

Committee meeting Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Attendees:**

Nathan	Blue	Mike K.	Marcus	Steph O.	Angela S.	Lonnie
Greg B.	Jordee	Stephanie	Tracy	Mo S.	Gen R.	Eric F.
Abby A.	Alex McG.	Chad C.	Alec Z.	Jo S.		

Nathan opened the meeting at 19:03 (ET).

**Old Business:**

**Birthday updates:**

Reviewed upcoming birthdays for February and March. No additions or removals.

**Chip Fairy report (Greg):**

A total of eight chips were mailed last month, including one celebrating 38 years of continuous sobriety. There were no expenses. To date we are celebrating 443 years of sobriety. Both of the chip request methodologies (website form and direct email) are working.

**Speaker meeting selections (Marcus):**

Added Gen R. to the list of potential speakers.

Speaker selections for March 9<sup>th</sup>:

Primary: Jinx (confirmed—Marcus to follow up)

1<sup>st</sup> alt: Mike K.

2<sup>nd</sup> alt: Abby A.

Speaker selections for April 8<sup>th</sup>:

Primary: Laura S.

1<sup>st</sup> alt: Brittanie

2<sup>nd</sup> alt: Greg B.

Alex McG. asked about requirements to be added to the wheel. Marcus: only requirement is greater than one year continuous sobriety.

**GSR report (Marcus):**

GSR meeting was held on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was nothing discussed that specifically affected R2, most of the discussion centered on local issues. An Area assembly may be hosted by our

District. Planning is underway for the SFVAA get-together next year in April. The Area will be sending two people to PRSAA in Alaska. The PLBB is back in stock in Central Office and online. They are still looking for a place to store the archives. There is an amount budgeted for same; if you know of a place or would like to know the storage requirements, please contact Marcus.

Marcus is also the District Webmaster; if you need anything posted on the District website please reach out to him. Nathan to send a flyer to Marcus to post information regarding the upcoming R2 birthday meeting next month. Marcus has sent a request to update R2's meeting information on the Worldwide Secular Meetings list. The update would add every R2 meeting on each listing. Example: the Tuesday R2 meeting would not only show Tuesday's meeting, it would also list R2's meetings on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

The Grapevine account sharing issue is still unresolved, and a resolution is becoming more and more unlikely. The suggested course of action, if anyone would like to access The Grapevine via the web, is to sign up for an individual account.

#### **Training update (Abby A.):**

No training sessions were conducted during the past month. Abby has not been able to go over the description sheet and indicated she needed to drop all of her service commitments at R2, effective immediately.

#### **Topic Wheel update (Lonnie):**

Lonnie related that "Anon" would sometimes appear in front of topics as the topic submitter. Lonnie removed all of them, then they reappeared. Nathan indicated that he reinstated them. Lonnie requested that if any corrections need to be made, please let him know and he will handle it. Several people requested Lonnie to not use all caps; Chad informed us of research that indicates it takes longer to read an all caps font. Lonnie agreed to use lower case and capitalization where appropriate.

#### **Sponsorship Concierge update (Angela):**

The website format is working well; it appears more people are reaching out for sponsors using the form than using the former contact methods. She has not encountered any roadblocks with the form or the notification methodology when forms (for both becoming and seeking a sponsor) are submitted. So far so good!

#### **March birthday meeting:**

R2's birthday meeting will be held on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a video with photos and video messages if you send them to Nathan "soonish."

## **New Business:**

Nathan reported the AA website is having issues accepting donations. He has been in contact with them; we may need to send a check. Nathan to update.

## **Service commitment updates for March:**

Sunday:

Bouncer: Mo S.

Tuesday:

Bouncer: Blue (effective immediately)

Thursday:

Host: Jordee (effective immediately)

Bouncer: Alec Z.

Saturday:

Bouncer: Jordee (effective immediately)

## **Time requirement for Host:**

Abby A.: motion to change sobriety requirement for Host.

Discussion:

Abby A.: related her experience hosting meetings during early sobriety; suggested six months was a better requirement. Marcus: indicated the six month sobriety requirement was a great idea; Slideshow Freak (SF) should continue to be one year and handle set-up, thereby making it easier for the Host to host. Chad: agreed with reduced sobriety requirement; also noted that, while bouncing and slides are tougher, the bouncing requirement is only six months. Marcus seconded the motion.

Nathan: SF is responsible for opening the meeting; if Host requirement motion is approved, then SF should keep Zoom host designation throughout the meeting and parking lot. If passed, SF will be the only person with the keys as they have the most responsibility. Blue: as currently delineated, the Host is responsible for filling every other position in case the original service commitment cannot be met, either by ad hoc substitutions or performing the task themselves. Nathan: responsibility sheet will have to change to make SF responsible.

Abby: politics did enter the conversation during a recent after-meeting fellowship. The Host is responsible for keeping the meeting “on the rails” and must be capable of guiding the meeting. Suggested re-evaluating how we define a Host and shifting the responsibility of maintaining the fellowship’s principles to the SF. Chad: agreed with Abby. Noted that only new Hosts (those who first committed to the position in October) don’t have keys because the SF now has the

responsibility of opening the room. Also indicated that filling a service position has not been an issue due to the WhatsApp Service thread and ad hoc position fulfillment.

Nathan: does not view the Host of an R2 meeting as someone who just reads off the slides. Host is the leader in a general way. Abby: suggests this is a big change that might not work. Nathan: we can't even get people to step up for something that is already available at the six month sobriety requirement. Why give them another position? Alex McG: suggested an amendment to include completion of a commitment in another R2 service position. Marcus: suggested conducting the vote.

Amendment: additional service in another position.

Motion as amended: To lower the Host sobriety requirement to six months plus a completed service commitment in R2.

Poll results: Yes: 9 No: 6 Abstain: 0

Motion carried. The new sobriety requirement for Host will start in April with new Host selections.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:58 (ET)

Submitted: Blue