

**AA Home Group
Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2021**

1. Welcome and Prayer: Don O
2. Secretary: Christine W – Open Meeting
3. Treasurer Report: Patty M.:
 - a. Balance as of writing of Agenda \$4122.07
 - b. Still waiting for lawyer to complete 501C paperwork.
 - c. Motion to donate \$2500.00 to General Service Office. Seconded and passed.
4. IT Chair Report: Duane
 - a. Working on a better solution for the scheduling calendar. Will discuss Telegraph in new business.
5. Online Intergroup Service Report: Rantine: Not Present No Report.
6. Scheduling Report: Kerry M.:
 - a. Kaylee, Laura Dee and Brinda have joined the scheduling committee.
 - b. Working on calendar document improvement with IT.
7. Security Report: Eric M. or Bob M.
 - a. Laura Dee and Kaylee have joined the training committee. They will train videos and chat. Kirk will train Waiting Room for consistency.
 - b. Last month 49 people responded out of 157 emails sent.
 - c. Next trainings are April 1st at 9 PM EST and 4th at 10 AM EST.
 - d. Eric does module 2 every 2 weeks unless more is needed. Wants to limit group numbers to reduce training duration.
 - e. Kirk suggests current trusted servants sit in on training to refresh as procedures have been updated.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Common Welfare Subcommittee was passed last meeting. Call on Sub Committee Chair or Rep to give progress notes. **Written report attached below.**

NEW BUSINESS

9. Duane IT Chair Motions we make the move to the Telegram communication platform in place of What's App. Second by Kirk
 - a. Discussion David L wants to leave What's App up longer so we don't lose any trusted servants. Duane says they will be active but current Trusted servants will only need to monitor for 30 days. John V wonders if we really have enough membership to require the increased capacity, Duane says yes if we were fully staffed for 24/7 we would. Don O asks if there would be any cost, no, free service. Sean wonders if there is anything we use What's App for that Telegram does not do. So far in testing there is nothing. Fellowship Open Chat was discussed but determined to not be a decision we were making with this motion.
 - b. Motion was voted on and Passed.
10. Elections: new term will expire July 31
 - Co-Chair- Marsha Willing to be re-elected- Elected unopposed
 - Secretary- Christine Will not accept another nomination. Laura Dee Elected
 - Information Technology Committee Chair- Duane Willing to be re-elected- Elected unopposed
 - Online Intergroup Service Representative- Rantine- Ash Megan
 - Scheduling Committee Chair- Kerry Willing to be re-elected. Elected unopposed
 - Security Co-Chairs – Bob and Eric are willing to be re-elected Elected unopposed
11. Set time for next GC
12. Wed April 21st 6PM EST
13. Adjourn

Dear Homegroup family, I am sending this information out to all who are interested. The Group Conscience held on 17th February 2021 voted to form a sub-committee. Directly responsible to the Security Committee. Common Welfare Sub-Committee Objective: To research and integrate international AA guidelines and Zoom terms and conditions. Making sure we are in accordance for the safety of all group members. The reason for starting this sub-committee is to help with the day to day running of the website. This incredible 24 hour, World-Wide platform. We are in new territory in terms of A.A Guidelines. Currently there are no guidelines for World-Wide Online AA Groups. The U.S guidelines on Internet. https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/mg-18_internet.pdf ONLINE A.A. MEETINGS/GROUPS Just like regular A.A. meetings, online A.A. meetings/groups are autonomous. Due to the lack of a central geographic location, online A.A. meetings/groups are not a direct part of the U.S./Canada service structure. A.A. members are encouraged to participate in service where they physically reside and to participate in group conscience decisions locally. In addition, some online A.A. meetings/groups have business meetings and collect Seventh Tradition contributions. INTERNET STREAMING AND WEB CONFERENCING Among A.A. members, there are various levels of experience in

the use of computers, email and the Internet. It is important to remember that not all A.A. members have computers and not all who have access are comfortable using this technology. Some people are just now signing up for their first email accounts, while some are talking about things like "Internet streaming," "Teleconferencing technology," and "Web conferencing." Since these topics are relatively new, G.S.O. is still collecting shared experience. One district has shared that they are considering how to utilize Internet streaming and/or teleconference/web technology so that general service representatives (G.S.R.s) may participate in area assemblies without traveling to the assembly site. They are considering several options: video and audio conference; audio-only conference; full-stream one-way video and audio with text chat return. Geographically isolated A.A. members are able to participate in weekly A.A. meetings thanks to the efforts of local A.A. committees to connect them via video conference. A.A. Conventions have also utilized the Internet to live stream portions of their programs to far distant members. Many technological options are possible and, presumably, more are being developed each day. Yet, as stated earlier, it is important not to let the speed of technological development pressure a committee into a quick solution as opposed to a well thought out A.A.-oriented decision. Of course, all decisions must include careful consideration of any situations where an A.A. member's anonymity could be compromised at the public level. Also we meet using Zoom, so consent to their terms (<https://zoom.us/terms>) and community standards <https://zoom.us/community-standards> Currently there are 83 A.A General Service Offices across the Globe. Each is an autonomous group, which is why literature and guidelines differ across the continents. All are based on the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. Our role is to bring together this vast network of knowledge and information. To support our group members and group service members with their Countries G.S.O guidelines and literature, across the World. The idea is to find information, precedents and communicate with G.S.O's to help find solutions to some of the questions asked in the day to day running of the meeting. That information can then be shared with the Security Committee. To be taken forward to the Steering Committee and ultimately the Group Conscience. To begin with I intend to start a Telegram Group, where members can join, any member with an interest. Then monthly, or when needed communicate with the Security Co-Chairs regarding any issues that have come up. Holding Sub-Committee meetings to find solutions. Also it is my hope to bring experienced service members and board members from across the World, to share their experience, strength and hope on the 12 traditions and 12 Concepts. Yours in Fellowship Jo H England