

Laurel Recovery Steering Committee Minutes

April 17, 2021

Attendees: Angela G., Cicely N., Nikki S., Colleen B., Stacy R., Arle, Margaret M., Jeanne O., John R., Lisa C., Margaret F., Michigan Mike, Nettie T., Theresa O.C., Karen C., Thomas J., John K., Cal B., Jay F., Mary G., Lynnell M.

- LR Steering Committee Minutes called to order at 1001 AM with the Serenity Prayer.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 17, 2021 minutes. The minutes were approved.
 - Coffee served at meetings (paper cups only) as the guideline for MD does not prohibit drinks.
 - Secretaries should enforce mask mandate.
 - Consider not having coffee as it will encourage people to not wear masks at all times.
 - Individual meetings are determining whether coffee can be served.
 - Motion made to NOT serve coffee, unplug machine and place sign on it to NOT use.
 - Masks MUST be worn at meetings; some people have not complying with the mask mandate
 - Psychos R Us is now in person only.

Reports:

Chairperson – Theresa O.C.

Vice Chairperson – Vincent C.

- Attended in person meetings; safe social distancing, masks worn.
- Coffee in meetings
 - Steering committee vetoed that in accordance with the current CDC guidelines. Discussion tabled until April after review of current CDC guidelines (Angela G. to bring to next Steering Committee meeting).

Treasurer – Lynnell M., Nikki S.

- Financial report sent to Laurel Recovery email; \$700.00 collected. Larger portion comes from virtual meetings.
 - Nikki to add additional apps for online donations.
- Motion to approve.

GSR Representative – Sharon C. (not present)

- Nothing to report

WAIA – Jeanne O.

- Minutes not posted yet.
- Meeting in a Pocket to be developed for distribution

- Sponsorship conference tentative for September
- Chat training 4/19/21 @7pm, must have 1 year sobriety. Location on the website.
- Opportunities for virtual H&I meetings
- LRC meetings not listed on the app

H&I – Brandon C. (not present), alternate Thomas J. present

- Nothing to report
- WAIA is looking for groups to take on sponsorship of particular institutions.

Supplies – Michigan Mike

- Nothing to report

Chips – Shawn M. (not present)

- Next ceremony 4/18/21 @ 1pm. Highland park.

Publications and Literature - Jeanne O.

- Inventory of closet conducted; no need for additional literature as of now.
- When Meeting in a Pocket is available, LRC should order.

Secretary Coordinator – Lisa C.

- Meetings are going back to in person. If you are secretary for virtual, you will be expected to be the secretary of the in-person meeting. If the secretary is not able to fulfill the in-person role, a group conscience must be held.
 - Angela – Thursday night BB meeting will need new secretary once transition to in-person meetings occur.

Website – John R.

- Will continue to run website
- Stats report listed on website
- WAIA does have LRC meetings listed.

Liaison to in person meetings – Ed P. (not present)

New business:

- Jason – coffee in meetings.
 - Get personalized cups
 - Remove Styrofoam cups – Stacy R.
 - Use paper cups per Maryland law in 2020 – John R.
 - Michigan Mike to remove and replace cups
- Jeannie O. – continue virtual when COVID restrictions lift. Obtain a credit card to purchase Zoom license for LRC. Will need a virtual tech team.
 - Colleen B., in favor of virtual meetings remaining open.
 - Stacy R., opportunity to help more with continuing virtual meetings

- Arle – maintain virtual meetings; reaching more people with virtual meetings. Financially generating more money for LRC.
- Jim S., virtual meetings have better attendance.
- John R., motion to suspend pulling virtual meetings until Maryland completely lifts all restrictions – motion passed. Form a committee to run the virtual meetings. Secretaries to fulfill role as zoom tech as well – withdrawn. Schedule meeting to transition virtual responsibilities by the next steering committee.
- Margaret F., motion to make a zoom tech an officially recognized service position. Seconded by Jeannie. Rescinded until after next steering committee.
- Theresa – Vote: virtual/in person meeting liaison removed; steering committee members will serve as liaison for virtual/in person meetings. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1142 with the Serenity Prayer