

Minutes 1/24/2015 Monthly Meeting 1:30 PM EST

Meeting opened by Chair from MI began at 1:30 with the Serenity Prayer.

Information about "Building Maintenance" regarding all meetings held on 712 432-8733 52639# access code.

PDF file on phonemeetings.org website were referenced.

Here is the PDF that was referenced:

Main Point: "The Structure of the Meeting Reps is the future foundation of leadership in this bridge..." They elect leaders, service positions, policy, scheduling etc. It is the first priority and the only future we have to move forward. We can express our concerns without a majority of reps... but we will not be able to build/move forward without them... (we are too big now and many people use this for their health and their families health.... Get this part done/and done right and the rest will build with ease. (well not ease but forward motion will happen with no blame) The reason it is the way it is now is not because we want it to be that way... it is because we don't have the system (24 reps) we need... (majority representation... meeting reps from individual meetings)... the founders are not going to step down from our positions until we have a governing body to step down to... discussing is great... but we need representation for decisions. 25 reps. 1. I absolutely believe in the group conscience with proper representation... 25 meeting reps making decision that effect the health of this bridge. 2. I absolutely don't believe in public opinion in making decisions unless they are backed by their individual meetings support.....as being elected as a rep and taking the decision back to their meeting to tell the rep what to vote for. Some truths vs. myths: World service completely backs our right to organize for bridge is out of their structure in the voting of changing policy of Al-Anon. They rightly so don't want the web without borders and physicality known to effect what is built slowly and is steady fast in Al-Anon's history. Can you image 400,000 hits in a night changing the concepts over night like the web can do? Al-Anon is a very very slow process. (because we are not a physical place represented by a GSR that reports to an area that reports to a district that report to a state and etc.) We are seen as an empty hall that can organize for matters concerning the building and its safety and the schedule of its use. (That is all the 24 meeting rep will do...PERIOD not overcome Al-Anon and etc.) Also...World Service can not and will not organize us, tell us what is right and wrong in matters with our building... It would be as stupid as someone calling up world service from an alano club complaining about someone parking on the grass. It is not their matter or concern. The phone meetings are just "church basements". Each meeting is approved, but the meeting can move to a different address like a live meeting can. The actual bridge is not the connection to WSO. Just like the churchs or not a connection to WSO. Attached is the meetings so far that have Meeting reps... I think about 10 or 11... that is only about 13 left to actually ... as you asked "TO MOVE FORWARD". Advantages of meetings having group reps: Group reps get leader code... Group reps are longer service positions and are more stable vs. leaders of meeting ... so Group Reps get leader code to pass on to the leader of the meeting. When we have 24 meeting reps they will effect policy of the bridge. We the founders will listen with absolute trust in a majority of reps... not to a public forum because it does not fully represent the bridge. 24 or more elected Meeting Reps does represent the Bridge. We have about 10 now... we need about 14 more to be elected and send info to alanonphonemeetingssecretary.com 1. First Name and Last initial of elected Meeting Rep 2. Phone number 3. Email 4. State they are from. When we have 24 meeting reps please vote us out of the positions we have been waiting for years to past to the majorities decisions. 2. Dual Member can do any service position on bridge above meeting level if it has to do with the building (our bridge... it is just a building (remember we as a building are not in the Al-Anon structure) Again the Dual member

thing ...like the other stuff has to do with voting that effects Al-Anon...That is what rightly so WSO is concerned about protecting.... our building matters do not effect the voting in WSO in district meetings in Area meeting in state meeting and etc... In short...we need a real voting body. Regards and thank you, Billy

* Chair thanks security monitors for all the work they've been doing to keep the lines clear and quiet from intruders.

* Put out a request for more security monitors. Security monitors will remain anonymous.

*There will be a meeting every Saturday at 1:30 (except for the 2nd Saturday of the month) until the Bridge is back on track with a voting body.

*Chair asked for Reports

**Web monitor*- no report

**Email Information Person*: Email addresses were given out.

For *General information* email: phonemeetingsinformation@yahoo.com

For *Web/Format* issues email:

phonemeetingsweb@yahoo.com

For *Monitors, disruptions, dialing in problems ("Building Maintenance")*

email:

phonemeetingsmonitor@yahoo.com

General email will be checked at least once a week.

*Chair explained that moving forward the elected reps from each meeting would be given the opportunity to share first.

There was a role call taken:

Mon 6 am absent

Tues.6am absent

Tues10pm present

Wed 6am absent

Thurs noon present

Friday10pm absent

(Missed one?) absent

Sat 10 am absent

Sat 6pm absent

*Chair requested Spiritual timekeeper for 3-minute shares Member from NC stepped up to do service. (Thank-You)

*Sharing Began with elected meeting reps "MSBR":

Tues 10 pm MSBR: Sounds good, clear information, building and moving forward, getting 25 reps in place sounds good.

Thursday noon MSBR: agreed moving forward, observed more people on the bridge these days, and regular sect./chair is very rare. A “MSBR” could explain what being a monitor is.

*Discussion from various Members:

Member from Maryland: Doesn't entertain the person causing disruption compares them to a bully, she doesn't pay attention and they go away. Also feels the reactions to the intruder are sometimes more disturbing than the intrusion.

Email Info Person: Grateful for the Experience/Strength and Hope gained from working together on building this phone bridge over the years.

Member from NJ: E/S/H, about service & importance of “listening”, Also how in doing service she learned it's always up to Higher Power, and just because it doesn't go your way doesn't mean it's broken, learned about all the parts of service, and to continue to show up.

Member from?: On the bridge since 2007, sort of knows the history, process, timing. Monitors are helping.

Member from Mass:

Question? Did MSBR's know about today's meeting via email? Member called in out of habit from so many years of Monthly Meetings. Need elected MSBR from each group, even though some members may not differentiate each autonomous meeting because they aren't walking into different rooms.

Member from NYC: concerns about crosstalk, Leaders, must address it (maybe in the format), 3 daily readers one referenced Bible, and someone accused her of proselytizing.

Member inquired what kind of meeting this is?

*Chair responds

“Building Management Meeting” referenced Website, PDF files, What we can do to learn and grow in the future.

Member from NYC: E/S/H been on the bridge 5 years found bridge after surgery, used to be the fellowship time was limited. Prayers for the intruder. Thanks to all doing service. Good to hear from long time members.

Member for NY: E/S/H lot's of chaos last year, someone was reminded, "people aren't angels" they are all. Been kicked of by mistake, we've come along way and have a long way to go.

Member from Missouri: Thank you so much, needs bridge due to health problems, very grateful.

Member from Vermont: been on the bridge since 2008 appreciate kept it going all these years, first was located in a rural place 50 miles from a f2f meeting. Happy to hear familiar voices even tough she can now go to F2F meetings.

Chair gave out email address

Email Info Person gave out email address

*Tues 10 pm MSBR asked about announcing the need for more "reps"

Discussion about announcing in each meeting the need for "representation at this meeting"

Member asked what we should call this service position?

**Discussion among members present, all agreed on "Meeting Space Building Representative" "MSBR".*

**Discussion about what to call meeting:*

Some possibilities were

Bridge Building Meeting, Bridging the Gap, Building the Bridge Meeting (name not chosen yet).

Chair requested Email Info Person to close meeting

All were thanks for their participation and the meeting was closed with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes draft respectfully submitted 1/28/2015

From Email Information Person

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