Houston IG mtg 6/17/17

Key: mtg=meeting

Attending: Earl, John D, Kaitlyn, Susan, PA, Earl, Kelly, Niji, Amalia, Chris, Ashly, and Sarah

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Introductions:

Earl, John D from 9am Sat morning men’s mtg, Kelly from Monday night women’s mtg, Susan rep Saturday morning 1130 slaa mtg, Jennifer rep for Monday night 630pm women’s mtg, PA I’m a Houston delegate, Kaitlyn rep from Sunday night women’s mtg from St John’s, Niji from 7pm Thurs slaa mtg

Reading of the month’s SLAA concept of service

Secretary’s report of minutes

John – made motion to accept minutes with changes

All in favor

Susan- I think minutes should be read aloud. That is the tradition (referring to Earl’s reference of reading the minutes online before mtg and correcting online); everyone is welcome and can’t expect people to read the minutes ahead of time.

Kelly- In the past I don’t think minutes were quite as detailed. More concise.

Chris- I think maybe we can have a concise form and a more detailed form. Look at Agenda – would allow you to know what is important.

Earl- other option is to extend mtg

Kelly- Another idea post long version, but read short version.

Earl-

Urgent Priority:

1. ABM coming up; Welcome Ashly to the board and Amalia; travel taken care of and in the works. Ashly is registered. Work on transportation. Earl: 3rd addition of agenda of ABM- PA got it and other delegates; 4th agenda is given on the day of the conference. Have 3 official delegate and 4 votes; Delegates are PA, Amalia and April. Ashly and I [Ear] get to vote because we are on the Board of Trustees. There are IFD (items of discussions) and motions. Motions vote up and down. Earl: generally speaking committees bring something to mtgs and back to Houston; on FWS website and go into conference and get all of this; it’s important to get learned of what’s going on. Tell everyone in the mtgs to go this FWS website and start to discuss it. I will send out a quick survey to get vote or discussion within our community. Ashly: Last yr we held a separate IG mtg just about that. Hone in on certain motions. ABM July 21-28.

Ashly: Last year some of IG reps go to mtgs and inform them of motion and vote; bring back to IG.

Kelly- looks like there are 6 motions

Earl- need a date to meet again before next IG mtg to discuss motions.

Ashley- How about the July 8th? I make a motion that we call IG mtg July 8 to go over motions.

PA- seconds it

Discussion complete

11 in favor and 2 abstain

2. Co-chair for fall workshop; Allison is going to do it. Need a male co-chair. Bret resigned. Talk about asking someone to co-chair or someone stepping forward.

Susan: How much money was made from workshop in Spring? Sarah: looks like total $1,535 gross brought it; food was $271.38 breakfast was donated; $1,139 brought after paying out. Need to donate to venue.

John D: make a motion to make a $200.00 donation to Chapelwood

Sarah: seconds motion

No discussion

All in favor- unanimous

3.JStericyle update; John: Jack negotiated down to $16/mo and still working very well; when someone called he received a text message; if it’s a woman he sends it to Wanda. Charge per minute; $16 is for 50min of phone calls. Calls have increased a lot since last year now is 60 calls from 40 calls last year- due to the mail out. Earl: still pay AT&T for phone system. Bret created a gmail account

4. Communication chair sought. Earl: new communication chair will be Ron D out in Cypress; he is nominated. Need to vote him in. He wants to do it. Couldn’t come to IG today.

More discussion: Regular Priority

Susan: we have been collecting for a 4th delegate in mtgs for ABM; is that no longer happening?

Earl: don’t’ know financial situation; don’t have Jon’s report (treasurer is not here) Need $1250/delegate. John D: $300 has been donated today. PA: And I’m donating $150.

Earl: Money for 4th delegate.

Ashly: I think that money was for the 3rd delegate

John D: So mtg money is going to 3rd delegate.

Earl: need to get financial positon in order; Jon treasurer is travelling; Thank you for all mtg collections for delegate; Stop collections at mtgs for delegate now.

Earl: Back to Ron D nomination for Communication; wish he were here.

John: don’t know if he has one yr of sobriety; I will take over until then

Earl: will table this until we know.

Sarah: meet outside if Hope and Healing Center is closed for holiday on Tues July 4; I will put out an email.

Earl: table changing time and moving the mtg.

Niji: send a note of appreciation to Bret as communication chair.

Ashley- Lip sync update: made $380-390- ok for a fundraiser; had to pay $250; so made $130; it was fun. Do it somewhere next year where don’t have to pay $250. Maybe Bingo next year.

Chris: Roundup- flyer is available; but not on (slaa) website yet

PA: LBGT mtg been off the schedule? John: Should be off schedule. Has been off website. Confusion.

Meeting adjourned.