

Committee meeting Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Attendees:

Nathan	Blue	Abby A.	Marcus	Stephanie (NZ)
Mike K.	Alec Z.	Lonnie	Steph O.	Greg
Angela	Gen R.	Chad C.	Alex McG.	Jo S.
Mo S.	Russ			

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

**Old Business:**

None.

**Birthday updates:**

No additions. Marcus to ask Jinx re: countdown.

**Chip Fairy report (Greg):**

Five monthly chips (various) were mailed. Three anniversary chips (all for two years) were mailed. 141 chips have been mailed in total. No expenses this month, but will most likely need to purchase stamps next month.

**Speaker meeting selections (Marcus):**

Upcoming speaker meeting dates:

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

Speaker selections for November:

Primary: Sean D.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> alt: Stephanie (NZ)

**GSR report (Marcus):**

The Grapevine subscription is not functioning properly and is not allowing expected access. The cause is under investigation. The PLBB is available for sale and in stock at the SFVAA Central Office. Elections for next panel occurring today, in person voting only; results forthcoming. The GSR Report is available on the R2 website in the Members section.

## **New Business:**

### **Service commitment updates for December:**

Sunday:

Chad C.: Chips

Russ: Topics

Tuesday:

Nathan: Slides

Steph O.: Timer

Blue: Chips

Saturday:

Stephanie (NZ): Host

Chad C.: Timer

### **Training issues:**

Topic Masters are not sending in topics at the end of the meeting as stated in the Responsibility Descriptions Sheet. As a reminder, when the topic is one of R2's steps, those are never removed from the Topic Wheel; Topic Masters do not need to send those topics in for update purposes.

The Responsibility Descriptions Sheet has evolved. Questions posed: is it adequate for training? Is this the "go to reference" guide or not? Should it be expanded? Discussion followed:

Jo S.: Timer is good; Slideshow Freak is not. Offered to write up the notes she took during her training. Nathan requested she send them to him via WhatsApp.

Alex McG.: indicated the general instructions in the co-host section on Zoom controls were a bit vague. He felt hesitant about using any controls—including how to rename himself IAW Responsibility Descriptions Sheet.

Nathan: the admonition to not use any controls without training was deliberate. This past week an accidental removal occurred from a meeting (Greg added that an additional one also occurred). A reiteration was made to let the bouncer do their job, as it is easy to remove the wrong person when multiple people try to remove/report a bomber. When you volunteer for a commitment, it is incumbent upon the volunteer to obtain training/ask for help.

Abby A.: asked if we should have a person designated as trainer. Also opined that the responsibility to train the incoming person (or determine if the replacement needs training) should lie with the outgoing individual rather than the replacement.

Nathan: knows there have been occasions when people agree to meet for training, but the meeting does not happen.

Abby A.: reasserted that training responsibility should fall on the people who have already filled the position. Reiterated from previous meeting that having a designated service position as trainer would be appropriate and volunteered to fill the position.

Marcus: also volunteered to be a trainer; would be backup for Abby A.

Nathan: Abby A. to look over Responsibility Descriptions Sheet and make sure it all works; will coordinate with Jo S. on Bouncer responsibilities.

Abby A.: suggested training incoming service commitments not only on the specific position but also on all positions based on their sobriety dates. For example: if someone volunteers for Greeter, Abby A. will train them on Greeter and Topic Master as they both have the same sobriety time requirements. Suggestion approved, Abby A. to implement.

### **Other new business:**

Only \$45 in donations to date; this is unusually low for mid-month. Stephanie (NZ) requested a PayPal account be established because VENMO is unavailable. Gen R. suggested everyone is broke and saving for holidays. Nathan stated he was merely verifying that everything was still working. Chad C. seconds the PayPal account request, as VENMO is not international. Nathan to look into establishing an account for PayPal specifically for R2.

Thanksgiving meeting will be 90 minutes in length. Service commitment people who were in attendance at this meeting were asked about being able to cover the full meeting; no one indicated any expected issue. There will be a game night afterward. Holiday meetings are usually longer; Thanksgiving can be tougher for some families than the December holidays. Thanks to those willing to do service.

Meeting closed at 19:45 (ET).

Submitted: Blue