**E & M Intergroup May Minutes 2023**

Present- Grace (Chair), Josh D (PLO), Graham L (Palmerston GSR), Chloe (Lipstick with the Winners), Sarah R (EPP) Ash (EPP - minute taker in Richards absence), Jemma ( Region), Suzie (Observing), Dougie (PI,/Edinburgh 1st) ,Christine (Manic Mondays), Davy (?), Gordon ( Upton and Sober ) Colin (ELCO/CoTGS) , Sara (Royal Ed) , Lisa S (Friday CoTGS), Ewen (Seaside Serenity) , Steven ( St Catherine's Convent), Steven (St Johns)

Apologies – Richard (Sec), Maria (Treasurer) Nat (East End)

**Approval of last months meeting minutes**

No t approved. Request for amendment to March 2023 minutes. Under item 2 “Gordon to represent region” be amended to “ Gordon was put forward and voted in as a conference delegate”

**Item 1**

Colin F presented costs for purchasing AV equipment to host hybrid meetings.

Clarity from Grace that use of equipment for Intergroup activities.

Issue about equipment maintenance- Colin clarified equipment would be under manufacturers warranty.

Vote on purchasing equipment – passed with 1 opposed

Discussion around where equipment will be stored

Action- Colin will purchase equipment

Action- Grace to contact convent about storage

**Item 2**

Donation to the convent proposed by Dougie.

Comments that the group should be paying our way and self supporting as outlined under traditions 7.

Monthly payment suggested

Gordon proposed £20 per month (£240 per year)

Vote- passed with 2 opposed

Action – Maria to contact convent and arrange payment

**Item 3**

PLO update from Josh D

Issue surrounding the funding VGs which are necessary for AA to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic in prison.

Josh is meeting with region PLO to gather further information.

Josh asking if intergroup would fund application fee for 4 VGs.

Josh also requesting money from Intergroup for purchase of Big Books for prison-As trusted servant Josh to liaise with Maria (Treasurer) for money to purchase Big Books

Proposal- as a trusted servant Josh has autonomy to make a decision -following meeting with Region PLO - on the funding of 4 VGs up to the value of £100

**Item 4**

Conference feedback from Gordon.

Gordon has been elected as secretary for conference committee 5 for 2024

Gordon asked if Edinburgh and Midlothian were the only IG at conference with experience of doing hybrid meetings. Gordon confirmed this was the case

**Item 5**

Discussion around article by Non Alcoholic Trustee in AA Service news- could the contact be seen as contrary to the AA 36 principles?

Ewen – no opposition to the article from Seaside Sunday group.

Other comments included that NAT was giving his experience of AA in the article, that there is was no concerns with violation of tradition of 11 as picture was that of a NAT

No further action

At this point Steven (St Catherine's Convent) left the meeting

**Item 6**

Colin has a stock of copies of “Where to Finds” for groups

Gordon is working on producing a 3 page fold out of the “Where to finds”. Once completed he will print off 500 to make available for groups

**AOCB**

Topic suggestions for next IG workshop session to be held on June 29th

Visit from Region archivist

Workshop on what conference is and questions for conference process

Visit from Region PLO rep

Outcome: Gordon to lead workshop on conference and questions for conference questions

Action: Jemma to ask Region Archivist to come along to IG meeting in July

Action Jemma to produce a flyer for June workshop

Action: Jemma to get information on the qualifications for Scotia Region Rep representative

Action: Gordon to decide on process for collating groups submission for questions for conference

Please have group liaison officer reports to the secretary by 20th July 2023

Next IG meeting is a hybrid meeting 27th July 2023 (7 for 7.15)