

GSB of EDA Meeting Minutes for May 14, 2014

We held a General Service Board meeting on May 14, 2014. What follows are brief minutes of the meeting.

Attendees:

- Julie E, Longwood, FL
- Vanessa S, Longwood, FL
- Shirley, Medway, MA
- Trish, Del Ray Beach, FL
- Harriet, Rockland, NY

Notes:

- We reviewed and approved minutes from our April 9th meeting.
- We discussed action items from prior meetings.
 - Vanessa said that a prospective volunteer for meeting page support, Raymond, had declined to take on that task.
 - Vanessa is working on some updates and will post them when she can. These include a spreadsheet system that will allow someone with basic computer skills to serve as a Meeting Coordinator.
- Julie E. announced that Julie M. was a new Literature Coordinator.
 - Julie E. expressed appreciation for Steph and Rachel, who are helping Julie M. get started in this role.
- No one present had comments about suggested revisions to existing documents.
 - It was noted that we are looking for stories to include in the EDA Big Book.
 - All who were present were fine with the April 9 suggestions for the brochure for newcomers without a 12 Step background.
- Julie E. announced that through Annette's efforts, we have had our 501(c)(3) status reinstated.
- We discussed the ProAna activity that has been seen in the chat rooms.

- Shirley has been in the chat room when ProAna activity was happening. She said that the members did a good job of discouraging the activity but noted that others just left the chat room.
- Vanessa pointed out that if the chat room members will e-mail the info@eatingdisordersanonymous.org address, she can block the inappropriate users from participating. It's possible that they could come in under another address, but Vanessa noted that most people don't bother to do so; however, if they do, she can just block new addresses.
- Vanessa said another option could be to close the chat room when there is no moderator.
- Shirley asked if we would ever have enough volunteers to have consistent moderation of the chat rooms. Since we have none now, Julie suggested that someone could volunteer to take on a role of coordinating moderators. Shirley said she would give that some thought.
- Vanessa suggested that GSB members who use the chat room could be given moderator status so that we would have more folks who could block inappropriate behavior and report back to the GSB on how it's affecting the chat room.
- We discussed New Business.
 - I suggested that it would be helpful to those starting meetings if we had a sample flyer available for them to work from when creating their own flyers.
 - I asked if EDA has a logo. Vanessa offered that we have several. Vanessa will gather logo samples so that we can vote on them. She will also gather up flyers that have been sent to us from those who did develop their own.
 - Shirley will send Vanessa a copy of the flyer that she developed.
 - We discussed that the flyers should have contact name, number, and e-mail; location; and a brief overview of the program.
 - Once we have discussed that material at a future GSB meeting, I will contact the Literature Coordinator and ask if she's willing to work on the flyers.
 - Vanessa suggested that we can then add the sample flyers to the Start Up Kit.

We adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Please send these minutes to members of your group if your group maintains an email contact list.

Thank you to all who attended and to all who serve EDA!

Best regards,

Julie E.