

EDRG Group Conscience-November 2023

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Attendance: Started with 102 members, ended with 34

1. Group Rep Report-Laura

- Two-hour election assembly resulted in election of Secretary, Malinda P. and a Treasurer, Marthanne.

2. Treasury Report- Marylee

- \$384 came in during the month of October for 7th Tradition giving.
- After our zoom bill was paid, we have \$318 to divide equally to give to WSO and GEA.

3. Group Secretary Report-Jen R

- Rotation – see our website for current scripts and format (everydailyalanon.org)
- WhatsApp service group – optional for current and past members in service.
- Outgoing members – please look at descriptions and send any updates that need to be made to reflect current roles/responsibilities (prevention of double headed management)
- Incoming service members – please check your email I've sent out some orientation information there. If you don't receive that email, please reach out. Text 707-287-0847 or EDRGSecretary@gmail.com

4. Group Conscience Chair Announcements-Amanda

- None

Old Business

1. On-camera distractions during meeting

Member bringing issue to GC not present. Topic tabled until member is present.

New Business

1. Proposed change to Chair format: include specific page number of that day. Specifically speaking aloud the page number

Discussion in favor

- Great idea – include as a natural part of the narrative when the chair start
- Accessibility issue
- Chat host gets asked frequently
- Adding what day we are on is loving and gentle. When we are in crisis we may not know what day it is.

Discussion against

- Bloats format – not necessary
- Feels slippery slope – people will always miss info – how often do we need to repeat it. Maybe we need to change the chat format to put it earlier?
- Repeating it in the chat better idea as people come in late will miss it anyways
- Against added verbiage. The date is the page number
- Can be handled by the chat host.

Lack of consensus. Will be revisited at December Group Conscience

2. Input requested regarding the latest rotation of Chair/Chat Host positions

- Facilitation worked – getting info out and communication – made it easier. Changes worked. This is a work in progress.
- Creation of EDRGSecretary@gmail.com email address as funnel for connecting members interested in service. Secretary taking role encouraging chair and chat hosts to announce and how to get positions filled.

3. Requests for Proof of Attendance

Why? Students, Court ordered attendance. Issue brought to GC to help support our members in service. Requests are not frequent but how does group want to address the requests rather than being up to each Chairperson to decide for themselves.

Concerns: Anonymity, safety of members, Are signatures required? We can decide how we want to provide proof

Experiences Shared related to providing proof of attendance requests:

Person requesting proof of attendance went to group phone list and sent out member's contact info to social worker to verify, member was contacted breaking her anonymity.

Member sent from personal email but felt uncomfortable. Chair persons need support to say 'no' until the meeting as a whole agrees on our policy and procedures.

Member sent from email from another group.

If so, how? Discussion/ideas

If you need attendance verification follow this link which would take person to our website where they could download a form to complete and submit for their purposes.

In favor of automation but would want to add a process so someone couldn't just put anyone's name on the form and send it off somewhere and have it sent from our meeting's email address to protect member's anonymity.

Do we want to do it? Discussion:

In favor – traditionally in al-anon we've always done it. Keep it simple – if they misuse it that's on them. – seconded

Totally against – direct to other meetings, especially in-person meetings

Lack of clear consensus.

GC Chair requested show of hands in favor of providing proof of attendance.

Minority support ~30% in favor

Until we have GC in support, we will say our group is in the process of coming up with a process and not providing proof of attendance at this time.

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