

SMR Ad Hoc committee meeting

12/01/25

Members in attendance: Sue, Jim R, Suzanne, MM, Nancy, Laurie, Anonymous

Summary:

Meeting called to order by the chairperson at 7:04 pm Eastern time.

The SMR Ad Hoc Committee meets to discuss proposals for the after-meeting fellowship space, with Sue chairing.

The committee revisits the proposal on host accountability. Though all agree it is desirable, defining exactly what it entails was not clear. MM suggests hosts should read and adhere to safety guidelines. The committee tables the discussion until after all other proposals have been discussed with the thinking that by that point host requirements would be better defined.

The committee discusses the proposal that the aftermeeting be observed for 30 days to assess its health. After a discussion about the practice of taking a group inventory clarifying that such is done internally by members of the group and not by an external entity, Jim makes a motion to strike the proposal for external observers to assess the fellowship's health. The motion passed 5-1 with one abstention.

The committee unanimously approves creating a dedicated section on the ACAMorning.org website to make after-meeting information and guidelines accessible to all SMR members.

The committee unanimously agrees that the fellowship space should be open to all ACA members though not publicized beyond the SMR meeting.

Finally, members unanimously approve developing both opening and closing scripts for the fellowship space, with the opening script covering both newcomer sessions and general fellowship to be read at the conclusion of SMR meetings, while a separate closing script will conclude the fellowship time. These scripts are to be developed by a committee of those members who regularly attend the aftermeeting and will use the existing Newcomer Greeter script as a starting point.

Motions:

During the meeting, the following motions were made and voted upon:

Strike External Observer Proposal

Motion by Jim: "Motion to strike the issue of outside observers for a month to assess fellowship health from any list of recommendations"

Result: Passed 5-1 with 1 abstention

Create an After-Meeting Section on the acamorning.org website

Motion by Suzanne: “Motion to have a specific section on ACAMorning.org dedicated to the after meeting; to have general guidelines within that section on how the meeting is being conducted”

Result: Passed unanimously

Aftermeeting Fellowship Space Open to All ACA Members

Motion by Jim: "We move that the fellowship space be open to all ACA members and that it not be publicized beyond the SMR meeting"

Result: Passed unanimously (with one member abstaining)

Opening Script Development

Motion by Jim: "Motion that the after-meeting members develop an opening script for the newcomer session and fellowship space to be read after the conclusion of the SMR meeting"

Result: Passed unanimously

Closing Script Development

Motion by Sue: "Motion that the after-meeting members develop a closing script for the fellowship space to be read at the conclusion of the general fellowship time."

Result: Passed unanimously

Additional Procedural Motions:

Extension motion to continue meeting until 8:30 PM (approved)

Extension motion to continue until 8:45 (approved)

Motion to adjourn at 8:46 PM (approved)

More detail on Discussions:

This section provides more details of the committee's discussions.

Discussion on Host Accountability

In favor:

Suzanne argued hosts should be accountable to SMR for setting meeting precedence, attitude, and culture.

Macy suggested hosts should be accountable for reading and adhering to safety guidelines.

Opposed/Concerns:

Jim questioned what hosts would be accountable for without defined rules or scripts.

Sue noted accountability needs to be defined, measurable, and actionable.

Outcome: Tabled until all proposals have been discussed and training and responsibilities are better defined.

Discussion on External Observers for Fellowship Health Assessment

In favor:

Suzanne proposed a subcommittee observe the meeting for health reasons, citing instances of people yelling and commenting on shares without permission.

Opposed:

Jim noted group inventories should be done by the group itself, not external observers.

Sue emphasized there is no precedent exists for external evaluation - groups do their own internal assessments, sometimes with guidance from an intergroup representative.

Nancy agreed group inventory should be done by the group and not an external entity.

Outcome: Motion to strike this proposal passed 5-1with one abstention

Discussion of Creating a Website Section for After-Meeting Guidelines

In favor:

Jim advocated for a common place on ACAMorning.org where people can find guidelines and safety protocols for the Aftermeeting Fellowship Space. Suzanne claimed credit for the idea.

Opposed: No opposition expressed.

Outcome: Unanimously approved.

Discussion of Opening/Closing Scripts for Fellowship

In favor:

Laurie would appreciate guidance since she sometimes wings it when hosting and gets tongue-tied.

A member was in favor of the idea as it makes clear that timing of shares and crosstalk guidelines are different than in the main meeting.

Jim supported scripts as aspirational guidance.

Nancy liked the structure and containment it would provide.

Opposed:

No direct opposition, though some concern about rigidity was expressed.

Outcome: Unanimously approved both opening and closing scripts.