IG minutes- 5/6/17

PA, Jennifer B, Bret, Jon M, John D, Amalia, Earl, Niji, David S., Matt

Open mtg with Serenity Pray

Earl opens the meeting

Jennifer: Report on last months minutes

Earl: motion to accept minutes, all in favor

Earl: Let’s process minutes before mtg next month

Bret: Will post minutes before mtg

Earl: will have gross reading of minutes; because took 10min to read; submit reports 1 week before mtg.

High priority items. Spring workshop

Sara: For the workshop food taking care of. Will get food from Costco and have a sandwiches.

PA: Making sandwich?; Sara: sandwich bar; cheaper than box lunches; Earl: so it’s under $300? $330-340; breakfast under $100

David: Will have a variety of meat, cheese and chips; Sara: And gluten free options

Ashley: how much do we charge? $35 register and $40 at door; no knocking - it’s a lot of money to ask of people to make their own sandwich . People are going to expect more.

PA: I’ve heard that also; I think it’s a little expensive

Amalia: In Boston it was $28 but would have people donate food; like a potluck

Jon M: I share the opinion that Ashley expressed; that is I like boxed lunches. And taco brkst thing. Also I did not realized the $35 was funding to send delegates; Also scholarship were available to everyone?

Matt: Valid points; logistics are complicated; they are thinking outside the box; we can alter, but it’s close to date. Our marketing is not good at carrying the message

PA: This is a learning curve; talk about doing this for the fall workshop. People accept it’s $35; just leave it its too late.

John D: I think we should have the two chairs pick someone for next workshop; announce it in the morning or ask for volunteers, so we can plan ahead of time.

Matt: maybe leadership of IG should pick?

Ashley: It’s ok to make changes if what we are doing is not working, but not for this time. I do not think IG should pick chairs for the workshops, because people are touchy on IG anyway.

Sara: Agenda- I am still looking for volunteers and leads on breakout sessions. I have as many no’s and yes’s; need co-leaders; a lot of sessions we have 1 leader.

David: We have no one for withdrawal session.

Sara: Struggle to a couple for the couples panel. And need more staff.

Sara: Also need to how many people are registered?

Jon M: I think there are 5.

Ashley: Lip sync is set for here at the Council on June 3 at 630pm. But need to be out by 9pm and will not have to pay for AV equipment. All I need is a connection to hook up I phone. Elizabeth P is in charge of food. I have a flyer that needs some twicking; Jessica is helping me.

PA: About the women’s retreat- they have 1 person signed up. Deacon went to Ann and Susie to inform them.

Earl: woman’s retreat June 30?

Matt: have a promotion problem Earl; so you are in charge of that committee?

Amalia: do they have funds for scholarships? John M: yes

Niji: Scholarships was strictly from donation from SLAA. What are the expectations for scholarship money?

PA: Deacon from Holy Name is trying to get a hold of chair. Earl: who is chair?

PA: J C and she is getting married soon.

Earl: Anything on Roundup?

PA: I have a hotel at the Crown Plaza. Registration is $70 and have good room rate. There is a Banquet that first night and registration cost includes dinner that night and pretty much most of meals are taken care of.

John D: May want to eventually change Roundup for Jan., because of men’s retreat.

Jon M: Treasure report- made cash deposits of $775.50; see treasure report money in and money out.

Earl: treasure report should be online? voted down 2 times; not sure why

Earl: 1 debit card working; you reported on delegate fund- have more funds coming in today.

Ashley: Early registration for ABM is May 13- are we going to do that?

Earl: we will take care of that will debit card.

Jon: April is going and PA are going?

April: Yes. We are not sure about Ashley. Waiting to find out if she is on board.

Bret: Communication report: I have established a google account; asking everyone to respond. I’m pretty sure not everyone is getting emails which may be going into spam. Sending email is of limited value. Website we are keeping updated. Analytics -see report. We haven’t moved forward on google voice. I need to get in touched with Jack; still on to do list.

Matt: Email thing is not mobile friendly. 55% of people not looking and doesn’t promote well.

April: Who is responsible for getting chairs at a certain point for workshops? We need more organization from our level down. Fundraising could be responsible for getting chair?

Bret: We are in a downward phase in our program. I don’t feel it’s my responsible or IG fault.

Niji: As an outsider and new person to SLAA my view is more optimistic. There is a new woman’s mtg that is doing well. Haven’t heard about new representative for meetings a lot or about fundraising in the meetings.

Sara: I feel we shouldn’t pick new people to chair workshop or retreat.

April: I agree with Bret on everything you said, but we need to get creative and improve things.

PA: What I’ve heard is that there are ups and downs- people come and then hit the road. I try to promote IG and other events.

April: We use to have a list of IG rep for the meetings and reps would sign. Jon could you make a list of IG rep for mtgs and have them sign in?

Ashley: Reps gave reports on IG at meetings- a full on report.

Earl: that is welfare

John D: We have Jennifer, Chris on welfare committee, and Amalia. Brian”s meeting is gone; Clearlake mtg and Woodlands mtg are gone too. Sugarland is now a men’s mtg- give it a month. Kingwood will not return phone calls. If no response we need take them off website. The purpose of committee how to keep mtgs strong.

Matt: Maybe IG should have dinner to discuss? So we have a couple hrs to discuss things.

Earl: Literature report on paper- Kelly not here.

Mtg ending