

R2 Committee Meeting Oct 20th, 2024

Attendees:

Nathan	Blue	Lonnie	Steph O.	Greg	Mike K.
Bill (LV)	Alex McG.	Jinx	MS Mike	Jo S.	Marcus
Abby A.	Stephanie NZ	Alec Z.	Mo S.	Evin F.	Russ

Nathan opened the meeting at 1902 (ET).

Old Business:

A clarification was necessary based on previous minutes concerning the responsibility of the meeting Host. Specifically, if a service position is open, the Host is responsible for either performing the duties/responsibilities of the open position(s) or obtaining a qualified volunteer to fill the open position(s).

Birthday updates:

Countdowns:

Blue to ask Dave G. if he wants a countdown.

Added:

Alec Z.	August 22, 2024
MS Mike	December 26, 1998
Jinx	December 6, 2023

Date to verify:

Alex L.

A decision was made to keep past members on the birthday list. It was also noted there are approximately 496 years of combined sobriety amongst past and present committee members.

Game day:

The game day following the Saturday Speaker Meeting was fun! Thank you to all who participated. It was also pointed out that Jo S. dominated.

Chip Fairy report (Greg):

R2 celebrated its first anniversary of providing real chips on October 15th, 2024. Since last report, five monthly chips and three birthday/anniversary milestones were sent to members, including one to New Zealand. This brought the total number of chips sent to members to 134. No new expenses.

Speaker meeting selections (Marcus):

Added Mississippi Mike (MS Mike) to the wheel for speakers.

Upcoming speaker meeting dates:

Sunday, November 10th

Tuesday, December 10th

Speaker selections for November:

Primary: Kai*

1st alt: Evin F. (confirmed as alternate at meeting)

2nd alt: Steve Z.

* Kai was contacted during the meeting. They declined and requested removal from future consideration. This action was completed during the meeting.

Evin F. will be the speaker on Sunday, November 10th.

GSR report (Marcus):

The District 17 Report is on the website. If you would like a copy, please send a request to Marcus. Items of interest include: 1) a link to a Stanford study regarding the effectiveness of AA; 2) a subscription to the online version of Grapevine is available (please contact Marcus if interested); 3) it was noted that only a handful of groups (of 135) contribute directly to District 17; 4) the Plain Language Big Book will be available for sale in November; and, 5) all area representatives will be replaced in November. Voting for the new members MUST be done in person. Visit <http://www.district17aa.com/events-and-schedule.html> for details.

Donating funds to District 17:

Discussion ensued. We are a Zoom meeting, but we are listed as a group in this district. Marcus indicated that approximately 10% of the 135 groups in the district donate. Part of the funding covers the expense of sending representatives to conferences and other meetings.

For reference, Nathan reported that originally 100% of all R2 donations went to AAWS. Currently, meeting expenses (chips) are covered and the remainder is sent to AAWS. Before R2 was listed as an active group, it didn't make sense to donate to district. Now that we are listed, a suggestion was made to start making the donation.

Motion (Marcus) made to donate 10% of R2's 7th Tradition donations to District 17, seconded by Jo S.

For clarification, donation amount would be determined after covering R2's meeting expenses (chips).

A poll was conducted on the motion. 100% agreed with motion, motion passed. First donation to District will begin in November. There is a QR code for VENMO to donate to District 17, Marcus will provide same to Nathan.

Nathan to add line items in slideshow to distinguish amounts donated to District and AAWS.

New Business:

Service commitment updates for November:

Sunday:

Evin F. Bouncer

Tuesday:

Evin F. Bouncer

Alec Z. Greeter (MS Mike to train)

Thursday:

Evin F. Timer

Alex McG. Scribe

Saturday:

Boris Greeter

Meeting security:

Is there a need to make changes? The concern/question is raised due to increased bomber activity and attendees being individually targeted. Specific question involved potentially requiring an attendee to turn on their video. Distinctions were discussed, e.g.: video required when first entering meeting (pre-meeting); only when sharing; should the requirement be a blanket requirement or individualized?

Following discussion, no changes regarding video requirements will be made. A suggestion was made and approved to add an additional line to the Safety Statement: "Contact the bouncer and/or the host with any safety concerns."

Meeting format:

A suggestion was made and approved to change to only two slideshows (regular/speaker) with the various ending songs at the back of each.

A suggestion was made and approved to include a panel of all current meeting commitments, thereby highlighting all position openings.

A suggestion was made and approved to delay allowing attendees to unmute themselves until just before the singalong.

Nathan to incorporate all slide show changes as appropriate.

Holiday meeting items:

Nathan reminded the group that holiday meetings are 90 minutes long. Specifically, the Thanksgiving and Christmas meetings are scheduled for 90 minutes, the Pal-o-ween meeting will be of regular length. It was reiterated that commitment means commitment. Enough people showed interest in having another game night following the Pal-o-ween meeting to schedule same. Nathan to coordinate. As Marcus is now the Webmaster for District 17, he will put up our Pal-o-ween meeting on the District website.

Meeting closed at 1958 (ET).

Submitted: Blue