

Committee meeting Jan 19th, 2025

Attendees:

Nathan	Blue	Steph O.	Mike K.	Marcus	Alex McG.
Lonnie	Greg	Abby A.	MS Mike	Chad C.	Stephanie (NZ)
Eric F.	Alec Z.	Evan	Jo S.	Russ	Ross

Nathan opened the meeting at 19:02 (ET).

Old Business:

Nathan noted that R2 will celebrate five years in March.

Topics/topic wheel: Lonnie is handling the topic wheel. Lonnie issued a request for topics.

Birthday updates:

Reviewed upcoming birthdays for January and February.

Dennis T is Dennis (NJ)

Removed Dennis B.

Chip Fairy report (Greg):

A new record was set: most chips in a month (19). And the number of anniversary chips in a month doubled (12). No expenses for past month.

Speaker meeting selections (Marcus):

Upcoming speaker meeting dates:

Speaker selections for February 8th:

Primary: Nathan (confirmed)

1st alt: MS Mike

2nd alt: Abby A.

Speaker selections for March 9th:

Primary: Jinx

1st alt: Mike K

2nd alt: Abby A

GSR report (Marcus):

This was the first meeting with the newly elected panel. There is a new podcast available (“Our Primary Purpose”), please email Marcus for information. The District website is funded for two years. The SFVAA convention is scheduled for next week, R2 will not be hosting a meeting

during the convention this year. Area 93 is looking for a place to maintain their archives with the purposes of not only preserving, but also providing space to allow access and review of same. \$15K has been budgeted to provide for the storage space. A location in the San Fernando or Los Angeles area is preferred. If you know of a space which might meet the requirements, please reach out to Marcus with details. The latest minutes are up on the website.

Mike K. asked about the SFVAA convention possibly being cancelled due to winds/fire. Discussion indicated that the threat appears to be low, so it is expected the convention will not be affected.

Training update (Abby A.):

There's a lot of ad-libbing in the hosting process. The Responsibility sheet says to "read the script", should we add something to indicate personality is "okay"? The training sessions appears to be going okay. Nathan wanted to know if there is enough information on the Responsibility sheet for the individual filling the position to adequately perform the service. Steph O. mentioned that the Chip Host section does not contain a "How'd you do it?" prompt for the medallion takers and suggested adding it to the Responsibility sheet. Nathan asked if we needed to have separate sheets for each position; additionally, the Responsibility sheet is not an actual script. Abby A. indicated that she did not take notes during the training sessions, but will do so going forward. Abby A. to report back with any potential additions to the Responsibility sheet; she will also forward the next February training session date to Nathan.

Nathan reported that the Sponsorship request/availability form link is up and available on the website. The completed form will go to the Sponsorship Concierge. As the slideshow annotates where to access the form, the Concierge will no longer be required to be in attendance at every meeting. This methodology was implemented for ease of use. Marcus verified that there would be no standard reading other than that on the slides. He also inquired if the Host should ask the Concierge to share/promote sponsorship if in attendance. Nathan indicated that decision is left to the Host.

Marcus stated that recently a spontaneous request for service arose. Nathan indicated that training for the position is still required before accepting the request.

Service commitment updates for February:

Sunday:
Slides: Ross

New Business:

The email for the Concierge position will be changed to "Sponsors@R2" instead of individuals. This will allow a password change when the position is rotated rather than having to make new email accounts.

The R2 website has been redone. The old “/slideshow” page has been removed. Everything that was originally on that page is now available (along with the rest of the meeting tools) on the website. Nathan reiterated that Slideshow Freaks should ALWAYS download the slideshow and Topic Wheel before each meeting. The previously discussed changes to the Burning Desires and sharing instructions slides have been implemented. The holiday meetings were successful, thank you to everybody in attendance and those who performed service!

A change has been made to the Volunteer Schedule on the website; said schedule will be updated at the beginning of the month. Marcus asked if it were possible to also show next month’s schedule, as there was some confusion last month as the website was updated early. A request for methodology on how to accomplish this was solicited. Tabled. Marcus also put in a request for someone to do slides on Tuesdays.

Nathan suggested Hosts remind people about openings for the current meeting to have people fill in. The slide thanking the service committee has been removed. The Host should keep track of that meeting’s service committee and take the additional opportunity to announce current openings.

A reminder was made that the safety statement applies to everybody. Sexual jokes and innuendos ARE NOT to be part of the meeting.

The slides are as universal as possible in case anyone wants to use them to start another meeting somewhere else. Jo S. commented positively on the new slides and website.

Nathan added “Upcoming Secular AA Events and Recordings” to the website. If you have suggestions for additions to this, please relay same to Nathan.

Nathan requested photo submissions to put together a photo montage for the March 23rd meeting for five years. Short videos may also be submitted. Spread the word and send your submissions to Nathan.

Marcus wanted to know what the plan is in case something happens to Nathan, e.g., what happens to the Zoom account, should we set up a Treasurer position, etc. Nathan stated the Zoom account number cannot be transferred, a new account would have to be opened and the meeting transferred to the new account (referring to Zoom ID). A question was raised about transitioning to a new number now before it is actually required, as the Zoom link will be the most difficult item. Nathan also stated that he cannot transfer the website, as it is attached to his business, but offered to provide the HTML to ease set-up process of new site. Marcus to lead/coordinate plans.

MS Mike brought up a concern involving the interpretation of what clothing may be deemed offensive. His video feed was terminated at a recent meeting and he requested clarification on how this could occur without a group conscience decision. Discussion ensued. Nathan stated group conscience had formulated the Safety Statement and that the Bouncer has the responsibility of interpreting same during the meeting. The purpose is to make the meeting as inclusive as possible without sacrificing the group as a whole; therefore, individual tastes will be

secondary to the group. Removal from the meeting is not automatic in such instances. R2 meetings are anonymous and no one in attendance has a right to have a video feed; current action in such cases is to stop the attendee's video feed and send a private chat delineating why the feed was terminated with an invitation to request video feed reinstatement when the item in question has been addressed. MS Mike asked why the individual who made the complaint about his clothing did not contact him directly. Meeting protocol has chat locked down, so direct chat between attendees cannot occur. Attendees are directed to contact a trusted servant with any concerns/complaints. The matter was considered closed without change to the Safety Statement or protocol.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19:55 (ET)

Submitted: Blue