SAFETY WORKING GROUP (SWG) REPORT

February 19, 2023

JANUARY/FEBRUARY SAFETY WORKING GROUP UPDATE

- REMINDER: Our regular meeting time is on the 2nd & 4th Saturday each month from 10 AM ET to 11 AM ET. The next scheduled meeting is next Saturday, February 24, 2024. Any fellow SMR members wishing to attend may email lisa.acamorning@gmail.com for the Zoom invitation.

- Since the last report, we've turned our attention to the next policies/processes on the list to develop:

    o **Images & Names (R1):** The revised policy was presented for Group Conscience vote via a 2-week poll that concluded yesterday (02.18.24) at 6 PM ET. This method of gathering votes was approved by Group Conscience vote at the January business meeting.

        ▪ **Status:** Astounding turnout of our fellowship! High five to all who voted! Voting ended with 172 votes / 118 Yes / 68.6% . This exceeds 2/3 of the votes to reach substantial unanimity (after subtracting duplicate votes of 3 N, 1 Y). Statistically, for a group of 300, 169 votes would give us a representative sample with a 95% confidence level with a 5% margin of error.

    o **Personal Safety:** Purpose is to develop a policy with resources to aid the fellowship with maintaining personal safety, and in knowing when and how to notify Trusted Servants about issues of safety.

        ▪ **Status:** It was determined this would be our next policy to tackle in the new year (March/April) due to multiple requests for this type of information. Once completed, it will go through the website posting, Town Hall, Email and Group Conscience vote process.

    o **Website & Technology Policies:** We have been developing Website & Technology policies, procedures, and processes. This policy will be completed for fellowship review after the Personal Safety Policy has been completed, taken through fellowship review to Group Conscience vote.

        ▪ **Status:** The SWG team will work toward completion of this (targeting April/May), after which the draft will be shared with the fellowship by email and Town Hall discussion.

TRANSPARENCY & GROUP UNITY

- As the SWG team is developing proposals for policies and processes, taking them through Town Hall Review Meetings and, then, in a final (edited) form for Group Conscience vote, we are at the same time endeavoring to learn how to hold productive, Rules-of-Order meetings for healthy discussion of possibly controversial topics. And to use a method that supports emotional sobriety by our 'best selves' (Inner Loving Parent). We are extremely eager for your feedback and your support during this process.

- Through the above tasks, it is our intention to keep the fellowship fully informed of all our activities. The ACA SMR Group will ultimately review and vote on acceptance for all safety policies established on behalf of our membership.

- We endeavor to conclude our activities this year after the Business Meeting meeting has been reorganized, with a process in place to handle any future safety policy development on an adhoc basis.

Respectfully submitted,

(Attending) SWG Members: Lisa M, Jim R, Wendy, Vivienne C, Chris T, Boaz, Rene