

RHODE ISLAND ACA INTERGROUP MEETING

5/2/2020
via ZOOM CHANNEL

In attendance: Deana G, Bridget V, Mark J, Tracy M, Amy S, Matt M, Lauren S, Chris C, Guy, Deanna K, Nancy R

Lauren S opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. She then read from pages 596-597 in the Big Red Book

Lauren S expressed her need for support if she is going to continue as Intergroup co-chair.

Agenda item # 1: PayPal / Zoom Channel fees

PayPal account is now active. Deana G stated she will email all Intergroup members instructions and information on using PayPal.

Motion made and unanimously carried to have individual group donations to use PayPal to fund Intergroup treasury, and that paying Zoom channel fees should be a priority.

Agenda item #2: Intergroup website

Motion made and unanimously carried to have Tracy M and Deana G join with another ACA member (Alan) to form a website development committee. Further information will be forthcoming.

Agenda item #3: Internet / Zoo Channel security

The new reality of internet meetings has generated multiple issues including:

Hacking (non recovery peoples' participation- creating safety issues), open / closed meeting formats, how to advertise groups, responsible persons moderating meetings, individual groups / Intergroups posting meetings online, etc.

It was stressed that in accordance with ACA 4th Tradition, individual groups are autonomous and can publicly post meeting lists, provide moderators, and run meetings according to their Group Conscience.

Only Intergroups can post meeting lists on WSO website. They are to not provide the link to the specific meetings, but rather refer any inquiries to a “Gatekeeper”, who can direct all individuals to meetings.

Moderators are needed for RI Intergroup Zoom Channel groups.

It was suggested to not advertise meetings on Facebook.

No RI groups are currently publicly posting direct links to meetings.

What constitutes an internet open or closed meeting?

Intergroup members are asked to not share any Intergroup links publicly.

In the future, after the Pandemic is no longer a factor, should Intergroup continue using Zoom Channel meetings for step studies, education, etc?

Motion made and unanimously carried to hold a ½ hour meeting next Saturday 5/9/2020 via Zoom Channel to continue discussion on internet meeting issues.

Meeting ended at 10:30 am with the Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted on 5/5/2020. Chris C