

Steering Committee Harbor Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

October 16, 2024

Members in attendance were:

Doc W. – Chairperson
Eric M. - Treasurer
Rosemary – Program Chairperson
Taylor S. – GSR
Allyson – Alternate GSR
Randy – Literature Rep
Melody – Grapevine Rep
Gary – H & I Rep
Mike – Accessibility Rep
Julie M. – Noon Zoom Rep
Also present Olivia and Gordon

Steering Committee opened at 7:15 with the Serenity Prayer.

Doc announced that Chris resigned from Secretary position and that Julie M. would take minutes at this meeting. We have a volunteer, Michelle E., willing to do this position so Doc asked for a motion to elect her for the next two months until elections. Randy nominated, Allyson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report – Eric M.

Our Current Chase bank balance is \$4,635.97. Since our last meeting we have had expenditures of \$1,287.50; Deposits of \$0; and Outstanding checks of \$746.00. Our prudent reserve is \$1,500.00. We have available cash in the amount of \$2,389.97.

Randy asked if that amount included the prudent reserve and Eric said, “no”.

GSR Report – Taylor S.

Taylor reported that he went to the Area Assembly both days Sat. & Sunday. They elected a new Delegate as Rick Weaver’s term was up. The Assembly elected Sara P. from the Chicago group to be our new Delegate. The Assembly voted to put out a “plain language” Big Book.

Taylor said that he and Marty have been doing a “pop-up” Men’s Big Book Study at 8:10 am Saturdays, and he asked if that needs to be put in the schedule? Taylor said that Gene asked them to collect money if they are meeting regularly.

Melody asked for clarification as to who gets the money. She pointed out that Alanon groups meet at the Harbor Club but the money collected for that goes directly to the Harbor Club not the group. If they decide they want this meeting to be a regular thing, they need to take it before the Steering Committee and then get it put on the schedule. Until then, there is nothing wrong with the pop-up meeting continuing to meet.

But if that meeting is formalized, someone will always need to be at that meeting to open it up. Gordon said he thought it should be on the schedule. Taylor said this meeting has been going on for about 3 months.

Alternate GSR – Allyson – anything to add to the GSR report? No

Grapevine Rep Report – Melody

Melody said she got a bill for the annual subscription of the Grapevine magazine. (Another copy of the bill was addressed to Rex D.). The group has been paying for 3 copies for people to read while at the group. Rates are \$36 for a single copy for one year, or 3 copies for \$99.30 a year. Melody asked if we want to renew it? Doc suggested we make a motion to renew it. Melody made the motion, Taylor seconded. Motion passed.

Literature Report – Randy

He got a case of books for Pine Street as agreed upon in previous meeting. He stored them in the literature closet and people can take what they need when they go to Pine street Treatment center for meetings.

Randy reported that we have been going through a lot of desire chips and newcomer packets. He said we are out of Large print big books and 12 x 12's. Central office has been out of these books as well. All the area groups are getting together to determine how many are needed and Jimmy D (Chicago Group) will make the order and then Central Office will be restocked.

Correction facility Rep - Miguel could not be in attendance.

Healthcare Professional Rep, Charli G. resigned her position. We will be looking for someone to do it for 2 months and then will need someone to do it for the next year too. Asked for people to be thinking of anyone they know that may be willing to do this.

Accessibility Report – Mike – Nothing to report

Program Chair – Rosemary S.

Rosemary has all the speakers for the remainder of the year and even some for 2025. Doc said that Rosemary is doing an amazing job.

Hospitals & Institutions (H&I Treatment Centers) – Gary

Gary reported that we still have a meeting every other Saturday at Pine St for the women, Gary usually meets them over at Pine Street with books and to make sure they have what they need. He has had zero calls for interest in the men carrying meetings to Pine street.

Taylor commented that he and Marty show up every Tuesday night at 6pm at Pine Street and speak to the men in Detox. Gary said he didn't know anything about it. Chuck from the Glass house had asked people to do it. Taylor said that Marty is moving and wondered who would help do it. Gary said he can get some other men to go do it too.

Rosemary said she could put it on the schedule, but after discussion about how sketchy the neighborhood is at night, she said maybe she wouldn't put it on the schedule. Comment met with laughter.

Melody said that if there is a flyer by the announcements at the desk, the chair people at regular meetings can ask for volunteers.

Noon Zoom Rep – Julie M. No changes, meetings are still 20-25 with new people from all over the world.

Chairperson – Doc W. Doc is not staying on as Chairperson another year as he has already done it for two years and it is not healthy for a group to have someone do it for more than two years. He has been talking to someone who may be interested in being Chairperson next year. He stated that we are all doing a great job. He said that if anyone is no longer interested in serving, it would be good if they can try to find someone who is willing to over their position.

Melody asked when do we make nominations? Doc said we will put up the boards in Mid-November and the new positions will be voted on December 18, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

District Representatives - Olivia said that District 62 elections are on Nov 2nd at 10 am. We really need District Reps – they meet at Harbor upstairs every other month on the first Saturday at 10 am. There is a flyer in the coffee bar. The current reps are rolling off and we need new reps to come in.

Taylor said we are losing Lola as DCM and she has really been good for getting groups interested in District affairs. He is afraid they will break up our district if there is no interest.

Mike asked if the Districts are defined. Taylor said yes and it is on paper. More discussion about what is in the district. Melody suggested a flyer asking for volunteers be placed in the chairperson's paperwork for announcements at each meeting. Taylor said he could get a flyer for up at meeting book.

Speaker Archive on the Harbor Group website. Julie M. asked if the Sound Cloud could be moved to one owned by the Harbor Group. Currently it is a Sound Cloud account not owned by the group and sometimes there are long delays in getting the speakers talks up to the website. Group decided we need more information. Julie M. was under the impression that Julia E. moved and is no longer interested in posting the speakers, but Rosemary said that as far as she knows Julia E. still doesn't mind doing it, and she checked with her and all the speakers are up to date now. Rosemary said that sometimes the speakers don't want to be put up on the website. Doc said that the Group pays Julia E. to post the speakers etc. Julie M. said that if Julia E. doesn't mind continuing to do it and it is up to date, nothing need to be changed.

Additional Discussion

Rosemary said we had an individual come to the Steering committee and make accusations about the 7am zoom. Rosemary said that that issue should've had more research done on it because it caused problems and that not every issue needs to go to Group Conscious. She thinks this particular issue should not have gone to Group conscious based on one person's allegations. After the Group conscious the 7am Zoom decided to no longer be a part of the Harbor Group. She continued that the people bringing up the allegations of bullying were still attending the 7am zoom meetings and said that she was confused why people who accused that would still want to attend that meeting.

Doc said that the Steering Committee serves as a buffer and that it depends on which way it goes. If we don't take it to Group conscious then people may say that the Steering committee acts unilaterally and decides things that should have group input, or if we take everything to Group Conscious people may say it should've been decided in Steering Committee.

Melody said there were more people than just Ruth wanting the change in 7 am zoom. Melody said that Debra and others from the 7am zoom kept quiet and did not speak up at the Group Conscious and then in the morning just took the meeting away from Harbor. Melody said that it was not truly a Harbor meeting if they could just take it.

Mike said there are discussions at GSO level regarding zoom meetings.

Taylor made a motion to adjourn.

Eric seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16

Harbor Group
Treasurer's Report
October 16, 2024

Our current Chase Bank Balance is \$4635.97

Since our last meeting, we have had:

Expenditure of \$1287.50

Deposits of \$0

Outstanding Checks of \$746.00

Prudent Reserve of \$1,500.00

We have available cash in the amount of \$2389.97.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Moreland", written in a cursive style.

Eric Moreland