

# Robbers Roost Men's Group

## Group Conscience Minutes: August 1, 2017

Attendance: Jeff, Herm, Tony, Sami, Chris, Dan, Don, Marc, Ben  
Intros & minutes— minutes accepted.

### Reports:

- Don S (GSR): Attended Area10 summer assembly. D24 updates: has treasure reports; RR made typical contribution. D24 Archives chair is open. Grape-o-rama event announced. PI coordinator focused on establishing contact for 9HealthFare. CPC reported that mock-CPC panel is upcoming. Corrections applications Gathering. Group Inf Change form to get Jeff Alt-GSR update registered with GSO.
- Jeff (Alt GSR): Nothing to report. Did attend first D24 meeting.
- Chris (Treasurer): Submitted written report. Balance of \$1570. Daniel fund \$401. Made disbursements this past month.
- Sami (Tues mtg secy): going well. Trying to encourage speakers to pick topic, prepare and keep shares to appropriate.
- Shawn (Thurs mtg secy):
- Michael (GSC):
- Marc W (IGR): Turned in all the sign-up sheets from last month. We do need to discuss how we get people involved without passing around sign up sheets (newbiz). Set time for CO shifts = 1<sup>st</sup> sat of month 11-1pm. John of Bridge the Gap brought up using Google voice numbers to abstract personal numbers (newbiz?). Answering service can't answer all calls and would like to have list of folks that can take referral calls from the answering service. Making good progress on the 501c3 status. Still looking for donators for Faithful Fivers. CO is now on a month-to-month lease.
- Tucker (Alt IGR):
- Mikael (CPC):
- Aaron (Website):
- OPEN (Archives):
- Jeff (Grapevine): Jeff will likely attend Grapevine-o-rama.
- Ted (Literature):
- Larry (Nightwatch):
- OPEN (PIR):
- OPEN (Local 12 Step Coordinator):
- OPEN (Treatment):
- Dan (Phone List): Replenished the distribution copies tonight. Still vetting the list ~75% complete.
- Mark F (Tue Coffee/Setup):
- Herman (Tue Cleanup): Going fine.
- Craig B (Thu Coffee/Setup): We have plenty of coffee. Anonymous donor is keeping us well stocked.
- 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.

#### Newcomer Group Inventory Item #2

- Ben provides some new meeting format text.
- Discussion:
  - Don: likes the 'see one of us if you don't have your Big Book yet'
  - Craig: likes the Big Book text. Not other literature.
  - Sami: Prefers the Big Book statement.
  - Motion passes to add last proposed sentence to our meeting format. (AI) Ben to update the format.

#### Speaker meeting:

- Sami: suggest that we have a RR open speaker meeting outside of our Tu/Th format.
- Discussion:
  - Don: Already Sat night Jive speaker meeting. RR Austin is heavily involved in Sat night speaker meeting in Delta. Should this be a different meeting. Don thinks we voted this one down before. Owner is trying to sell our meeting space.
  - Sami: Used to have a speaker meeting in Louisville. People miss it.
  - Craig: If called upon to speak at a meeting, Craig will share about his experience specifically at RR. Not sure he is ready for RR speaker meeting.
  - Table this one until we have more passion on the topic.

#### Central Office / Night Watch / IG shift and sign-up coverage:

- Sami: the role of the trusted servant to coordinate the shifts, not cover/fill the shifts.
- Don: be better about announcing service opportunities. IG should get back to us on how they are using the results and how often between updates.
- Marc: Marc should be responsible for making known what the service optyps are and how to get folks to sign-up. Do others see how other meetings handle this?
- Jeff: we should have deadlines for our sign-ups.

- Craig: we don't need other sheets to pass around. What does IG want us to do. Sponsors should sponsor folks into service.
- Jeff: can we post service opptys on our web-site? Marc 'Yes'.

**New business:**

Keeping shares to the appropriate length.

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

Web-address promotion:

- Craig: we should post our web-site address in our room.
- Don: (AI) volunteers to get sign for our web-site.
- How do we leverage our web-site more?

Finding a new meeting location.

- Chris: what are the criteria?
- Don: let's table this until next meeting.

**Open Service Positions:**