

WACYPAA Advisory Teleconference (11-1-2012) Minutes

Meeting started at 9:03pm Pacific Time

Serenity Prayer – Kate B.

Attendees: Erica W., Steve R., Jared T., Kate B., Dillon A., Mark C., Lindsay L., Dain R., Lorie R., Ryan S., Jon G., Eryka C., Tom D.

Erica W. – Going over the facts, the fiscal situation, discussion to follow.

Robbie P. took funds, is still sober, and has admitted to taking funds.

WACYPAA has roughly \$1000 and \$14,400 is missing.

We have insurance we will need to purchase \$500 to \$700. We have money outstanding, that needs to be paid back for those on outreach trips. We also will need seed money for the next conference – and we will probably need to ask this year's host committee for our "core" expenses soon after the conference if possible.

Erica W. goes over Bylaw 3.3

3.3 Removal

The Advisory Council shall have the power, by a two-thirds majority of its membership, to remove any member of the Advisory Council for some, any, or all of the following causes:

- (a) Theft, fraud, or other deliberate illegal conduct damaging to the Conference's financial or reputational interests.

(Adopted 6/4/2010, Yosemite)

Erica W.

We have talked to council, and Anna, and Madeleine P. Opening it up to discussion:

Casey L.

Talked to Madeleine P., she has seen similar situations. GSO will not take a stance on this. Her primary focus when discussing the issue was Tradition 2 – "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience." She stressed that the word "Loving" god. She also stressed that punitive actions are up to the group, but could get AA's and WACYPAA's name into a position of possible public controversy. Also that punitive actions will may not actually result in money being returned, or be good for the individual – and that, in general if we can work out restitution outside of the court system that would be for the best of AA, WACYPAA, and the

individual. Casey does not feel Robbie should be off council.

Steve R.

He should be removed and be prosecuted.

Eryka C.

Very disappointed in what has happened. I feel responsible to the conference; we need to get a system to not let this happen again. We are doing half-ass jobs.

Kate B.

Money makes people emotional charged. It's hard to talk about. It is our reputation is on the line. Kate is for the removal based on the by-laws. Advisory council may not be a good place for Robbie with all that guilt and shame. Whatever our group conscious is what we want to do.

Dylan A.

Feels that it angers him and feels he should be removed. It's very disappointing.

Mark C.

Spoke to Robbie today. Mark feels a little bit ashamed that we did not take more action towards Nate in Eugene. Mark feels we cannot trust Robbie, because of that he should be removed council.

Lindsay L.

It is heartbreaking though the bylaws are clear. Not being on council will not keep him sober. It is not okay and I feel he should not be on council. The way we react to Robbie, the way we talk about this situation to others is how we are representing WACYPA.

Jon G.

I have been going back and forth on this. I know people that have come out on the other side. We all carry a message, and Robbie is faced with the choice of making this a positive message that he can carry on to others, or a negative one. This is going to be tough, and will go with whatever the group decides.

Tom D.

I am not upset at the situation. Money is money; it's really not in my feelings that it is a big deal. I have to remove Robbie from the situation. As a business owner, we are a corporation if one of my employees that work for me took this money, could I trust that

individual if they did that? What is best for WACYPAA in the long run? What is best for WACYPAA is that Robbie be removed, not because it's Robbie – it's because of what was done.

Lorie R.

I'm so torn – there is going to be controversy regardless. Money is money. I know Robbie loves WACYPAA. People make mistakes, and we should still give them an opportunity. I do not feel we should remove him from council.

Dain R.

We need to put principles before personalities. And that there needs to be a level of accountability. There was a total disregard for WACYPAA. It is a tough spot and it is not fun. There needs to be some kind of accountability, and it is especially tough now that we were so close to becoming self-supporting. Please place principles before personalities.

Ryan S.

We are guardians of WACYPAA. Robbie has demonstrated he is not a guardian of WACYPAA. Our response to this sets a precedence of how WACYPAA is going to be seen regarding this type of issue in the future. We are responsible for our actions. This was breaking the law.

Jared T.

The traditions are what the steps are to the group. From my experience, when I lived with my dad he told me if I was going to live under his house, I was going to live by his rules. Robbie is in his insanity. He should be held accountable for his actions.

Mark C. Motions: "Remove from Robbie from council"

Dylan A. Seconds the motion

The vote:

Casey – Yea
Steve – Yea
Jared – Yea
Eryka – Yea
Kate – Yea
Dylan – Yea
Mark – Yea
Lindsay – Yea
Jon – Yea
Tom – Yea
Lori – Nah

Dain – Yea
Ryan – Yea
Erika - Abstains

12 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstention

Minority Opinion

Lori R.: Nothing on the minority opinion.

No one changed their vote based on the minority opinion.

2/3rd's majority was met. Motion passed.

Erica W.: No more motions at this point.

Dylan is now our treasurer as Robbie has left.

Lindsay and Luke (Erica's husband and lawyer in the state of California) will be looking up the statute of limitations on embezzlement to ensure we do not miss a deadline on punitive action based on our inaction as a council.

Casey L.: Is this is a closed session? If so these minutes will not be published to the website.

Erika W.: Sense of the meeting, no one opposes that, this is "Closed Executive Session" as stated in the by-laws. This will be considered a "Closed" meeting.

Dylan A. and Kate B. will create an account, and Erica W. will deposit the remaining money once the account has been created.

Robbie is off the Yahoo group.

Luke W. believes the statute of limitations is 3 years. Lindsay will get us the information tomorrow and post to the Yahoo Group.

Steve R. and Mark C. are on their way to the Hawaii AA state conference, and have paid \$988 in airfare and will need reimbursed.

Erica W. states we need to pay core expense first, like the insurance and website. Then ask if the host committee can give us funds directly following the conference to pay back the travel expenses.

Lindsay L. ended the conference with the Responsibility Pledge.

Meeting Ended at 10:28 Pacific Time