

G2 Business Meeting Minutes 12-19-2020

Introduction

- This is the first business meeting of G2. Meeting started with the Chairperson (Brian) providing an explanation of the origins of the group.
 - G2 started in May 2020.
 - There was a split in the Gateway group due to differences of opinion as to whether to meet in person or Zoom only during the pandemic. Gateway chose to meet online only, and a new group was formed to maintain in-person meetings.
 - A steering committee of 6 people was formed to get the group started. The steering committee is comprised of Scott, Jasen, Tim S, Susan, Russell, and Brian.
 - G2 gave the Gateway group all of the money, coffee, books, etc. The G2 steering committee felt this was the most ethical way to start the new group.
 - Each of the 6 people put in a \$200 donation to get started with brochures, books, rent, etc.
 - By-laws were drafted in order to open a bank account. Some of the by-laws include:
 - G2 will always maintain an in-person meeting
 - Love and tolerance is our code
 - Steering committee will add to by-laws with basic principles
- **Service positions:** 2 year terms starting April 5, 2021. Currently Brian = Chair, Susan = Treasurer, Jasen = GSR, Russell = Secretary (handing off to Becky). These positions can only be replaced by a unanimous vote by the steering committee.
 - 2 year service positions
 - 2 year sobriety requirement for each position
 - Elections 1 year prior to a position opening for an alternate/apprenticeship position

- **Financial Report:** (Susan) Financial statement shows \$1410 from the original deposit from the 6 steering committee members. Question on whether they should be paid back? No - they gave this as a donation and have no expectation of return. The plan is to have 6 month's prudent reserve.
 - Current balance = \$2977.70
 - **GSR Report/Alcathon:** (Jasen) The Alcathon will be a Zoom meeting this year, 6am to midnight on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, New Years Eve, and New Years Day. Other meetings are still meeting in person. Schedules are available near the brochures at G2, and the area website also has a copy.
 - Area website: d34a51.com
- **Questions/Discussion**
 - What if Gateway members want to come back? We will welcome them back to the G2 meeting. G2 has the agreement with the church.
 - Question about communication for the group. Most likely will be via email.
 - Concern about the power being in the hands of 6 people.
 - Suggestion: Instead of 1 chairperson, have a chair committee to avoid 1 person becoming a scapegoat. Split up the responsibility; there is a lot of responsibility for 1 person to have to open up, etc. Maybe having 3 people instead of 1 would help.
 - The steering committee acts as the chair committee.
 - Maybe each item brought up can be discussed at the next business meeting.
 - Questions on how the elections and service positions will operate.
 - Rather than have an immediate vote, take the time to think about it, do some research, then discuss again.
 - Group should be fully informed before we vote, so we are not making seat of the pants, uninformed vote.
 - Gratitude for the steering committee for all of their hard work and getting this group started.

- Concern of steering committee; need to turn it over to a group conscience sooner than later. Gives appearance that it looks like governing. And making all decisions. Leaves it open to complaint. Time to open it up to a group.
- Maybe in 2 months allow group to vote for positions.
- Need to make these as official proposals. The purpose of this meeting was to be an introduction for the group. Will need to have it become official, and bring proposals.
- How often will business meeting be held? Monthly.
- What is the process to bring items to the business meeting?
- What is the group conscience going to be? 2/3 vote of members present.
- Tradition Two; read it before the next meeting; this is what was happening between Gateway and G2.
- Are we going to use Roberts Rules of Order? Roberts Rules of Order does not have the informed Group Conscience. G2 will use the informed Group Conscience.

Next business meeting = January 16, Saturday, 1:15pm.