

3/20/2021 General Services Call

Attending

Aarkey
(Christian)

Kitty (Atlanta)
Mags

Mita
NightFun (NOVA)

Vivi (NE Ohio)
Zee

- Meeting opened with Serenity Prayer.
- Following Serenity Prayer there was roll call and everyone introduced themselves.
- The Minutes from the 2020 General Services call were reviewed and accepted at the Steering Committee meeting on 4-18-2020.
- Treasurer's Report given by Zee.
 - Beginning 2021 balance: \$872.86
 - Less Prudent Reserve: \$500.00
 - Incoming Donations for 2021: \$81.00
 - Outgoing Expenses for 2021: \$140 for Zoom, \$120 for the two domains, \$85 for yearly incorporation fees.
 - Working balance: \$372.86
 - Motion to accept from Aarkey. 2nd from NightFun. None opposed.
 - Treasurer's Report accepted unanimously.
- 501C renewal in April 2021 will include the several updated information so that we can have accurate information to go to the bank to open the account.
 - The bank that was chosen is BBT for their Community Checking option as the best fit for us.
- Facebook Groups – There are two Facebook groups that the Steering Committee has become aware of are not run by RitL General Services but appear to be. After trying to contact the group owners and meeting with very unpleasant interactions and refusal to interact, the Steering Committee and previous General Services call worked up a rough draft disclaimer for the RitL website. The rough draft is as follows:
 - "This is the age of the internet and people have the ability to make groups, pages etc. and the fact that someone is using the RitL name in a group etc. does not necessarily imply endorsement. As stated by the RitL 4th tradition, each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups, or recovery as a whole. This website is the only place where you will find RitL sanctioned information."
 - The meeting was opened to discussion regarding the disclaimer.
 - After discussion and editing Aarkey put for the wording of: "This website serves as the only official resource for RitL news. Other people can use the RitL name for their groups. As our 4th tradition states, each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or recovery as a whole."

- RitL Services Zoom Renewal for 2021 – is General Services renewing the main Zoom account for another year a viable option if we do not have enough group input in form of 7th Tradition contributions.
 - The meeting was opened to discussion regarding the renewal.
 - With input from the Group Reps: Vivi, NightFun and Kitty. They all stated that it is really helpful to the groups to have and they all want to keep the meetings going even once face to face meetings are safe to return to. All stated that once we have a bank account and PayPa, Venmo, etc. it will be easier for groups to make 7th Tradition contributions.
 - Motion to renew the Zoom from Aarkey. Second from Zee. None opposed.
 - Renewal of the Zoom passed unanimously.

- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
 - This item which was hoped to be done in 2020 was delayed due to the pandemic upheaval.
 - Aarkey sent the completed item to the General Services for review.
 - Mags sent the completed document to Mita and NightFun who were the only ones on the call who had not received it during the call so that they would have it.
 - All attending will review the completed document and offer any corrections or suggestions that they have by: March 28, 2021. Aarkey will post what we have on March 29, 2021.
 - Motion to accept what we have after March 28, 2021 to be posted on the website as our FAQ section from Aarkey. Second from Zee. None opposed.
 - Motion passed unanimously.

- We Need Three New Steering Committee Members
 - The planned rotation out of committee members last year was stalled as we lost our committee member Sherrie T. to covid.
 - Mags and Zee are long overdue to step down from their positions. They have both asked this to be their last year.
 - The primary goal of our steering committee is to help reduce the complexity of and streamline the yearly General Services. The Steering Committee does the research for the items that are brought to General Services Calls. They create any subcommittees that are necessary to handle different items. For instance, they do the research for things like the banking, online meeting platforms, etc. and so forth.
 - The parameters for a committee member are:
 - A minimum two years of active recovery in any program and regular attendance at RitL meetings.
 - Be voted on to the committee at the General Services Yearly General Services call.
 - Commit to attend the quarterly 60–90-minute Steering Committee meetings. Which are scheduled at the beginning of each year, usually right after the General Services call.
 - Term limits are two-year commitments.
 - The optimal is a committee size of six people because we traditionally need a quorum of four to make any deciding votes at steering committee meetings.
 - Once Steering Committee members rotate out of office, they have a minimum one-year break before they are able to hold a committee position again.
 - Opened to discussion and a call for volunteers.

- Mita, NightFun and Vivi volunteered for the Steering Committee. Mita has to have Sundays due to his school and work schedule. All committee members agreed to only do Sundays to fit with Mita's schedule.
- Mita, NightFun and Vivi were welcomed to the Steering Committee.
- No new business was brought to the call.
- Aarkey had a motion to close but had a request that we that we take a moment of silence for Sherrie T. and her service to the fellowship and her passing this year. Before we had the formal closing of the call. Motion seconded by Mags.
- There were several moments of silence for Sherrie T. followed by the we version of the Serenity Prayer.