

Robbers Roost Men's Group

Group Conscience Minutes: 6 June 2017

Attendance: Ben, Sami, Craig, Aaron, Chris, Marc

Intros & minutes— minutes accepted.

Reports:

- Don S (GSR):
- OPEN (Alt GSR):
- Chris (Treasurer): Written report. Avail bal = \$709. Daniel fund = \$381. Close to doing disbursements. Report accepted.
- Kevin (Tues mtg secy):
- Shawn (Thurs mtg secy):
- Sami (GSC): We missed some shifts the past month. Group conversation about how to get more involved in covering shifts (perhaps NewBiz?). Some folks have been stepping up.
- Marc W (IGR): Attended last meeting. IG is very active with dedicated representatives. Every position is filled and getting things done. 501c3 effort is going forward. Found a new accountant with experience with lapsed 501c3 status. Bridge the Gap is getting renewed. Also, revamping the 12-step list/process. Treasurers and Cental Office reports shared. CO coverage every day now from 11-1pm. Next to address is 9-11am.
- Tucker (Alt IGR):
- Mikael (CPC):
- Aaron (Website): Minutes are updated thru April. Put sold out note next to the reunion flyer.
- OPEN (Archives):
- Jeff (Grapevine):
- Ted (Literature):
- Larry (Nightwatch):
- OPEN (PIR):
- OPEN (Local 12 Step Coordinator):
- OPEN (Treatment):
- Dan (Phone List): new phone lists!
- Mark F (Tue Coffee/Setup):
- Herman (Tue Cleanup): Present.
- Craig B (Thu Coffee/Setup): Things going well. Good supply of coffee.
- John (Thu Cleanup):

OLD BUSINESS

>Group inventory follow-ups.

**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.

"Service is our Third Legacy. Recovery and Unity are the First and Second. Service to others and to the Fellowship reminds us that we owe our sobriety to the work of earlier members, and that our continued sobriety may depend on the hundreds of thousands who still need to learn of A.A. Their participation may well be part of our future." (Inside AA)--edit and bring back.

Service to the Fellowship reminds us that we owe our sobriety to those who have come before us, and keeps AA alive for those who still need to hear our message. -- OK add to announcements.

1. What is our relationship to Robbers Roost and other RR groups? ~~Are we possibly affiliating with a non-AA entity?~~ [no] Can we discuss and clarify our relationship to RR, specifically as this relates to the Traditions?
Discussion: Part of the history--do some research. List of questions for the reunion.
2. Information: We would like to focus on providing more information, especially for newcomers. What AA is, how the steps work, etc. **--let's think about this question and how to give newcomers the best information. Let's address that for May group conscience. Newcomer packets? Get some brochures and talk to lit rep about stocking some packets. Other items to discuss. Possible idea: take aside newcomers to do a small first-step meeting. Craig: Can't carry the message with a packet. Working with newcomers is the whole point.**

Discussion:

Aaron – we don't have newcomer packets? Is this intentional? We do occasionally pass around a schedule and provide our numbers.

Craig – handing someone a newcomer packet is not effective. What is effective is reaching out to the newcomer and helping them. Keep talking about AA way of recovery. Welcome the newcomer personally. Get the newcomers number and call them. Take newcomer to Central Office.

Sami – did recall reading pamphlets when new to AA. Newcomer packets as part of our welcome kit would be good. Willing to contact Ted to think about providing newcomer packets and an assortment of pamphlets for the newcomer (AI).

Marc – make sure people don't fall through the cracks. Essential for the newcomer to get information/pamphlets/pocket-edition. We need to approach newcomers post-meeting; can we formalize this?

Aaron – consider a standing announcement about RR providing literature and big books to newcomers.

Ben – AI = come up with standing announcement text for newcomer information to be added to the RR meeting format.

3. Summer cooling: the meeting room gets uncomfortable in the summer months. Maybe consider some form of additional cooling or climate control.

Monthly Scheduled Clean-up:

Sami – clean-up schedule. NoName group is willing to help, and just needs to know when this will happen. Once a month cleaning may be excessive. Do as-needed.

How to formalize the monthly clean-up thing. Perhaps quarterly?

Craig – encourage the key-holders to make sure place is clean before leaving.

Picnic:

Proposed date: second Sunday in July = July 9th.

Location: Waneka Lake = we usually just show up early enough to get a space.

Flyer: Ben to locate the picnic flyer. Bring into next meeting and start announcement.

Open to family and friends of RR.

Who is doing what? Coordinating the picnic? Craig volunteers Ken to coordinate the picnic. Craig to follow-up for Ken (AI)

Clock in room:

If Sami wants a clock, she can get one.

Speaker meeting:

Sami - How to make a speaker meeting where men from RR share their stories to the broader community. Men from RR to share their story and recovery with greater Boulder AA. Consider opening a RR meeting periodically as a speakers' meeting.

Ben – what do other RR meetings do?

Craig – RR members are always willing to share at speaker meetings. Craig to find out more info at the reunion.

New business:

Central Office / Night Watch shift coverage:

Sami – can we still cover 3 shifts per week?

Ben – are we getting any complaints yet for missing shifts?

Aaron – we should focus on covering the shifts we have, even if imperfect.

Marc – there is ~8 people covering shifts; should we each take a standing shift.

How to encourage more to people to sign up = sponsor people to do shifts; invite newcomers/new members to CenOffice. Change the announcement to attempt to recruit new blood.

Perhaps add sign-up if interested, Sami will contact.

Open Service Positions:

Craig to stand for Tues Meeting Secretary. Will cover for balance of June.

Sami to stand for Tues Meeting Secretary. Will pick it up in July.