017

Attendance: Michael, Marc, Aaron, Kevin, Sean, Craig, Ken, Don, Chris, Mark

Intros & minutes— minutes approved

Reports:

- Don S (GSR): written report. Don solicits input on General Service Conference topics for delegate input at Spring Assembly.
- Ben (Alt GSR):
- Chris (Treasurer): written report. Chris in progress about the checking account and getting disbursements. Made a deposit. Available balance \$1244.03. Report approved.
- Ken (GSC): Got a lot of support at Central Office and keeping it filled so far. Ken also makes coffee and Chris is bringing coffee.
- Craig B (IGR): Our new board and chair are very active and engaged. Lot of communication about what is going on. Tax status has brought up a need to modify the bylaws. New change proposed for bylaws about who is responsible. Aaron showed up with a format template at IGR like the one we have been using for Nightwatch. Voted on 2017 budget, approved as proposed.
- Tucker (Alt IGR):
- Mikael (CPC):
- Aaron (Website): Website is updated through last month including Feb minutes. Posted the Nightwatch sign-up sheet. (Don) Reunion flyers coming soon. Will post.
- OPEN (Archives):
- Jeff (Grapevine):
- Ted (Literature):
- Larry (Nightwatch):
- OPEN (PIR):
- OPEN (Local 12 Step Coordinator):
- OPEN (Treatment): Marc W reported on David S new corrections chair. New orientation at jail not until Sept. If enough people showed interest, we could get more people in. We are losing two people who are getting tired of taking a meeting in by themselves. Still in process of working out who is going in to Friday jail meeting.
- Dan (Phone List): Dan is working on pruning the phone list. He will make an announcement this Thursday to ask for volunteers to help go through the list and check names.
- OPEN (Tue Coffee/Setup):
- OPEN (Tue Cleanup):
- OPEN (Thu Coffee/Setup):
- John (Thu Cleanup):

Old business:

1. Talk about group history document
  - a. Don and Craig are going to work together to fill out group history--making progress on the form from the district archives chair.
  - b. Larry collected input from members - Don and Craig will talk to him about it

> Open Service Positions

>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.
  - b. Individuals will follow up with Dan to see if they can help.
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.**
  - b. **Aaron will update position announcements**
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.**
  - b. **Aaron will update positions**
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.
  - a. Craig suggested that sponsorship should be a topic for the Tuesday meeting.
  - b. **Aaron to create Secretary instruction document to include a position description, list of potential topics (including sponsorship).**
  - c. **Don to suggest a sponsorship workshop at D24 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.

**\*\*Audit list of current and open service positions--done**

**\*\*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.**

New business:

- Mark F: Tuesday night coffee. Will be at Choice House for three months. Thanks!
- Kevin: Tues or Thurs meeting secretary. Tuesday meeting secretary. Thanks!
- Sean: Thursday meeting secretary. Thanks!
- Marc: (Alternate) Intergroup Rep. Thanks!
- Craig B: Thursday coffee. Thanks.