

Robbers Roost Men's Group

Group Conscience Minutes: 11 July 2017

Attendance: Ben, Don, Marc, Mikael, Michael, Chris, Jeff, Herman

Intros & minutes— minutes accepted.

Reports:

- Don S (GSR): Summer assembly and convention announcements. Translation cmtee needs Spanish translators. D24 updates: archive chair is open, Area10 Erica publish Gen Svc Conf highlights – Don has 10 copies, bridging the gap list. Question for group: issues for Don to represent at summer assembly (newbiz)?
- OPEN (Alt GSR):
- Chris (Treasurer): Summary: ~\$1500 with current balance and Daniel fund. Will do disbursements within the month. Get electronic treasurers reports to Aaron.
- Kevin (Tues mtg secy):
- Shawn (Thurs mtg secy):
- Sami (GSC): Written report read by Ben. Newbiz items to be addressed.
- Marc W (IGR): Lots of sign up from RR for all the IG signups. Recent efforts around (1) getting more phone coverage = Day Watch signup 7am-11am, also brought on a answering service to pickup the phone and provide basic meeting info = 3 month trial; central office shift coverage for individual. Marc has sign up sheet = in particular would like Sat morning covered and (2) effort to re-instate the 501c3 status. Found accountant with experience to get through this. To cover the \$3K fee, came up with 'Faithful-fivers' to give \$5/month. About 100 people at founders day picnic.
- Tucker (Alt IGR):
- Mikael (CPC): no update
- Aaron (Website):
- OPEN (Archives):
- Jeff (Grapevine):
- Ted (Literature):
- Larry (Nightwatch):
- OPEN (PIR):
- OPEN (Local 12 Step Coordinator):
- OPEN (Treatment):
- Dan (Phone List):
- Mark F (Tue Coffee/Setup):
- Herman (Tue Cleanup): It's going.
- Craig B (Thu Coffee/Setup): Gift from friend of 10lbs 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.**

Follow-up – Marc: Sami did coordinate with Ted on getting pamphlets. New blue schedules are here.
Ben not done anything with newcomer announcement.

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:

Jeff – willingness for the Mon/Wed morning meeting to help out with cleanup.

Picnic:

Picnic was awesome!

Clock in room:

We have a clock!

Speaker meeting:

Follow-up: Don – was brought up before in GC. Answer was NO then. We should not be promoting ourselves outside of RR.

We will table topic until Sami is back.

Central Office / Night Watch shift coverage:

Sami newbiz item = should we have a list of folks that are able to cover CO and/or Nightwatch.

Suggestion is that trusted servant can do what she wants to ensure shift coverage. GSC is open now = we should table this.

New business:

Keeping shares to the appropriate length.

Discussion:

DonS – this should be the meeting secretary to remind the speakers to not go too long. 5-10 minutes max.

Craig – get the meeting going by 7:20-ish. Open by 7:30 at the latest.

Mikael – is this an anomaly or are we over-reacting?

(AI) Ben follow-up with meeting secretaries to provide guidance to speakers.

Don – anything to represent to summer assembly.

Open Service Positions:

Jeff – stands for Alt GSR. Approved.

Michael – stands for GSC. Approved.