

Medford Fellowship Group
Business Meeting

Date: 12/10/18

Attending: 11 (10 voting)

Meeting called to order @ 6 pm by Julia Position: Chairwoman

Serenity prayer led by Julia

12 Traditions read by Carol B

Concept 12 read by Laurie H

Roll Call by Secretary Coordinator: NA

Attending: Marty, Rick, Les, Erik, Leanne, John, Carol, Laurie, Julia, Ralph

Discussion: Reports:

Secretary's Report:

Carol read Nov. minutes taken by Mollie. Comments or Corrections: All fine except missing sentence under literature. Corrected and approved.

Motion to Accept as written: Laurie **Seconded by:** Carol

Vote: 10 # in Favor # Opposed

Motion Carries: Yes X No

Treasurer's Report by: Leanne

Report attached: fun fact: Nov 2018 attendance was 1,872 seats, 7th tradition averaged \$.98 per seat. Great job staying under budget: Jess, Erik, Less!

Motion to Accept as provided: Carol

Seconded by: Erik

Vote: # 10 in Favor # Opposed 0

Motion Carries: Yes X

GSR Report By: NA Kathleen absent; Laurie reported that Kathleen attended Nov Assembly and will seek some reimbursement for travel expenses. More on that in 2019. Leanne will expect request for reimbursement.

Central Office Report by: NA

Literature Report: Erik bought 3 paperback Big Books, 2 large print Big Books, 20 newcomer packets. Spent about \$49.00. Has sold at least 3 Big Books. Someone transferred several Big Books from inventory to cabinet for MFG meeting copies and labeled them "stolen from Medford Fellowship Group." Sober humor.

Activities Report: Thanksgiving was a huge success. Cost about \$140, with donations galore from members. Flowers on tables, tablecloths, great food. Standing room only. Thanks John and volunteer assistants!

John has created spreadsheet for Xmas/New Year's marathon-meeting sign-ups and for volunteers for holiday potluck. One turkey donated; another to be picked up. Fellowship members will bring side dishes.

Archivist Report: nothing to report

Alano Club Liason

Verbal Overview: Marty

New lease is ready, approved by Alano Club board. Rent to remain \$1,000 per month. Terms and conditions for 2018 to be identical to 2019. Year-to-year lease that runs Nov. 10, 2018 to Nov. 10, 2019. (See New Business for vote to approve new lease).

Observance of the 7th Tradition:

Old Business: (Anything that was tabled from the last meeting)

Item: Should MFG volunteer to host December quarterly district speaker meeting, next Dec. 21, 2019. Not clear that this date is still available, but if it is open, does Medford Fellowship wish to step up?

Discussion: Rick wondered whether Fellowship can recruit the 20 folks needed to organize, staff and help run district speaker meeting.

Julia: That's sad. Considering the number of people who regularly attend MFG meetings, shouldn't the fellowship be able to find enough members to help?

Marty: Why not ask folks with some time to take on specific jobs instead of waiting for volunteers? He pointed out that this is how he came to "volunteer" to be greeter at Round Up. "Someone asked me."

Les: Isn't this awfully far in advance?

Julia: We don't have to organize it a year ahead; we just have to commit to handle it when the time is near.

Motion to Accept as provided: Laurie **Seconded by:** John
Vote: # 10 in Favor # Opposed 0 Motion Carries:
yes X

Laurie notified District of Fellowship's willingness to host. Will wait to hear what's next.

New Business: (Anything not provided to the chair or secretary prior to the meeting)

Item: 2019 Lease

Since terms are identical to this year, and since things are going fine, consensus was that lease is fine.

Motion to Accept as provided: Erik **Seconded by:** Laurie
Vote: # 10 in Favor # Opposed 0 Motion Carries: yes X

Item: 2019 budget

Leanne will present formal budget in January. She said Fellowship is in the black mainly because folks have stayed under budget for literature, activities and newcomer meetings and GSR has not needed or asked for travel money so far this year. However, that will almost certainly change and then this cushion will be gone. 7th tradition has not generated the income expected. The fact that rent remains the same for 2019 is "a blessing," she said. There will be about a \$500 carryover from 2018 to 2019.

Laurie suggested that disbursements to Central Office and District be adjusted in event that GSR expenses push MFG budget into the red. She figures that there will be only modest travel expenses for GSR in 2019.

Leanne said she understood Central Office may be dipping into prudent reserves, which might influence whether MFG wants to reduce disbursements to CO. She will report back on this next month, when budget will be considered under Old Business.

Item: John, new activity chair (and organizer of fantastic 2018 Thanksgiving potluck!), asked about procedure for beginning to organize spring/events for 2019.

Julia said MFG must approve event and budget. John can bring dates, ideas for event, proposed budget etc to monthly business meeting and group will consider. Once event and budget are approved, he can reserve space and proceed with planning. Everyone is excited that activity chair is so on this!!!!

Item:

Julia B has come to the end of her two-year commitment as chairwoman for MFG. She understands candidates for job need 2 years of sobriety and must be able to oversee meetings without expressing any opinions on matters discussed. Chair does not get a vote.

Rick volunteered. He believes he has the temperament for the job. He is 32 years sober.

Motion to appoint Rick as new chair: by Marty, **Seconded** by Erik. **Vote: 10 in favor. Motion passes.** Congratulations Rick and many, many thanks to Julia for her service and cool head during sometimes-heated discussions.

Next meeting to be held Jan. 14, 2019

Adjournment @ 7

Motion to Accept as provided: Laurie Seconded by: Leanne

Vote: in Favor 10 Opposed 0

Motion Carries: Yes X No

Closed with the Serenity Prayer led by Laurie

Meeting Minutes approved and posted: Date _____

Signatures:

Signature of Recording Secretary:

____Carol

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Signature of Chairperson:
