

Reason and Recovery Business / Commitment Committee Meeting

Sunday, August 18, - Attendees (23):

Nathan	Marcus	Abby A.	Maria	Blue	Sean D.	Ross B.
Russ	Steph O.	Greg B.	Angela S.	Dave G.	Evin F.	Jinx
Jo S.	Lonnie	Matt K.	Stephanie	Owen	Joseph	Gen R.
Mo	Alex L.					

**Meeting start time: 4:02PM pacific/Cali time

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. October Hosts - need to decide how new hosts are being determined, open to the floor for ideas
 - a. Abby A. - She/Jordee found their replacement; idea is for current hosts to find their replacements independently in the same fashion
 - b. Maria - Do it in an open forum like the business meeting to avoid invitation-only situation
 - c. Nathan - Still have another month; we can vote next month (Sept.) for Oct. hosts (IF NEEDED) so people have time to come forward and indicate interest
3. Quick poll for motion: Vote for *1 of 3* options to determine new hosts: current hosts' choice, random spin of wheel, or open forum/biz meeting

a. **Results: current hosts' choice WINS 47%**

b. Other 2 tied at 26%

THIS MEANS: The (2) current hosts for each meeting are responsible for finding their (1) replacements who will be starting October 1st.

*Abby A./Jordee: Found replacement (Thursdays)

*Alex L./Matt K.: Found replacement (Saturdays)

*Blue/Joseph: Found replacement (Tuesdays)

*Angela/Nathan: ?

4. Confirm Slideshow Freak opening of room, not effective until October 1st unless SF/H work something out separately.

a. New login/setup created by Nathan for SF's to use. Will get with slideshow freaks separately.

b. New login for new hosts as well.

5. Responsibility sheets were updated. There is new information. We are responsible for reading and being aware. Note: heavy emphasis on commitments and showing up every week, esp. Hosts. A responsibility sheet was created for Chip Fairy (Greg).

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. September birthdays - Stephanie, Jan, and Nola (no countdowns)

b. Chip Fairy Review (Greg B.)

i. Review of responsibility sheet he made – app'd by Owen and Abby L.

ii. 7 chips for the month

iii. Carts, envelopes, labels were purchased - \$54 expenses. Reimbursed by Nathan via Venmo.

c. SPEAKER MEETING SPEAKER SELECTION / MARCUS

- i. Next meeting: Sept. 12 - selected: Angela S.
- ii. 1st alternate: Paul S.
- iii. 2nd alternate: Larry G.

d. GSR Report - Marcus **Attended area assembly earlier today, 8.18.24. No f/u info yet, will add to next month's report.**

- i. More than 300 meetings in area 93, only 14 GSRs
- ii. Consider having an alternate for Marcus, preferably locally to attend meetings in-person
- iii. "Plain language" big book still underway
- iv. Grapevine still looking for stories (workshop on 8/31)
- v. New panel election (roles above GSR) - November 2024 for 2 year terms

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. September commitments/REVIEW:

- i. Tuesdays - Matt A. having tech issues; per Greg, leave him on until he confirms
- ii. Thursdays - No changes
- iii. Saturdays:
 - 1. Dave G. wants to give Scribe to someone newer and train on bouncer.
 - 2. Russ will do Topics.
 - 3. Need a Greeter.
 - 4. Hosting / Brittannie (taking over for Alex/Matt) - may start early (Sept.) to cover Matt's early departure?
- iv. Sundays - No changes.

1. Lonnie will cover Nathan's nights while he's away.
2. Russ filling in as Topic Master next Sunday for Steph O.

- b. Politically-themed profile pictures (not backgrounds): allowed or not allowed? Open for discussion.
- i. Nathan - not allowed; creates controversy, potentially disruptive
 - ii. Marcus - service reps = absolutely not. Others = OK.
 - iii. Steph O - finds it distracting; prefers not to see it in an AA meeting
 - iv. Ross - also finds it distracting / inflammatory
 - v. Blue - difference between political and cultural (i.e. Nazi flag = imm. removal); boils down to policy and how we handle it as service reps. Personal opinion doesn't matter.
 - vi. Sean D. - turn the profile pics off; do it for everyone so no one feels singled out (across-the-board policy)
 - vii. Russ - political materials create tension
 - viii. Matt K. - motion to make it a motion:
 1. Is this allowed?
 2. If not, what is the action/response?
 - ix. Nathan - we are an autonomous meeting and we can set particular rules; dealing with AA as a whole, so do these things interfere with delivering the message to anyone? If so, we're talking about turning off or not allowing images, as opposed to removing anyone.

**Motion / Nathan - from now until the election, profile pics of a political nature, are NOT allowed as they are deemed distracting. If/when seen, the host can act: (1) communicate with the participant about turning it off themselves or switching it, or (2) the host will turn it off. we turn off profile pics. This also applies to backgrounds. This does NOT apply to anything physically on the person's body i.e. clothing, tattoos, body mods, etc.

2nd: Ross**

100% of participants voted: YES / PASSED 90%.

- c. Co-hosts and meeting chat: reports of co-hosted service members using chat to message members during the meeting in a predatory manner. Reminder: safety statement applies to service members as well. To be clear, this is NOT ALLOWED - DO NOT DO THIS. If you hear something OR see something, SAY something. Do not use AA as your dating service. Do not hit on newcomers.
 - i. Owen - add to safety statement? Wording that presents an actionable solution (IF something happens, this is what you do).
Owen/Abby/Jo/Maria

- d. Movie night?
 - i. On an off-meeting night?
 - ii. AA movie or game night.
 - iii. Checking for interest. Keep it in mind. Out of time again today, will discuss it again in the future.

Another reminder/announcement:

UNTIL OCTOBER, IT IS STILL THE HOST'S RESPONSIBILITY TO OPEN THE ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE WORKED OUT AHEAD OF TIME W/SOMEONE ELSE

Motion to adjourn:: NONE

MEETING ENDED AT 5:14PM PACIFIC

Notes: Maria P.