

## Minutes from meeting 6/8/25

In attendance: Ken, Michael E, Mike C, Michael C., Mark M, Amy, Robert K, Paulette, Rachelle, Maud, Kris, and Erin. Cheryl, McC, Elliott and Elena came later.

1. Kris - told us about her trip to the **Ohio convention**. The Atheist's Recover Too workshop was not as well attended as she had hoped. There were three speakers. Her focus message was that the community of NA is HP, not God. She received a lot of good feedback after the presentation. However, every other share she heard at the convention thanked God, and it was very religious. Kris has a recording. Kris was prepared to show receipts: meeting agreed wasn't necessary; she reported that \$944 that was raised for her trip and that she returned \$78 to the group. Michael C. was the person that put it together. He said, the other two speakers Luc and James stated you don't have to rely on the supernatural. He felt like it went well. It was a great convention community and he received no negative feedback.
2. Maud made a report for the **literature group** and requested volunteers to write on the sixth step. They have asked various people to write on steps. The next meeting is at 3 PM Pacific standard time. Writers have been asked to write about their experience with step work. No names will be shared. Feedback welcomed at the next meeting. All are invited to participate.
3. **Secular Meetings of NA Website tutorial**: Kris spoke about doing a brief tutorial at the end of meetings showing people how to use the website. Ken pulled up website and showed how to navigate to different resources available. He said it takes about a minute. The group was in favor of that.
4. **Criteria for what meetings can be added to the list of secular meetings**. Ken shared about a Buddhist 12 step group in Minnesota that had requested to be added to our website. Ken was not opposed to it. Many opinions expressed in agreement that if they are not listed in the NA.org list of meetings and describe themselves as a Buddhist 12 step group we should not add them to our site, but that it could be added to the additional resources section and other sites.
5. **Changes to zoom chat**. Ken spoke about changes in the Zoom chat, and it was mentioned that it could be presented to people by our secretaries in meetings.
6. Ken discussed the **virtual conference** and wants us to submit someone to attend Secular AA, an annual event, to talk about secular NA. There will be a post on

Facebook about this. We have had someone participate in the past. Robert requested that anything that's posted on Facebook be added to the WhatsApp group for those that are not on Facebook. Kris said she would do that.

7. **Recorded speaker guidelines**: Ken suggested we present question to speakers being recorded, to promote more uniformity from speakers and their topics: such as "how to work the steps as a Secular person". Erin suggested that only people who have worked the 12 steps be chosen as speakers. That suggestion was overwhelmingly rejected as a premise for choosing speakers.
8. Ken discussed having a **solidarity day event** (not Unity Day, because NA already has a Unity Day.) We have a few months to discuss it as he anticipates a September date. Kris mentioned that we have had a Unity Day in the past and this year will be the second year.
9. Michael C. suggested we **create a pamphlet and submit to the fellowship for approval about Secular Recovery in NA**. This was overwhelmingly accepted as a good idea. He offered to get a draft prepared to present at the July meeting of this group. Maud Said that there was an IP written a couple of years ago and shared the hurdles that were presented by world. She said it is on the website in Resources and it is called "not a religious program". Michael E suggested we could also put anything we produce in our other resources for our own group in the non-approved literature section.
10. Kris reminded that the **meeting scripts are on the website** and suggested that any meeting that has a script should post it on the website so that it's available for filling in for another secretary.

Paulette said it was the most civilized business meeting she has ever attended.

The meeting closed about an hour and 10 minutes after it began.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup>.