

2-16-2019 General Services Call

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Rockerzee (Alena) Natalie Mags

Aarkey Sherry MJ

Minutes read from last Steering Committee call 9-30-2018.

Motion to accept from Sherrie. 2nd from Zee.

Minutes from 9-30-2018 accepted unanimously.

Old Business

- Natalie brought us up to date on the 501c3 filing and status. She apologized for the delay in reports and status. The 501c3 has been filed. It needed to be refiled in January 2019 due to a missed email. There was a delay in processing due to the government shut down. The annual report for State filing of the Incorporation is due. This includes paying the yearly filing incorporation fee. The fee is: \$61.25 and will be paid yearly at the time of the annual report filed with the state of Florida. Natalie will get with Zee for reimbursement of the filing fees.
- Natalie will email the Steering Committee as soon as she has an update on the status/approval on our 501c3. She will have to contact them via phone for status updates as you are no longer able to check status online for the state of FL.
- Zee made a motion that we bump the Prudent Reserve to encompass the yearly incorporation filing fees. This was tabled until we discussed the previous bump in Prudent Reserve.
- Going forward Zee will update the Treasurer's Report to have a line item that will have the Prudent Reserve listed separately so that we can always see how much we have over the Prudent Reserve.

- Our current Prudent Reserve amount is \$300. We increased the Prudent Reserve from \$250 on the General Services call of January 2016.
- We have two outstanding fees each year. 1) The Incorporation fees: \$61.25 and 2) the yearly website Domain fees: \$60.
- Aarkey will draw up a format concept document that we can email back and forth to approve for writing guidelines between now and the next Steering Committee. Incorporating suggestions such that we advise people to contribute 1000-2000 words per step based on the format in the AA 12&12 and making it as specific for RitL as possible. Focusing on some of the things we have in RitL that are unique such as we do not use God in the steps but use Higher Power instead. Also, that we do not use He/She/Him/Her to refer to Higher Power. Including in language "When applicable if you can reference how RitL is unique with regards to the given step or tradition that emphasizing that is appreciated."
- Zee asked that we make sure the Meeting Minutes are posted on the Google Drive each time for easy access.
- Creating a "Frequently Asked Questions" document to answer the main 6 or so questions that we get repeatedly like "I need a sponsor and I am afraid my sponsor will judge me." etc. To upload to the website. We can pull from the FetLife groups. Aarkey will put something together for the Steering Committee review.

New Business

- Zee gave the Treasurer's Report. Incoming Donations: \$290. Beginning 2019 Balance: \$995.41. Treasurer's Report accepted unanimously.
- MJ brought up the topic of fellowship development. He put for the idea of contacting (through FetLife) event organizers listed on the Events page on FetLife asking them if they would be willing to print out a flyer and put it up at their event. This is in an effort to bring more awareness to RitL as a fellowship in the lifestyle and bringing the information to more people. He suggested that we do this through the RitL profile on FetLife rather than through someone's

personal profile. Zee brought up that we do have flyers, etc. on the website for people who are going to events take for spreading the word about RitL. Zee asked if this is something that MJ wanted to be in charge of spearheading or if it is an idea he is bringing to the committee for them to spearhead. MJ said he would be glad to be in charge of contacting the event planners. The Steering Committee agreed that MJ can spearhead contacting event planners to share out the information regarding RitL and creating a new profile on FetLife for RitL Outreach that is separate from the standard RitL profile. We want to be clear to do outreach and sharing information about RitL as we do not want to get into promotion. We currently have 16 face to face meetings across the US and the two Discord/Online meetings. We discussed the difficulty of meeting retention that we have had meetings open up and do well for a year or two then they end up closing because the meetings have a hard time retaining regular members.

- MJ brought up the idea of creating an Outreach Committee as an adjunct to go with the Outreach profile. The Outreach Committee would be answerable to the Steering Committee and he wanted to have the person in charge of the Outreach Committee would become a Steering Committee member. There was discussion regarding not having a need for an entire committee for Outreach at this time vs. the need for a committee.
- A motion was made by MJ to create an Outreach Committee for RitL. There was no second for the motion and the motion was tabled at this time.

Motion to close by Sherrie. Seconded by Zee and none against closing the meeting.

Closed with the "We" version of the Serenity Prayer.