



Minutes Full Board of Trustees
Tuesday January 8, 2019
5:30 p.m. (time in Minnesota)
Conference Call # (605) 472-5304
Participant code: 488333#

1. Call to order at 5:31/Serenity Prayer by Derita - Gus
2. Old Business - Elaine
 - a. Spanish Today book is published
 - i. 125 available. Colleen is going to look into some possible free advertising to reach the Hispanic market.
 - b. Bylaw revisions vote results*
 - i. Scott, Gus, John and Colleen approved by email.
 - ii. Elaine put them on the website
 - c. Prospective trustee (Paul N.)
 - i. Gus has contacted him several times. Paul wants to wait to ask for recommendations from his group members and to make his fourth step which he is working on. By-laws require completion of step four and five before joining the Board. Gus will stay in touch in hopes that Paul might join the Board in July.
 - d. Adding crisis line information
 - i. Tabled from last meeting. Desire to have a way to help people who call the office in a way beyond just referring them to 911. Referring callers to a 211 number or a national, toll-free warm line may be acceptable as long as staff is clear that the information is not an endorsement of the organization. Scott will investigate the warm line and 211 and report back at the next meeting.
3. Review of finances* - Scott
 - a. Overall finances are good, though negative at this point. Efforts to increase contributions and sales will be a major focus in the coming year. New literature will help substantially.
4. Book and Literature committee update - Scott
 - a. The Guide to Working the 12 Steps is out and selling fast.
 - b. Welcoming Spirituality will be coming out soon.
 - c. Scott asked for a goal of voting on Welcoming prior to the February retreat. John and Scott approved it already and Derita has expressed approval. Colleen needs the final version. Gus will finish it in the next week. January 22nd is the deadline for review and approval via email vote.
 - d. Outreach Committee is reviewing 5 pamphlets and updating them.

- e. Procrastination pamphlet **was approved**. Scott made the motion. Colleen seconded.

- 5. Set 2019 meeting schedule & Board orientation - Elaine
 - a. Elaine will send out a doodle poll.
 - b. Next meeting will be February 12 at 5:30 p.m.

- 6. Choose Connection writing dates and topics* - Elaine
 - a. Colleen will take February and Derita in March. Trustees will get back to Elaine with other dates.

- 7. Update on November survey results - Elaine
 - a. Sent out to Board members Dec 27
 - b. Results on website (spotlight and news)
 - c. Follow up email to 61 individuals who offered to help
 - d. December survey out

*Documents will be sent via email prior to the meeting if not included with agenda.