EDRG Group Conscience Minutes - August 1, 2024

Opened with Serenity Prayer
99 present

1. Group Rep Report-Laura Not present. Email update:

     1. She encouraged ordering the Forum available Online.

     *2. **Reminds us that Group Rep turnover is December 2024 & it is a three year commitment.***

2. Treasury Report- Bill R

As of August 1st, 2024, EDRG has the following

$250.00 in the Treasury. (Including $250.00 kept in prudent reserve).
$843.66 was collected in July.

$1,200.00 disbursed to GEA on July 5th.
$328.00 disbursed to GEA on July 31st.
$1,200.00 disbursed to WSO-AFG on July 5th.
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$1,528.00 in total disbursed to GEA in July.
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Anticipated expenses are as follows:
NO MORE ANTICIPATED EXPENSES IN 2024

Zoom One Pro Annual $159.90 due March 22nd, 2025.
Zoom 500 Participants $600.00 due March 22nd, 2025.
Website Hosting (3 years) $396.00 due January 5th, 2026.
Domain Registration (10 years) $126.10 due January 1st, 2033.

Other means of making donations: EDRG group number: 30784325

    1. Electronic Funds Transfer, Venmo, PayPal or credit card

      Go to the Global Electronic Area's contributions page - https://givebutter.com/gea

    2. Mail a check to:

      Global Electronic Area

      PO Box 273077

      Fort Collins, CO 80527

    3. Send a payment using Zelle through your own bank account

      Recipient name: GLOBAL ELECTRONIC AREA GEA

      email: geatreasurer22@gmail.com

    4. Mail checks or donate electronically to:

      World Service Office AFG Inc.

      1600 Corporate Landing Parkway

      Virginia Beach, VA 23454

END OF TREASURY REPORT

1. Secretary will provide information about the new tech host position to chairs and chat hosts to advertise per discussion below.
2. Secretary will send out Chair script changes per Newcomer committee recommendations below.

Old Business:

● **Tech Host Committee–Amanda**
Chair vs Tech Host responsibilities explained: Tech host would claim host and set security settings, monitors for appropriate muting during meeting; Chair will read script and call on people. Committee provided a document delineating roles. (SEE ATTACHED) The tech role is language moved directly from current Chair responsibilities.

DISCUSSION:
-Chairs agree they have struggled with managing both activities eg Searching for open an open mic can be difficult
-What is the Chat Host's role as Chat Host often participates in security and back-up muting? Could the Tech role be consolidated with Chat Host?
-Chat Host can continue to be helpful, but at times managing chat is a large enough task that committee prefers to separate roles
-Will it be hard to recruit Tech Host? Committee believes there are enough people on meeting, as well as skilled veterans, to open circle of service
-GC has already agreed to create Tech Host role
-Should Chair & Chat Host continue to learn security tasks for coverage when tech host not available? Committee says Tech Host instructions will go on the website so anyone can help when necessary.
-What about having Tech Host as an open daily position, like the Timer? Committee believes role is too sensitive to hand off day to day. There have been enough meetings with incorrect security settings–luckily no issues with bombers but difficulty with distracting noises.
-GC can revisit if not enough people step up
-Question about logistics. How will it get started? Committee recommends that Secretary will have to put a call out, conceived as a 4 month daily position that rotates with other daily positions.
-Observation that a co-host can address security settings as well, should Tech Host be host vs co-host? Committee thought having Tech Host as host made the most

sense for starting meeting with correct settings

-Do we add people into the current rotation ASAP? This will depend on the Secretary dispersing the information.

-Daily Chair and Tech Hosts will agree to who will mute and mute for sharing.

-Where does the Tech Host get security training? There are many security settings. Committee hopes instructions will address this and imagines that tech hosts will start off being filled by former chairs

-There is also discussion of expanding current instructions with images or videos

-Vote placed to agree to committee recommendation and to move forward ASAP

    16 FOR

    0 OPPOSED

    0 ABSTAIN

New Business:

- Email: **Should Secretary rotate the Timer position?** Person who proposed not present, no one else chooses to discuss, will defer to next month.

- Email: **Should we form a Financial Guidelines Committee?** Person who proposed not present, will defer to next month.

- **Newcomers Committee formed to discuss additional line in our script to welcome newcomers.**
  1. Committee recommended that the welcome line should appear earlier in the format based on when attendance is highest. The proposal is to insert welcome verbiage prior to discussion of the 7th tradition.
  2. Specific verbiage is

"If you are new to al anon, this group meets for 15 minutes after the meeting, we encourage and welcome newcomers to join us to ask any questions you might have."

    VOTE taken on accepting committee's recommendation

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  3. Chair will send out new verbiage to secretary and to be posted, ***beginning tomorrow***

4. Secretary clarifies that previous added language from last month will revert to prior script.

20 participants at close.
Close with Serenity prayer.