

VSB Meeting July 14, 2018 (as corrected August 13, 2018)

Minutes

Next Meeting – Sunday, August 12 – 4:45 PM

I. Opening

Reading of 12 Steps

Reading of 12 Traditions

Reading of Concepts 3, 4 and 5 – Chair, Audrey

Timer – Nancy P volunteered

Summary of Roberts Rules of Order – Chair, Audrey

II. Chair Welcome – Chair summarized recent VSB activity:

The VSB has worked through some amends. It has successfully implemented the 60 second limit for those wishing to share on VSB meetings. The VSB is following Roberts Rules of Order to the best of its ability. There is renewed communication with the We Care List and 5 of 9 meetings have representatives. The VSB is focusing its work on maintaining the Website and the We Care List, participating in World Service, and supporting members. Members are now able to add items to the VSB agenda via the website.

III. Roll Call of Attendees by Secretary, Helen M.

Sun 3 PM – Barbara N.

Sun 6 PM -

Monday -

Tuesday day -

Tuesday eve - Howard

Wed – Charles (OR), Megan (VA)

Thursday -

Friday Saturday Chair

– Audrey Treasurer –

Molly (NC) Secretary –

Helen M.

We Care List Committee members – Jane B.

Website Committee Members – Molly (NC, Chair)

Others in Attendance: Nancy T.

IV. **Minutes from the June 10, 2018 meeting** (emailed out prior to meeting) Minutes were unanimously approved.

V. **Committee Reports** (distributed in advance of the meeting via email)

Chair Report – There was no report due to medical leave

Website Committee Report – It was reported that the number of visitors to the website is increasing every month, with up to 13,000 visitors per month.

We Care List Committee Report – Jane B. reported that she came on Board via the prior committee Chair. Things are generally going well. Committee is trying to figure out how to communicate with those who do not have email. Jane suggested members with email share news with those who do not have it.

Treasurer's Report was approved. Budget is \$1,912.64

VI. **Old Business**

A. Volunteer Trusted Servant Positions. All VSB positions (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary) are open to be filled in September. New representatives will be voted on at the September meeting. There is a description of the service positions on the website. All are one-year positions except for the Treasurer position, which is 2 years. A member noted that we can accept volunteers from the floor at the time of the election.

One suggestion was made to have a new trusted service position, a person who could work in the background to help fill these positions. It was agreed it is up to the meeting representatives to share the need for volunteers for these positions with their meetings, and announce the dates of the next two VSB meetings. A question was raised if the need for volunteers is being shared with those meetings which do not have meeting representatives. It was suggested that some of us could commit to announcing the upcoming service positions on other meetings. Helen offered to announce on next Saturday's meeting and Howard offered to announce it at Monday, Wednesday and Friday Meetings

A Motion was made to announce the two upcoming VSB meetings, August 12 and September 9, and to post this information on the website. Motion passed. The

Motion was amended to also post on the website the upcoming openings for Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, for the website and We Care List committees, and for meeting representatives for some of the meetings. Amended motion passed unanimously.

- B. We Care List Committee – Jane B. is acting as Interim Coordinator - Jane was thanked for her service. Jane is willing to serve as the permanent We Care List coordinator through August of 2019. Motion made to approve Jane B. Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair suggested that other We Care List issues be tabled until August. A concern was raised that these issues are complicated and we may not want to discuss them at the next meeting when we will be recruiting volunteers for VSB positions. A member said there was some overlap from prior discussions.

One suggestion was to create a password protected section of the website to house the We Care List so it would not need to be emailed out regularly.

Jane B. likes the idea of having it connected to the VSB website, but thinks some people may have trouble downloading it. It would be more efficient but there still needs to be a way for people to send emails with questions. Jane thinks current process is working well.

A concern was raised about the newcomers/struggling list and that it may be too passive a mechanism to assist people. It was suggested that it would be more helpful to have people willing to reach out to newcomers, and then a name could be given to newcomers. Alternatively, members of this committee call this the newcomer. This would reduce the number of emails going out and potentially be more effective.

Jane B. likes this idea but said it creates another committee and more work. She said it would be helpful if the VSB could agree how often the newcomers/returning list should be emailed out. Right now, it usually goes out every 2-3 weeks. Her preference is to keep it simple.

Another suggestion was to put two documents on the website, one a list for those willing to call newcomers and the other a list of those wanting calls.

A concern was shared that the “Newcomer/People Struggling” list was never approved by group conscience of the VSB. It was suggested that we approve it, decide how often it should be mailed out, and determine the parameters for how the list is to be used.

Jane B. noted that to be included on the list, newcomers and returning members must go to the website and affirmatively indicate they want to be on the list.

A motion was made to continue the Newcomer/Struggling list and that it be sent out once a month. Motion was seconded. There was further discussion about whether or not there is an adequate way to assist newcomers and those struggling, and the best name for the list. The motion was revised to state that a “Newcomer and Returning Member” list would be sent out once a month with the names of those who ask to be included on this one-time list. Motion was passed, with one opposed and one abstention.

- C. “90-minute meeting” listed on the website. Concern had been expressed that there was a “90 minute HOW meeting” listed on the website. The Website Chair noted that that meeting had dissolved and had already been removed from the website.
- D. Squarespace Website – Molly reported that on the January 2018 meeting, it was voted to keep this website for 6 months. We kept it open for 6 months to get all of the resources off of it, which has happened. She learned that apparently we had two domain names. We no longer subscribe to either one and so they will both be gone.
- E. “100 slip questions” - A concern was raised about whether they should be on the website. Molly reported that she has edited them to remove any strange language and has cleaned up the formatting, etc. A member requested to see the revised questions before they are posted. Member moved that the “100 Slip Questions” be sent to VSB members to review and vote on at the next meeting. Following discussion, the Motion passed.

The next meeting of the VSB is Sunday, August 12, at 4:45 eastern time. The September meeting will be on September 9, at the same time.

The meeting closed with the “we version” of the third step prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M.