

I. APRIL 2022 BUSINESS MEETING

A. Meeting convocation and preamble read.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:50 am.
2. Both in person (30) and zoom participants (46) were in attendance.

B. Call for reports by Chair, he asked people to proceed noting a packed agenda.

1. Secretary's Report:

- a. Special meeting held via zoom to review SENY questionnaire.
- b. The lease for the in person meeting ends April 30th, and a group was formed to look for alternative locations.
- c. The treasurers agreed to write a check for a distribution to Intergroup post-COVID.
- d. The zoom meeting addressed changes, keep a list of sponsors and opening the chat room, regarding connecting sponsors to sponsees.
- e. Motion made to approve Secretary's report.
 - i. Move to accept motion.
 - ii. Motion accepted.

2. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Starting balance: \$9618.20. (Note: Venmo Credit of \$387.11 and rent payment of \$3,410 came through on March 1, 2022 and was accounted for in the March accounting so the beginning balance on this month's spreadsheet does not match the beginning balance on the March statement.)
- b. Prior amount collected: \$ (\$45 pink can; \$3114.50 7th tradition & literature).
- c. Amount dispersed for expenses: \$3,876.55.
- d. Ending balance: \$8901.15.
- e. Prudent reserve: \$7000.
- f. Funds available for distribution: \$1901.15.
- g. Motion made to approve Treasurer's report.
 - i. Discussion ensued: Roger inquired about a calculation in the report that appeared to understate the ending balance and suggested a net loss of approx \$800.
 - ii. Joe noted this was another month of consecutive net losses.
 - iii. Lane inquired about the annual insurance cost of \$460 and asked if this would be necessary in the new church space (Rodger replied it would not).
 - iv. Treasurers agreed to correct and revise the report (The amounts cited above are reflect the correction).
- h. Motion made to approve Treasurer's report.
 - i. Move to accept motion.
 - ii. Motion accepted.

3. GSR Report: Elliot reported zoom meeting of 15-20 participants in which the SENY questionnaire was reviewed. Noted most questions required Y/N response.

- a. Catherine requested that the Fastbreak submission be emailed to Fastbreak.
- b. Chair agreed to do so.
- c. Motion made to approve GSR report.
 - i. Move to accept motion.
 - ii. Motion accepted.

4. Intergroup Delegates Report: Joe reported a new chairperson had been elected, Fastbreak's own Rodger.
 - a. Additionally reported a decline across the board in Intergroup support; in need of funding/monies.
 - b. Motion made to approve Intergroup report.
 - i. Move to accept motion.
 - ii. Motion accepted.

C. Chair opened meeting for new business.

1. Chair alerted the group: Lease for in-person meeting expires April 30th for Fastbreak's in person meetings at Hamilton Annex M-Sunday.
 - a. Question of whether to renew the lease, noting that we need to notify current landlord (Project Renewal) whether we are or are not.
 - b. Reported that Fastbreak had been offered a 6 month lease at a reduced rate.
 - c. One alternative space had been identified that could accommodate M-Saturday at a greatly reduced rate at the church at 123 West 70th just a few feet from the current space.
 - d. The potential to lease a space for Sundays at Hamilton Annex remained out to fold it into the existing zoom meeting.
 - e. Noted reasonable arguments exist for moving or remaining in place.
 - f. Stated he would like a decision to be reached today; otherwise, a special meeting could be held next Friday.
 - g. Requested people from Fastbreak, such as the group formed to consider the question and Leah who started a meeting at the church, weigh in on the question:
 - i. Rodger reported on behalf of the committee that had been formed and cited facts of church as a significant cost savings, savings necessary do to declining collections; and, potential loss of alternative location if we do not switch lease now.
 - ii. Lane noted the compelling "financial reality" of the cost of staying despite his general discomfort with meetings in church settings.
 - iii. Leah reported her preference for non church settings and the desire to reach out to both religious and non religious folks; however, was pleasantly surprised by the comfort of the church (e.g., few religious symbols) and noted that there are no pews so seats can be arranged to accommodate Fastbreak's round robin format.
 - iv. Joe expressed concern about the "slow bleed" of money if we do not move; noting that he didn't like churches but we need to balance personal preferences for being self sustaining and a larger good of supporting AA/Intergroup.
 - v. Lillian expressed agreement with Joe's points.
 - vi. Michael concurred and cited the values of the serenity prayer.
 - vii. Elliot thanked Rodger and Lane for their effort but asked if this was a problem that could easily be solved by passing the basket more — increasing donations in person.
 - viii. David echoed this idea, adding that some groups request a three dollar donation as well as repeated basket passing until a given sum has been met.
 - ix. Frances encouraged people to remember the well-being of AA as a whole and Intergroup in particular — that our ongoing donation to Intergroup needs to be factored into the decision in addition to merely making rent.

- x. Dan spoke up about his meeting with several other members from Fastbreak II who had agreed “to cover rent for a year” and that deliberation of this question was “a moot point.
 - xi. Murmurs of ascent and disagreement arouse from the group as a whole.
2. Chair concluded that we’d reached our meeting’s end, and he scheduled an emergency meeting for the following Friday to focus on this issue.
 3. In the meantime, he encouraged people to visit the location (women’s meetings at noon there as well as a Saturday 10am meeting) and talk to Leah about the setting if they wished.
 4. Chair proposed motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - a. No discussion ensued.
 - b. Motion accepted.

D. Meeting adjourned: Serenity prayer recited.