

Hello Everyone!

We held a General Service Board meeting this evening (minutes below). The General Service Board of Eating Disorders Anonymous is a 501(C)(3) organization set up to help EDA carry the message of recovery to those in need.

Attendees:

- Rachel F, Phoenix, AZ
- Annette H, Phoenix, AZ
- Joe G, IL,
- Michelle K, OR

Topics:

- **Dial-in phone call approach is expensive** in cell phone minutes if not dollars
 - Can we use Skype or some other service instead?
 - Annette will research and update information before the next GSB meeting (2nd Wednesday in December)
- **7th Tradition Contributions**
 - **What are they used for?**
 - Website hosting (~\$30/month)
 - Domain name reservations (a semi-annual fee)
 - Paper publications and shipping (fees do not quite cover costs)
 - Literature donations to conferences
 - Rarely (twice), conference sites for seminars
 - **How much do groups contribute?**
 - Generally about \$100 a month, sometimes more, sometimes less. Some groups are very regular, others not. Many groups contribute nothing.
 - Current balance is around \$400.00
- **Website maintenance**
 - **Who hosts the website?**
 - We use a GoDaddy premium package
 - **What is needed?**
 - **Meeting information maintenance** - can we create a self-maintaining list like Craigslist or eBay?
 - Joe volunteered to maintain the website.
 - Annette uses a text editor (TextPad) and FileZilla to maintain the site and will send FileZilla connection information to Joe.
 - Annette will also list the pages in current use, so Joe can distinguish from non-functional sections of the site
 - Joe will research using the database capabilities of the site to investigate a Craigslist-type meeting maintenance option
 - **Less graphics-intensive web design**
 - Annette resorted to an old but working version to get the current site running. Several people have commented on how much they like the current look of the site, but the graphics take far too much time to load. The graphics on the site that wasn't working are much lighter and match the publications. Joe will look into getting the newer graphics working.
 - **Missing personal stories**
 - Joe will look for these in the broken website sections
 - **Correct typos and update Big Book references in publications**
 - Annette will send Word docs or .pdfs of the current publications to Rachel.
 - Rachel will correct typos and apply more specific Big Book references (e.g. edition) as time allows and will send any final copies to Joe for posting.

Action Items:

- Annette will research Skype/other phone options and will update GSB meeting information before the next GSB meeting (2nd Wednesday in December). Annette will send website login information to Joe and publications to Rachel.
- Joe will maintain the website (**YAY!!**) and will research options for self-maintenance of meeting info and contact info, looking into native-host-database and CraigList-type tools that could be utilized in lieu of an intensive development effort. Joe will also look for the personal stories on Publications pages in the broken website sections and will add these back to the current Publications, as time allows.
- Rachel will correct typos and update Big Book references as time allows and will send to Joe for posting when ready.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39.

Thanks to all who attended!
Best regards,
Annette H (aka Michelle)