

Minutes: Executive Board Meeting January 21, 2024

Attendees: Ro M., Chair; Kristi K., Ex Officio; Dee C.; Treasurer; Sheree C., Secretary (took minutes)
Serenity Prayer

Webmaster-Related items

- Google non-profit status/Google has not responded to Dee as of yet. She has made several attempts to verify, and they have our information, but no response to date.
- Mailchimp update: Jess is working on it. She has purged emails of people who are no longer active and of duplicate email addresses.
- Any bites on replacing Jeanne? Not as yet, but will ask again at GPI.
- Website discussion group: Shared results with Jess and she will incorporate the feedback where possible.

GPI Meetings & Reports

- Orthodox Christmas: This is a question being raised in the WSBC proposed amendments.
- All routine duties completed, nothing more to report – is that working? Discussion: This format doesn't help to educate IR's about what the position actually entails. Decided to give some details, especially if something out of the ordinary is involved, and maybe spotlight a position's duties each month.
- In reports, if you list attending a meeting, include why IRs would want to know that

Financial Issues

- Adding next level Mailchimp to budget, 3 months free, \$13/month after to address access issues? This would allow 3 different people to access the account. The Treasurer and Finance committee position is that as long as there are unrestricted funds available, we can spend conservatively. The Board will go ahead and authorize that subscription to Mailchimp.

2024 "Business Plan" for GPI

- Attract new members: (270 email addresses down to 84. Need to address retaining members?): PSAs to 15 TV stations, posters at college student unions - 10 so far, mailing to 100 PCP offices - pamphlets purchased. Discussion:
 - Those 84 addresses are not necessarily representative of everyone active in our local OA. Perhaps we need to put emphasis on getting more people to sign up for the all-gpi email list, understanding that not everyone has the same level of tech comfort.
 - Pamphlets and posters: Ro will file for reimbursement for the pamphlets.
- Encourage service:
 - VOR Editor application, Beth A. was appointed to the position.
 - service discussion group
- Provide support to zoom meetings: literature swap, sharing zoom accounts, assigning a tech person
- Establish face-to-face meetings - Still looking for people interested in a Harmarville face to face.
- Phone numbers of chairs: Discuss whether it is ok to give phone numbers of chairs out to active members. We will check with the individual chairs and ask the Policy committee to consider if the PnP manual needs to address this.
- Offer workshops and special events
 - OA Birthday - had 15 people in attendance.
 - Unity Day
 - 4/26-28 4th Annual Retreat Ocean City MD
 - Meeting-sponsored events/desired topics - relapse, 4th step, meeting anniversaries, shame

2/4 Agenda Items:

- Looking for a member to co-host 12 Step and 12 Tradition Study, 2 hr/week for 15 weeks.
- World Service policy changes? We will go through them briefly at the GPI meeting and ask if anyone objects to the amendment being brought to the floor at WSBC. If no objections are raised, we will vote yes.
- Still looking for Volunteers to hang posters at colleges.
- Looking for an abstinent volunteer to take over Jeanne's service position answering emails and phone inquiries.
- Ask IRs to encourage each meeting member to sign up for all-gpi emails

Other Business:

- Kristi would like to be responsible for heading up the IG mentor program. She will put together a spreadsheet for the mentors.
- Check with Jessica about the timing of her vacation.
- Request to change Executive Board meeting day/times going forward: Decision to keep schedule as it currently is and members can make meetings as their availability allows.

Adjourn

Next Executive Board Meetings:

4 pm, February 18, 2024, 4 pm, March 17, 2024, 4 pm, May 19, 2024