

Medford Fellowship Group
Business Meeting

Date: 5/13/19

Attending: 9

Meeting called to order @ 6:05 by Rick
Serenity prayer led by Rick
12 Traditions led by Erik
Concept 5 read by Laurie

Position: Chair

Roll Call by Secretary Coordinator: members identified themselves!

Mollie, Carol B: co-secretaries; Leanne: treasurer; Les: Friday am; Laurie H: archives; Erik: Mon. Pm. Beginners, literature, backup coffee ((overall service rock star!!)); Ralph: visitor; Marty: Alano Club Liaison; Rick: chair, Tues 8 pm, Thurs 7:30 pm, Sat 8 pm ((another service rock star!)), John ????

Reports:

Secretary's Report

Secretary to read Meeting Minutes from last meeting by: Mollie read her April minutes

Motion to Accept as written/corrected : Leanne

Seconded by: Carol

Vote: 8 # in Favor #

Opposed

Motion Carries: Yes x No

Treasurer's Report by: Leanne

Submitted separately

Fun facts: bottom line from April shows income exceeded expenses by \$327.03!! whoo hoo!! April 7th tradition was \$1,836.23, compared with March's 7th tradition \$2,082.97, but per-seat contributions up in April to 90 cents per seat. Highest this year so far.

Leanne gave notice that after her two years' service as treasurer, she needs to find a replacement. With a fulltime job and other life duties, she is too busy to keep the job indefinitely.

Motion to Accept as provided: Les
Vote: # in Favor 8 # Opposed
No

Seconded by: Laurie
Motion Carries: Yes x

GSR Report By: None

Central Office Report by: None
Reports and flyers, if applicable, are attached .
Verbal overview:

Literature Report by: Erik
Report and flyers (If applicable are attached).

Verbal overview: Three books sold last month. He would like to order \$37 worth of books (two LP Big Books, 2 Daily Reflections) but has only \$31.50 in budget. Laurie moved, Mollie seconded that group advance Erik the \$6.00 to buy those books. Motion carried 8-0. He'll repay advance from future book sale income.

Activities Report by: None
Reports and flyers, if applicable, are attached.

Archivist Report by: Laurie
Reports and flyers, if applicable, are attached

Verbal report: Laurie is busy with plans for Founders' Day. She has a budget and list of jobs that need to be filled. Event will be June 9: 2-4:00 at Alano Club. BBQ and potluck, plus panel and speakers. Last year's event drew 80 folks, and Laurie thinks we need to expect the same number this year. Event will cost about \$230.

Alano Club Liason by: Marty
Reports and flyers, if applicable, are attached.

Verbal Overview Alano Club has taken all steps to eliminate mold problems uncovered during recent repairs. Seems to be mold free now. Marty may send sample to testing company to get final all clear. In the future, may install vent in kitchen.

Observance of the 7th Tradition: Done

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

None

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

Item: Laurie attended recent Grants Pass "Safety and AA: Our Common Welfare" workshop last month. (written report attached). Consensus at business meeting was that there are many other behaviors being tolerated that make folks feel unsafe at Medford meetings. Laurie said, for example, that she and other members feel unsafe with when people bring weapons to meetings: concealed or open carry and would like a code of conduct that says weapons are not allowed. At present, the Alano Club sign says concealed carry is OK. There was a consensus at this business meeting that more needs to be done to stop men (and ((less frequently)) women) from preying on newcomers and other vulnerable members. Mollie and Laurie asked that men present at this MFG meeting begin to call out such behavior when they see other men being inappropriate, especially when it's men who have been sober a long time and should know better. Too many women feel unsafe, Laurie said. Laurie said secretaries need to make it clear that they will call the police if folks are disruptive or threatening or inappropriate. Members' safety should be the first priority.

Laurie moved:

To create an ad hoc committee to:

1. Make a poster code of conduct
2. Create a group inventory.

Discussion: Les initially had doubts about posting code of conduct because he felt that might highlight problems and make folks feel even less safe. "We'd be showing our dark side," he said. Better, he said, to let secretaries discretely monitor what's happening at individual meetings. "What we're doing is working." Marty disagreed. He said he regularly witnesses unacceptable behavior that's not being addressed. He believes people are afraid to come to certain meetings and that a policy of enforcing appropriate

behavior should be make public and talked about. Mollie, Laurie, Carol and other agreed that a public code of conduct would be helpful. Les considered what was said and decided to drop his objections to a publicly stated code of conduct. IMHO: A very productive consensus-building discussion that highlighted the importance of respecting the minority opinion. And Kudos to Les for his open-minded approach to a tough issue.

NOTE: I failed to note who moved and seconded. I know the vote was unanimous on both of Laurie's requests.

Motion to Accept as written/corrected :

Seconded by:

Vote: 8 # in Favor # Opposed

Motion Carries: Yes x No

Next meeting to be held on at 6 pm.

Adjournment @ 7:15

Closed with the Lord's Prayer Led by Rick

Meeting Minutes approved and posted: Date _____

Signature of Recording Secretary:

Signature of Chairperson:
