

**Any Lengths Online AA Group
Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 12, 2020**

A. Group Secretary

Open with Serenity Prayer

B. Treasurer's Report / Kris E (see report attached below)

Motion made & seconded to accept report, unanimously approved

C. Website Report / Pat D:

- FORMS Etc. - Updating all our forms on the website to reduce time spent daily on attendance verification emails, birthday submissions and general contacts & questions
- Business section of the website has been overhauled to better manage an increasing amount of information; includes a new form for submitting agenda items

Motion made & seconded to accept report, unanimously approved

D. Birthdays Report / Coleen C:

- One virtual 24-hour chip was delivered plus two 30-day chips, four 3-month chips, one 6-month chip, two 1-year chips, one 3-year chip and one 34-year chip.
- Motion made & seconded to accept report, unanimously approved

E. OLD BUSINESS:

- A carryover from last meeting, we need to lock in a prudent reserve. Pat D suggested that we keep prudent reserve at \$500. Kenny M suggested raising it to \$700, like Portland Eye Opener. It was then noted that the Portland Eye Opener group sends large donations to GSO. Suggestion was made to limit our reserve for the time being, altering it later if necessary. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to set and hold the reserve at \$500, to be reviewed in the next monthly business meeting (October).

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **New Chairs Approvals:** September in-coming chairpersons - Will H, Eileen M, Ken W, JC, Jenn F, Jason C - were all voted in unanimously by the group.
2. **Group Phone Lists:** The group discussed compiling, maintaining and offering opt-in men's and women's phone lists, where group members can add or remove their phone numbers and other contact and sobriety-related information. It was agreed that members submit phone numbers voluntarily, individuals may also opt to receive texts, sobriety date, whether they are willing to sponsor, and individuals need to be able to both add and remove themselves. The lists would remain confidential and secure, available in a password-

protected area of the website. Sarah M offered herself up as contact person and compiler. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

3. **Chairperson Email Contact List:** Group discussed assembling an email contact list just for chairs so that they have access to trained back-ups when needed. List would include any past chairs who are willing to be a back-up on the list. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.
4. **Business Meeting Move:** Group discussed the need to move our business meetings to last Saturday of each month to align with bi-monthly service rotations; also ensures we can be better prepared for changes in the upcoming month. It was decided rather than wait 6-7 weeks for a next meeting in October that we hold a short one at the end of September. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.
5. **Format Edits:** Group discussed moving the “non-AA Visitors” introductions before AA-related intros to reduce confusion of visitors. It was suggested we add text, welcoming non-AA visitors and whenever present, also ask them to please not share in the meeting. It was also discussed, given the challenges chairs have getting people to share, that we standardize share times to 3 minutes. Motions were made, seconded and unanimously approved on both edits.
6. **Breakout Rooms:** The potential use of Zoom’s breakout room during some meetings was touched on, possibly for newcomer-focused meetings. Cate and Kenny to practice and Kenny will research more and share his findings at a later business meeting. Motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to table any group decision for the time being.
7. **Non-Traditional AA Literature Reading** Last discussed was an issue about members re-wording our daily readings, as they’re being read for the group, in such a way that suits the reader’s individual/personal preferences. Specifically addressed was whether the group has a voice in that decision – a responsibility either to approve or disapprove individuals altering traditional AA readings read at group level based on personal preferences. In that context, a motion was made, seconded and approved by a 5-to-3 vote, with 1 abstaining that for Any Lengths meetings, the group conscience is to keep reading to being read in their original form.

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement. Adjourned at: 2:05 PM.

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TREASURER'S REPORT – Kris E.

AUGUST 1, 2020 - AUGUST 31, 2020

Beginning Balance on August 1, 2020	\$	859.00
August Contributions Received	\$	304.00
Debits	\$	22.00
Reimbursements	\$	0.00
Prudent Reserve	\$	0.00
Contributions Distributed	\$	
Available Balance on August 31, 2020	\$	1,141.00
Account Statement	\$	1,148.00

2020 YEAR TO DATE

Beginning Balance on July 1, 2020		436.00
Contributions Received		1,163.00
Debits		22.00
Reimbursements		0.00
Prudent Reserve	\$	0.00
Contributions Distributed		0.00
Available Balance on August 31, 2020		1,141.00