

Vigilance Club Group of NA – Business Meeting – June 14, 2020

The meeting opened at 9:15 am and approximately 15 members attended.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer – Juan T chaired the meeting.

Initial discussion centered around the possibility of holding in person meetings and the guidelines for holding meetings following the Ministry of Health Guidelines. Problems include sanitizing the meeting room after each meeting. A suggestion was made that wearing a mask be mandatory. Meetings are preferred in more open spaces, naturally ventilated and with more space available between people. A start may be in person meetings in a park near the existing Vigilance Club once parks are opened. Overall, it was agreed that it was too early to discuss details around in person meetings, especially considering that the recent increase in COVID cases may change the rules.

Our financial position is good – we have received 7th tradition donations and are not in danger of dipping into our prudent reserve in the next few months. We agreed to maintain the status quo at the moment with regard to our meeting space.

Juan T suggested that we elect a temporary secretary who would fill in if emergency situations developed – for example, ensuring that zoom meetings continued without interruption. The position would be for a month and one of the requirements in preparation for the next business meeting would be preparation of a guidelines outlining the responsibilities of the secretary. It was suggested that the NA Guide to Local Services be used as a starting point. Norval C was elected to the position of temporary secretary. Laura S will continue as treasurer.

A number of members brought up the 5th tradition, questioning how we were ensuring that we shared the message of recovery as well as possible. Were members encouraging others to attend the online meetings. Were meetings adequately attended was asked. It was agreed that we would work on documenting attendance as well as encouraging our friends to attend. Distributing information on issues such as anniversaries was raised as important and it was suggested that we could do better at ensuring people knew. The possibility of a weekly newsletter was suggested. It was also pointed out that we have an email list of members maintained by Robert W. The WhatsApp groups could possibly be used more effectively. At a minimum, minutes should be posted on our web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 am. Norval C closed the meeting.

Actions Required:

Prepare Guidelines and Duties for the Group Secretary (Juan and Norval)

Post minutes and anniversaries on the web page (Juan)

Monitor attendance at meetings (Norval)

Pending Topics for Next Business Meeting – July 12 9:15 am

Review and approve secretary and treasurer guidelines

Now that we have a web page we need to develop guidelines for the site and elect a web servant.

Yours in Service, Norval C, Temporary Secretary for the Vigilance Club