MID SURREY INTERGROUP 174th ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 6 December 2022

MSIG ASSEMBLIES 2023: TUESDAYS, 8PM: 7TH March; 6th June; 5th September; 5th December (AGM)

MSIG COMMITTEE 2023: WEDNESDAYS 7.30PM"1st February; 3rd May; 2nd August; 1st November

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Traditions – read by Ashley

Apologies: Barbara – Archives; Karla – ECLO; Jacky – Women's Online Courage to Change Meeting; Marco – Probation; Kelly – Woking Recovery by the Lake Sunday

Refreshments: Sunday Aldershot meeting

Welcome to new GSR's: Brian – Guildford Thursday Lunch at the Spike; Emma – Tuesday Newcomers Salvation Army; Lesley – Woking Tuesday Big book Salvation Army; Joe – Woking First things First Lifeworks; Grace – Women's Monday Farnham; Sam – Farnham Thursday night Big Book; Tim – Wed night Aldershot; Shawn – Dorking Monday night As bill Sees it; Alexa – Shalford Sunday morning; Lorraine – Wonersh Thursday 8pm

AA Banning issue

Statement was read out by Bob stating the facts of what has occurred in the past concerning this issue.

It was proposed that we vote on the following two issues:

- A) Should the minutes from the previous Committee meeting be amended stating the facts as they occurred prior to the commencement of the meeting?
- B) Should the banning of the individual concerned be reviewed?

It was voted that the minutes should be amended to include the incident before business started

It was voted that the minutes will be amended, and the ban will be reviewed. The aim is to review the banning issue at the March Assembly.

Andy asked that both sides of the issue should be sent out to the GSRs so that they get a full understanding of the issue. It was decided that Bob should get legal advice and then, if appropriate, circulate the necessary document to GSR's – if possible by the end of January

Vacancies: Share Magazine, Young Persons, Secretary, Prisons Rotating out in March 2023: Telephones, Health

Thanks to Karla who is rotating out. **Tom** has agreed to co-opt into the role and stand for election in March should he wish to. Robin has agreed to cover Schools. Thalia has agreed to cover Employment. All three were voted in.

VERBAL REPORTS

Treasurer update - Jon
Accounts to end of year 2021-2022

Budgeted an income for £25,500 Achieved £24,700 Costs PI event £10,200 Admin £10,000

Currently In the bank there is £9,000

Proposed Budget 2022-2023

Income Contributions - £22,200

Costs – Vantage Point Magazine, Social Media Campaign, Adhoc Campaign, Guildhall event £5,100Admin – £10,100Payment to Region – £6000Gratitude to York – £1000Total Costs 22,200

A few points were raised - a) we don't run the Google ad again, b) the Convention should not be under any pressure to raise money and c) that the reserve seemed quite high.

Due to costs rising, it was suggested we should get a better sense of what people will contribute once we are about three months into the year. It was brought to everyone's attention that there is no pressure at region or GSB. GSB have suggested we spend the money as they don't need it. There is not a shortage of money up the line.

The budget for the year was approved on the condition that the Convention is not under any pressure to make money.

Officer reports

Chair – There are some incidences where GSR has an officer job on the Committee. Bob proposed that if someone is an officer and GSR, they will have only one vote and the vote is for their group. He also stated that any future changes to the agenda should be given with a week's notice of the meeting.

There is currently no active Prison Liaison Officer in MSIG but AA meetings are being held on a regular basis at Send prison. A request has been received to create a literature budget for use in the prison. It was proposed that MSIG create a budget of £200 for this purpose.

Both proposals were passed by a majority.

Vice Chair – Jon E Jon – Where to Finds – if the group information is incorrect, email Jon. He is also responsible for the workshops that are run by Mid-Surrey. He clarified that the Committee is there to serve the groups, so ideas should come from the groups. It is important that GSR's get the word down to the group so that there is not such a big layer of separation.

Jon is planning a workshop on this topic of how to keep group members informed on what goes on at Intergroup in late January.

PI -Yvette. There has been interest from the Samaritans after the last PI event at the Guildhall. 8th March there will be an AA training day for the Samaritans from Guildford and surrounding area. Wednesday 26th April there will be another PI event held at Guildford Guildhall. Yvette is creating a sub-committee to plan the event and needs help with that.

Convention - Janine Cost: £5.00 (or suggested contribution) paid on the day. She asked if flyers could be circulated at the Brighton Convention and at the Regional Workshops and distributed at meetings. Also, if anyone is interested to help out on the day to get in touch with her.

Health – Trish Vantage magazine page inserts were in November, December and January. (Guildford and Godalming areas). A special article on addiction is going to be published in the January issue and AA will be mentioned in the article. There is a talk being organized for next June at Surrey University with the Psychology students. Future ads in other MSIG areas will be considered

Steve - Region Rep. There are vacancies at region that need filling. It is very rewarding and a great progression on from intergroup. Please talk to any of the Region Reps - Paul W, Steve or Steven for more information.

Thanks to Chris B (sound engineer) and Aldershot Sunday meeting for teas. Also to Sue A for taking the minutes.

Next assembly is 7th March 2023 Teas for next time – Guildford Saturday Night

Meeting closed with the Serenity prayer

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