

Robbers Roost Men's Group

Group Conscience Minutes: 6 Sept 2016

Attendance: Michael G, Sami M, Clark, Chris, Ben B, Mikael A, Marc W, Craig B, Aaron, Jeff

Intros & minutes—minutes accepted

Reports:

- Don S (GSR):
- Ben (Alt GSR): Ben attended D24 meeting on Aug 15. Survey that came up: Ben filled out a survey for our group. Had to do with our spiritual and financial involvement. We can mark that as complete. GV subscription flyer for the app. Passed along to Jeff. Our Q2 contributions to D24 were noted on the Treas report. Item: Question raised about fact that GSO is located in the Rockefeller Building and pays less than FMV rate, is that in conflict with our traditions around paying our own way. Asks for feedback from group.
- Brandon (Treasurer): [see report] discussion of the percentage breakdown for our group. Report accepted.
- Sami M (GSC): It is going, we don't get too much ahead, but we are filling slots. What do we do if there is an empty slot? Ben: would go through the regulars and see if anyone was available. If nobody took it, the shift went unfilled. Mikael: would send out a group text. Good way to avoid duplication.
- Craig B (IGR): Service positions are available. Bridge the Gap (outreach to people getting out of corrections and need a meeting), 12-step call list, outreach coordinator, CHAIR. Our chair Mike J has been called away on work in Louisiana, so we are without a chair at IG. A superb service opportunity for the right person. Craig explained the role of the chair and responsibilities. Chair moves on to president of the board. It is a responsible and important position. Available.
- Tucker (Alt IGR):
- Mikael (CPC): Not a lot of action or need at the committee level. Perhaps the best way to be of service to the group would be to make an announcement or do work at group level. Mikael is a contact point for professionals in our area. Maybe announce quarterly.
- Aaron (Website): Same update. Behind. Will work on updating before next meeting.
- OPEN (Archives):
- Jeff (Grapevine): Have an announcement about how to get the app. Will bring the new issue next time. People have been taking the issues and reading them and talking about it in meetings. Marc: Can take back issues into jail.
- Ted (Literature):
- Larry (Nightwatch):
- OPEN (PIR):
- OPEN (Local 12 Step Coordinator):
- Marc (Treatment): Had a meeting last night (D24 committee). Someone at Good Samaritan Hospital expressed interest in having a meeting. Has been done by a woman's group. They want to do it once a month. Meeting is Tues at 6:30. We could do it once a month and hope another group could cover. But the time is in conflict with our meeting. Still in early stages. We are not being asked to cover the meeting yet. Meetings at BCTC and Boulder Manor are proceeding. Marc can cover this Sunday.
- Dan (Phone List):
- OPEN (Tue Coffee/Setup):
- OPEN (Tue Cleanup):
- Chris (Thu Coffee/Setup): Coffee is going good, we are stocked up on supplies.
- John (Thu Cleanup):

Old business:

Group inventory for October--we need a lead or volunteer position. Just need to coordinate and plan the inventory and find an outside mediator. Discussion of the process: the pamphlet on "The Group" talks about the inventory process. > MG take on the task. Bill W is willing to have him moderate. Ben has some names to suggest. Sami has done some inventories with Bill. Might be nice to have another perspective.

>announcements--take a look at the time they take at the beginning --New business for next month--concern about the length of announcements. Get to the point! Just read the titles of the positions. **

Jeff: suggestion. In format. Just bullet the announcements for the service positions. Yes.

Sami: What about doing a workshop? At district? On the topic of how to handle wet drunks at meetings. Suggest as a topic and volunteer to help organize a workshop. [MG send a note to Don to remind him about this.]

New business:

>rent in NYC for GSO. Do we have an opinion? Brought up at District new business. Ben: GSO and GV are in a building specifically for 501c3 nonprofits. In with a lot of other faith-based offices in a building for nonprofits. Ben's opinion: non-issue. Questions: are we getting a more special deal than someone else? Maybe the question can be answered at District. It is a good question to ask. GSO sends people here to answer questions at a conference rather than pushing it uphill. Erika might be a good person to ask about this. We don't have sufficient opinion. Clark: most groups get a special deal, otherwise they may not exist. We do like that people are looking at it. It is an important issue that people are bringing up. We do need to look at our spiritual relationship to money. We want to make clear that we appreciate that people are asking questions and we are watching legacies. Ben will take our input back to district. 1/ we don't have enough info; 2/our area reps should bring info back to us; 3/these are good questions to ask that we appreciate.

> Mikael: announcements. CPC runs committees. Clark is also willing to help give talks. ** maybe have one service position highlighted per meeting. Take time to explain a role and what a position does. Mikael wants to share with the group on CPC every couple months or so. How to coordinate that? Could make a list and each service position goes once per quarter. Update spreadsheet. Create a schedule of positions to do detailed announcements. Also it can be appropriate and useful to have a meeting on service as a topic. Discuss as the topic what is going on in our position. Service meeting from time to time. Maybe put it in the format--it's OK to have a meeting about service. Keep a note on the schedule as a reminder.

>Marc: meeting at Good Sam.

>Clark: maybe a question for group inventory. Sometimes the topic falls flat or is not really defined. Chairs should have a topic beforehand and prepare beforehand to discuss a topic. Sometimes there is silence when a topic is defined and shared. Topic for inventory--how this relates to chairing.

>Sami: Maybe things we can do with flyers, like CPC, to inform group members without taking time away from meeting. Lit rep: that could be an avenue as well. Purchase some CPC brochures or something like that. Overall meeting format and how we do announcements. --Inventory topic.

Open Service Positions:

>Group inventory coordinator--Fall 2016, October if possible. Michael G volunteered and accepted this position. David Huff? Maybe a candidate.