IG Minutes 3-11-17

Old min. from Jan & Feb read – need to change Jon & John to clarify. TX Roundup is the 4th weekend in Sep 2017. John moves to accept as corrected. Kelly 2nd. 10 in favor. 2 abstain.

Earl: Quick new action item - group is going into a project mgmt program called Teamwork.com that we can post docs & we will all have access to notes & reports online. Not have to pass out paper. We’ll also have an agenda! Also need a search committee for sec. Jennifer volunteered. Chris makes motion to nominate Jennifer, Sam 2nd. Everyone in favor.

Treasurer’s report – Jon gave report. Not sure where $500 came in. We have $1422 that is not in reserves. There was a group conscious in Tues nite mtg to pass 2nd bag for delegate funds. John moves to accept report. PA 2nd. 11 in favor 1 abstain. Jessica: do you have any way to track what meetings are donating how much? Jon says he can do a spreadsheet from the receipts he’s giving out.

Committee rept – Bret absent, but he passed on that google mail or google voice would be the best solution. Saved $122 per month. Earl wants to give Bret a shout out for all the work he’s doing with the newsletter, etc.

Lit rpt – Kelly gave lit report. She still doesn’t have debit card. Jon doesn’t have one, either. Earl: Jessica, did you give key to the PO Box? Jess: Not sure, she’ll go after the meeting to make sure that she has the correct key. Earl: I’ll check with Lauren at the bank and ck about debit card. Jessica: needs to have someone else to get on the PO Box and go with her. It’s by Black Walnut on Memorial. Kelly: The mystery $500 came from the $300 that Kelly gave last month and the $200 was from OCC.

Fund raising rpt – Jessica: Bingo would be cheaper, but lip sync was expensive and popular. Putting both on would be equal energy. Getting ppl to donate stuff & services for raffle. Probably June. John: SAA does a Giving Thanks and ask for monthly donations. Jon: encourages all IG reps for each mtg to have group conscious to pass 2nd delegate bag. Kelly: Mon women’s mtg has group conscious to discuss scheduled. Needs to be in newsletter.

Committee rpt - Bylaws, policy & procedures – do we need any of these to drum up more participation? We need written policy especially if we go to 5013B. David S. is willing and possibly another woman. Jennifer: how do we keep the meetings going strong? Send people to put the word out about how important IG is. A lot of mtgs in AA have secretary to determine chairs. John: meeting welfare. There are a couple of meetings that are really struggling, and if we know we can help. Maybe a “Meeting Support” committee. Jon: I’ve observed that there are chairs that don’t understand the responsibility are a precursor to meetings failing. Some mtgs don’t have any requirements for chair. PA: Thurs mtg – sec picks chair for the month, and then at that time the chair picks the leaders. Christmas skit / Open House of presentations about the committees to get involvement. 1-2 ppl can go to mtgs to talk about IG. Ivan: Couples mtgs put out suggestions. Sam: breakout session for spring workshop– how to run a meeting with etiqute, language.

Delegate report – Earl: board of trustees meets after this. Lit sales up, membership down. Long-distance sponsorship is going on & we’ll be discussing. 1st order from Russia & China. CICE drafting motion btwn change of geography boundaries for IG. PA: status of delegates? CAC got ART passed by CLC!!! ☺ Earl: delegates – Ashly goes off in May, April has another year, I don’t count because I’m on board. PA: I’m going to Boston, I can go as a delegate & donate money back to here since I was going anyway. Responsibilities of delegates are to show up for a week at the ABM, rep IG, make decisions as Houston IG, participate on conference level committees. Come back, give report & participate monthly. Jessica: motion to nominate PA, Jennifer 2nd. Unanimous in favor. Jon: number of delegates based on size. Can we have 6? Jessica: it’s a question of $. Jon: it would be nice to have a goal to raise enough for 6. Jessica: I feel like if we have too many, ppl will tend to slack afterwards. I think 4-5 would be more realistic. PA: We should think about 3. $1250 per person. Kelly: suggest not 6 this year, but make it a goal for next year. Earl: $2500 extra would get us to 4 this year.

Spring Workshop: Sarah: May. Could we make sandwiches instead of buying? Jon: cut off pre-registration a week before? PA: if someone doesn’t want lunch – check if ppl don’t want it, put it on registration. John: What about Joey? If we need to get someone else, let’s do it sooner rather than later.

Women’s Retreat: Earl: Holy Name has 50 rooms. John: 37 last year. Very successful.

New business – Ivan representing couple’s meeting: RCA couples in S Group recovery. 1 or both ppl in relationship must be in S-group. Hybrid. PA: can we technically list? Need to talk to Bob. Earl: talked to CICC and there’s no conflict. I’d like to list this meeting. John moves that we put on mtg schedule, Sarah 2nd. Discussion – Sam: before we vote, I think we need to be comfortable with whether we’re within the guidelines. Earl: We don’t have a policy. Sam: but we have the traditions. 3 in favor, 4 against. 1 abstain. Jessica: We can revisit after doing more research. Earl: moves to change IG mtg to 1st Sat of the month. Let’s vote on next month. Jon: Maybe the 3rd wkend.

Close at 9:14 with Serenity prayer.