

EDRG Group Conscience Minutes - MARCH 6th, 2025

Opened with Serenity Prayer /166 present

1. Group Rep Report - Eli not present

2. Group Secretary Report - Sammy

- Immediate needs for **Thursday Chat Host** and **Sunday Tech and Safety Hosts**
- We need a new **Group Secretary at the end of this month!** Other one year commitments coming up are: **Group Conscience Chair and Website Chair beginning June 1.**

3. Treasury Report - Nkechi

- 2 months of giving totaled \$1988.75 and was distributed evenly between other organizations as per GC.
- Will change to zoom monthly payments of \$65.99/month starting in March

Here's the January 2025 + February 2025 Treasury report

January Collected	\$1613.95
Set Aside for Zoom	-\$759.90
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Remaining	\$854.05
February Collected	\$373.00
Reclaimed Zoom	+\$759.90

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Jan+Feb Total to Disburse \$1986.95

50% GEA \$993.47 sent
50% WSO \$993.48 sent

4. Old Business:

- **Follow-up on Safety Measures**

- A Planned review of how the implementation of protocols is going

Discussion

- Proposal to return to original format with additional safety person watching for disruptions
- Current safety protocols are starting to impact participation and people are getting frustrated
- If there is a disruption now the safety and tech hosts can revert to established “safety protocols”
- In the short term it was very effective but can be off putting if tentative or newcomer so supports going back, but may need more than one security person. Other meetings use one person with a finger on the mute all button and other looking people trying to speak out of turn.
- Would we still require speakers to turn on their videos first?
- By tradition we want to maximize the opportunity to share

Motion made to revert, and then seconded

FOR 57
AGAINST 1
ABSTAIN 6

Minority asked to elaborate: She observed the discussion felt fast and overly guided by one individual.

Discussion:

- The minutes are on the website from last month's discussion
- One member was exposed to bombing and almost didn't return. Suggestion to vet in the waiting room.
- We should clarify that motion is for original format plus full time safety host commitment.
- Concern about KBDM process as it seemed like motion came before the end of the discussion so typically minority voice is heard prior to gather consensus
- Curious about safety tech's perspective on the proposed change.
- We take another vote after the minority expresses an opinion. Not sure how abstaining impacts majority vs minority.
- Clarification that change would allow people to enter and turn their own videos on and off as they wish, but safety tech remains
- In KBDM minority makes an appeal then we ask prevailing side if anyone wants to change vote prior to offering a revote

- Concern is that some opinions are shared more easily, in particular those of the founder of the meeting, creating excessive influence by one person
- The chair says he reverts to the founder for clarification because of his experience

Question to group whether anyone wants to change their vote:

3 raised hands

Question to group if anyone wants to take another vote:

31 raised hands

REVOTE: Who would be in favor of returning to the original format with the addition of a safety host?

FOR 37

AGAINST 5

ABSTAIN 8

- Clarification that we are supposed to open up discussion so all can have their say after the vote to revote. Discussion gives room for loving god to run our group.
- Observation that there is cross talk happening.
- Chair feels unclear on policies and says he has no guidebook. He proposes tableing the discussion and vote. He clarified that he feels no vested interest in the outcome but the

process is being questioned. He reminds people to email him with feedback. He emphasizes that safety is important; we want to hear everyone's voice and a proper discussion should take place.

- Agreement that motion should be clarified prior to the vote.
- Expression of love for the meeting and her own difficulty with entering spaces with a history of trauma has taken individual growth and time.
- Plan to have the motion put in the chat prior to a future vote

5. New Business:

- **Posting political messages in user profiles**

- Emailed item, but the individual is not present to elaborate

Discussion:

-If political content is consistently put up, the person should be addressed privately by those with a service commitment

-We do the best we can and individuals also have to take care of themselves and leave the meeting when they feel unsafe

(RETURN TO PRIOR DISCUSSION)

- We may have had an imperfect group conscience, but the majority voted, and the

minority should appeal if the outcome doesn't feel right.

-It is important to move forward and reapproach the topic if someone brings it forward rather than aiming for perfection.

-Feels majority was a true and consistent majority and was grateful the minority was able to elaborate.

-This meeting was a learning experience. Perhaps using more than one meeting allows people the opportunity to pray.

-Concern for use of authority and use of KBDM but knows he can volunteer to chair if he wants to use another way.

-Feels meeting is evidence that "process" doesn't always solve everything. Feels alone self wanting everyone to feel better. Appreciated demonstration of taking a break when frustrated.

-Chair will move the current topic to old business

-Recommendation to continue thinking about discussion in preparation for next month.

Happy Birthday and Gratitude to Group Conscience Chair Dustin!

Closed meeting with 42 present and Serenity prayer.

