

Participants: Amy N (Chair), Ken S., Raven, Elaina C., Kayla, Kristina J., Lark, Mark M., Maud, Mike C., Rushil, Tom R. (12!)

Meeting started with introductions.

Literature Committee

Maud; reported that she was at the point where she was ready to abandon the project. 11 submissions had been received on members interpretation of the third step. Some language was considered inappropriate or not ideal (like 'sober') and Maud had reached out to the people who submitted asking for help/cooperation/consent to alter the wording etc and no responses had been received.

Kris: Apologized for not supporting the work and recommitted to helping.

Ken; Offered to also get on board the project. Suggested that Maud could announce this committee and it's work at the CommUNITY Day meeting.

Maud; agreed to re-engage with the project.

Raven; asked Maud to explain the project.

Maud ; The Literature Committee started by asking for submissions on the third step because that seemed to be the one which attracted a lot of questions. 11 people submitted their interpretation of or their way of practicing the third step. The group came to a standstill when no one responded to emails requesting consent for some minor revisions. Maud restated that she is willing to give this another try.

Zoom License Upgrade (relating to translation for people who don't speak English)

Ken; some discussion was had about this issue but it was determined (by Elaina) that zoom does not actually have a live translation function but has a license which enabled actual humans to act as translators on particular dedicated audio channels. It was noted that zoom does have live captioning which allows people to have a live translation (into written words) which show up on the users screen. This may be useful to people who don't speak English.

Raven; asked about the secular NA Zoom account and it was explained that this account is managed (by Bob O) by the Seattle group. Some other groups also contribute 7th tradition funds to this account.

Maud; asked about the account and Kris stated that the account was quite healthy (\$400) and that they had a policy that states that should the amount exceed \$500 they would pass funds on to NAWS.

Community Day Event

Kris; The planning committee has met three times so far and is well advanced with planning. We have a format, an opening statement and most speakers lined up. We will meet again on Wednesday to finalize things. The flyer will be placed on the Facebook page (and other related Facebook pages) as well as the website.

Ken; talked about liaising with Seattle and the Freethinker (Florida) groups to include their history in his talk at the start of the meeting.

Maud; asked if the flyer will be posted on the Secular AA Coffee Shop Facebook group and Ken agreed to do this. Also some discussion was had regarding the virtual NA server having this event listed. Kris explained that the meeting was being hosted by an existing meeting (Sunday Beyond Belief International) but that it was starting 30 minutes earlier. Ken volunteered to contact Virtual NA to see if this information could be placed on their site just for this Sunday.

Amy; thanks to all who have worked on this event.

Raven; asked if the meeting could be recorded. Discussion followed and it was unanimously decided that it was not practical to record the event. It is not as simple as when we record a guest speaker for example.

New Business

Ken; mentioned the bombing event that occurred last Friday in Australia where the perpetrators exploited a weakness in the license (a Victorian Area Zoom Meeting License) setting which allowed some kind of AI related request to be repeatedly displayed on the screen. The meeting had to shutdown and restart. Ken will have a document related to this and how to counter it to these minutes.

Tom; Talked about how the college he is enrolled with has a resources page (for students) which includes AA and NA. Tom asked if it was appropriate to offer them the website for secular meetings of NA. Discussion centered around the traditions and it was unanimously decided that there is no violation regarding offering this information to that organization for inclusion on their resources page.

Conclusion

Amy; concluded the meeting (ten minutes early) by thanking everyone and setting the next date for our service meeting as November 9th.