

7/14/23 FAST BREAK BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

A. Meeting convocation and preamble read

- a. Meeting was called to order at 7:55 AM
- b. Both in person and Zoom participants were present

B. Call for reports by Chair

1. Secretary's Report:

- a. Previously elected secretary cannot fulfill the service and Xxxx filled in as secretary for the business meeting. Xxxx read through the previous meeting's minutes.
- b. Motion to accept Secretary's Report
 - i. Move to accept motion
 - ii. Motion accepted

2. Treasurer's Report:

- a. Starting balance as of 6/1/2023: \$9,630.68
- b. Pink Can Collection (June 2023): 154.00
- c. Seventh Tradition & Literature: 3,796.00
- d. Total Collections: 3,950.00
- e. Hargrave Rent: -3,410.00
- f. Zoom monthly fee: -67.57
- g. Phone fee: -12.09
- h. Recovery Source (Annual Liability Insurance): (annual payment) n/a
- i. Total Expenses: -3,489.66
- j. Ending Balance (as of 6/30/2023) 10,091.02
- k. Retain Prudent Reserve: 7,150.00
- l. Funds Available for Distribution: 2,941.02
- m. Motion made to distribute contributions
 - Q2 2023 Projected Contributions
 - Intergroup (48%) 1,181.17
 - GSO (33%) 812.05
 - SENY (11%) 270.68
 - General Service Meeting (MGS) (8%) 196.86
 - Pink Can (QTD) (144.25+182+154) 480.25
 - TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS: \$2,941.02
 - i: vote taken to approve contributions
 - ii: vote passes
- n. Motion made to accept Treasurer's Report
 - i: Move to accept motion
 - ii: Motion accepted

3. GSR Report:

a. xxxxxxxx presented the report. A questionnaire (which was previously available for Fast Break members to respond to before we submitted it as a group to GSR) was gone over at the most recent GSR meeting. The biggest issue was the concept of “simple language”, a more simplified version of some of the basic texts of AA. They also went over concerns about outdated aspects of the primary texts of AA. \$10,000 is the max a person can donate in their will. Manhattan share-a-day is coming up August 12th (will be held on the UES)

4. Intergroup Report:

- a. Motion to table the report as the Intergroup Rep wasn't there
- b. Motion passes

C. Old Business

- a. Someone had previously brought up a desire for a committee to explore the running of business meetings.
- b. Chair asked who had brought this up. At first we thought the person who made this motion wasn't there. So someone made a motion to table the issue, the motion didn't pass.
- c. Xxxxxx stated that the motion was about the fact that there are issues which affect online or in-person only. So there was the possibility of having some business meeting which are separate and not hybrid.
- d. Xxxxxx had suggested the committee and asked for patience from the in-person group.
- e. Xxxxx said that this was gone over before and that we don't need to spend more time on this and that a desire for separate business meetings further illustrates that we should separate the online and in-person meetings once and for all.
- f. Xxxxx said that since the group (previously) voted to stay together he thinks that what's coming up is how to deal with the logistical issues which are specific to online/in-person rather than bringing up the debate about separating the meetings.
- g. Xxxxx said we keep going back and forth about the breaking up, not breaking up, and business meetings. But she thinks that the issue is what is Fast Break's message, how are we aligned and what is our purpose. In her observations she thinks this is part of a bigger problem.
- h. Xxxxx (online) said that the traditions tell us what our purpose is.
- i. Xxxxx asked if there's a committee whether it will still be an ongoing issue at business meetings.
- j. Xxxxx (who had asked for this discussion) was concerned about the shortened nature of the business meetings (which is why she brought up the desire for a committee) to have a spot check inventory about how we run business meetings.
- k. Xxxxx called to question.
 - i. The question is whether or not to form a committee about how Fast Break business meetings are run. 19 voted in favor of a committee (4 in-person, 15 online), 5 voted against forming a committee (5 in-person, 0 online)

- ii. Motion passes
 - iii. Overall Chair asked for volunteers both in person and online to run the committee. Xxxx volunteered for in person, Xxxxxx for online
- I. Fast Break needs a new secretary, Overall Chair asked for volunteers. Pierre (online) has volunteered

D. New Business

- a. XxxxI suggests that we not continue to put up the blue AA sign on the door of the in-person meeting given his concerns about anonymity. He feels there are less invasive ways to make sure that people find the space. He feels that it is threatening to anonymity and would like to have the sign removed. That there has never been a sign before recently.
- i. Motion was made to discontinue the use of the sign, the motion was seconded.
 - ii. A motion was made to table the motion. 3 voted for tabling, 6 voted against tabling.
 - iii. Discussion about motion to discontinue use of the sign
 - Xxxxx said that since our primary purpose is to help another alcoholic achieve sobriety the sign is part of that. It helps people to find the space and helped her find the space
 - Neel said that as someone who lives in the neighborhood the sign would have prevented him from coming into the meeting
 - Xxxxxx feels that we need to have a larger discussion about what anonymity means to our group as a whole
 - iv: Call to a vote
 - v. 11 voted against the sign being removed (7 in-person, 4 online) 9 voted for the sign to be removed (8 in-person, 1 online)
 - vi. The sign will remain

E. Meeting adjourned. Serenity prayer recited.