

## 1 Literature Committee;

Kris; Trey is the new secretary. We have developed a set of questions about the first step and will send these to people who wish to participate. We are currently writing questions for the second step and will continue with this work for all twelve steps.

Dave; Asked should we be selecting who gets to answer the questions or should it be more random?

Kris; ok we will take that on board.

Maud; We were looking for people who we know have worked the steps. It was more to target appropriate people than to exclude anyone.

## 2 Podcast

Mike E; he proposal is to use the existing recordings from the website as podcast episodes with the aim of increasing the audience. Mike demonstrated an example of one he has done including an introduction. There is a form which speakers need to sign to give permission for their recording to be used for a podcast. Mike played some of his introduction and asked for feedback.

Dave; The introduction seems excessively long.

Mike; I could shorten it.

Michelle; Agreed that its a bit lengthy and shared that she had heard it done where there is a section of commentary in the middle and at the end of a podcast. Asked is there a place for an introductory message for the channel itself?

Mike; The introduction is done mainly in text.

Michelle; I would caution about referring to "therapy" in the intro to an NA podcast. Seems like an endorsement of "therapy".

Mike C; Thought the intro was a bit long. he intends listening to some secular AA podcasts for comparison.

Elaina; Didn't have any concern regarding the reference to "therapy". NA does encourage outside help. It could be rephrased in that way?

Robert K; Talked about steering a course to not draw the ire of NA purists. Urged a more careful approach to present secular meetings of NA as non-threatening.

Dave; Cited Tradition 6 regarding endorsement.

Mike E; Accepts the suggestion not to use "therapy" in his introduction. Explained that it was a part of what was shared by the speaker.

Michelle; Both introductions seemed too long but also added that it all looks great.

Mike E; Stated that he didn't feel that we needed to water down the message of secular meetings of NA.

(Some discussion was had regarding a committee to help out but Mike agreed to have two people volunteer to help him with the process rather than forming a committee.)

Michelle; Could we add the podcast to the NAWS website?

(Discussion concluded that it was unlikely that NAWS would cooperate in that way.)

Gerry; Has been hearing about preemptive cowering towards pushback from mainstream NA purists and asked had others seen that?

Kris; There is some robust discussion on some other NA related Facebook groups. Nothing has ever come from any official NA sources.

Robert K; I am more concerned about us being seen as going against Traditions or mainstream conventions and urged a careful approach.

Maud; Once we get the podcast up and running it could be linked to Virtual-NA.

Mike E; Asked could we go ahead with the podcast?

(No vote was taken but there was unanimous consent.)

At this point before we moved on to the next agenda item Ken asked permission to share a short anecdote;

Ken; In my role monitoring the email for SMNA I received the following email yesterday morning: "I was so glad I found this group. I was just 30 seconds from turning my back on NA because all of the religion is so triggering. I am so excited to be joining this community. Thanks for all the work and service it takes to keep the website and meetings running." I just wanted to drop that in to lift our focus onto the bigger picture of what we are all doing here and to add my belief that the podcast is a great idea. Thanks.

### 3 Promotion of the NAWS CAR Surveys

The survey is only open until April 1st. We have a small committee, Ken, Kris and Rushil and Mike C helping with flyers. Mike did a number of great flyers which will be posted on the website and Facebook group over the next two weeks. We also ask groups to promote this strongly.

Robert K; suggested posting these flyers on some of the other Facebook groups where we post meeting flyers.

### 4 St Patrick's Day Special Event Tuesday March 17th

The activities committee has been working on this for a bit. Thanks to the Tuesday meeting "A Secular Meeting of NA" for allowing us to borrow their meeting room and time to run this event. We decided to use the SPAD from April 11th on Kindness as our theme and to run the meeting in a simple format. Thanks to all who worked on this especially Kris, Rushil, Elaina and Mike C for his excellent flyers.

Maud; suggested that we use the QR code for all of our flyers as this would simplify getting on to meetings for many folks.

Mike C; agreed to do this.

### 5 Bulletin Board on the Website

Kris; this could be used to advertise service positions or special events.

Rushil; people would need to submit a form. Implementation is not a problem.

Dave; Make sure it is confined to NA only.

Mike E; disagreed and suggested that secular AA for example would be suitable for including.

Michelle: Allowing things other than NA can cause headaches on Facebook groups etc.

Kris; suggested that we could form a committee or working group to look into social media policy.

Mike C; stated that it should be NA only

Kris; we should remain open-minded about content.

Mike E; Wouldn't it be the same as the Secular NA Coffee Shop Facebook page?

Kris; suggested that rules would need to be drawn up for the admins of the bulletin board

Maud; The Facebook group is not NA. Lets just make sure we keep the main front pages NA. Links etc to other related content is ok.

Kris; Sees the bulletin board as secular NA material only. The resource page or links is a different thing. We can continue this discussion at the next service meeting.

#### 6 New Business

Dave; is concerned that several of our meetings close the room 20 minutes after the start time as a response to zoom bombers. he feels that the rooms should remain open and that bombers can be dealt with in other better ways.

Maud; Both meetings have added this information to their meeting information.

Kris; reiterated that meetings are autonomous and the place to discuss this would be at those groups business meetings. Our service group has no power to try and direct groups.

Elaina; Asked that these groups stick to the 20 minute rule as she had tried to join one of them 15 minutes after start time and the room was already locked.

Meeting closed on the hour. Next meeting will be on April 12th.