**ACA SMR**

**Group Conscience Committee Meeting**

February 2, 2021, 8:45am Meeting #03

Attendees: There were 21 at this meeting. The following are some of the participants at this meeting: Barbara, Robert, Craig, Diane, Wendy, Paul KF, Brain eM, Christy, Katie DC, Harry, Ilene, jame Rene, Kasia, Hala, Jeff, Nolan, Shalyn, Savanagh, Rose, Kelly, Nanci, Robin, Nanci, Pam

**1. Call to order/opening prayer:** Meeting was called to order at\_847 am\_ by Paul KF. This was followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**2. Meeting Secretary, time-keeper and agenda:** Meeting Secretary: Craig, Time-keeper: Ilene

Agenda for meeting was screen shared by Paul KF

*1. Call to order/opening prayer*

*2. Meeting Secretary, time-keeper and agenda*

*3. Minutes of the January 28, 2021 meeting*

*4. Business*

*Following group comfort rules*

*5. Next Steps*

*Continue discussion on safety and inherent issues*

*6. Next meeting*

*7. Adjournment and closing prayer*

**Motion was made by Diane to accept the agenda as proposed. Second was Robert. Motion passed.**

**3. Minutes of the Jan 28, 2021 meeting:** The minutes from Jan 28, 2021 meeting were screen shared by Paul KF.

**Motion was made by Diane to accept the minutes as proposed. Second was Harry. Motion passed.**

**4. Business:**

**Following group comfort rules:**

Diane – Can we make a motion to have a forum so we don’t have to have multiple care meeting on a topic.

Barbara – Clarified Service Team Socials and its purpose which is to have a free flow forum for conversation which is informal and to have some fun. Wanted to clarify topics brought up in the prior to ‘safety’ meetings. The first was leaning towards private chats and inappropriateness. The second was comfort rules no being adhered to and how do we as a group handle that. The third was the trainings to lead – when is someone ready to train and having properly trained individuals for the leadership. Are there any topics we haven’t covered? If not, then we should start moving towards solutions.

Kasia - Likes events to be fun and to have other [formal] meetings to discuss group conscience. She referenced Tradition One.

Pam – Likes the vibe here. Asked for clarification – to have specific group venues to have fun. She added that she would be happy to be moderator if there is a clear script.

Hala – Appreciates that Barbara revisited these topics that have been raised. But there is a caveat – not becoming too restrictive. It would be good to wait to see if there is a trend and then address it.

Harry - What I have wanted to say has been said. We need a definition for inappropriate behaviors. Other fellowships have rules posted in the chat at the beginning of each meeting.

Brian eM – Due to experience, I know what not to do prior to getting to this meeting. This is a cohesive meeting. I think something really good is going on.

Barbara - Gave examples of the chat indiscretions which have occurred. There have been occurrences of a men chatting with a female and commenting on her looks. Another category is when someone shares then another individual chats with them giving a private diagnosis and feedback. So the issues are being hit on and being given private diagnosis.

Robert - The tech host is responsible for the safety. There is a ‘safety button’ in the breakout rooms. I have been notified on violations.

Diane – If you are I a breakout room and you are the leader/moderator - Can as the leader, can you deal with this? Who is there to reach out to? How do we reach to [“in charge”] person to address the issue?

Robert – The leader/moderator is empowered to deal with situations or reach out to the Tech Host to get help.

Paul - WSO has information on predatory behaviors.

Brain eM – Can we turn off the private chat and not the group directed chats?

Nolan – There are 150 people. Things are going to happen. Barbara was contacted – if I have a problem I can go fellow travelers or a sponsor. We cannot regulate people’s behaviors with legislation.

Paul - We are at a virtual meeting. We can’t police everything. Is there a tweak or adjustment for comfort rules to help move forward?

Howard – The question of cross talk vs. referencing a share because we identify with it.

Christy – Is this the meeting where we discuss getting rid of private chats in breakout rooms. Asked for motion to not allow private chats in breakout rooms.

**Motion was made by Christy to not allow chat amount participants in breakout rooms but allow participants to be able to chat with co-host [leader/moderators] in the room.**

This motion was amended by Robert and Diane which is reflected in the motion mentioned. Christy was the second.

Ilene called time. Diane motioned to add 10 minutes to the meeting. Robert was the second.

**Discussion on this motion included offering phone numbers in the chat to new comers, etc. Christy withdrew her motion. Diane withdrew her part in the motion. Motion was removed.**

Robert - Brought up motion by Hala which was give more instruction to the leader/moderator trainings. His concerns was that it gives more responsibility to the leader which might prevent a participant in volunteering for the position.

Paul – Returning to Jann 22 meeting - is there anything from that meeting, priority items, which need to be addressed?

Diane – Can we add wording to the script about being able to reach out to the leader/moderator for help when needed. I did not know we could do that until this meeting.

Kasia – Shared her experience of leading meetings which overwhelmed her and she missed out on the shares. This brought her to think “Am I a good service person if I can’t participate by sharing in the meeting [while leading]?

Barbara – Asked for motion to identify the areas, prioritize these areas and seek solutions for these areas.

**Motion was made by Barbara to identify areas of concern, prioritize these areas and seek solutions for these areas. Nolan was the second. Votes included 10 – yes; 2 – no; 6 abstained. Motion passed.**

Ilene at 9:42am. We have 3 minutes left. Diane motioned to add 5 minutes to the meeting. Harry was the second.

**5. Next Steps:**

Continue discussion on safety at the meetings.

**6. Next meeting: The next meeting for this topic will be on Tuesday, Feb 9 at 845am.**

**7. Adjournment and closing prayer:** **Motion was made by Diane to adjourn meeting. Second was made by Christy. Motion passed**. This was followed by the Serenity Prayer. Meeting was closed at 9:48am