

# THE BRIDGE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** January 8, 2023

Time 6:30 pm EST

**PRESENT:** Laurie, Paula, Sharon K, Prasad G, Ellen L, Jeff E, Ellen #2, Lisa C

**OPEN:** Prasad read a summary of the meeting minutes and a Motion was made to accept Meeting Minutes from 12/4/2023 -

Prasad stated we are still in need of a Treasurer. After discussion.

Prasad has volunteered to be Treasurer.

Paula has volunteered to be Leader on Tuesday Night for January

Lisa C volunteered to be Secretary

**TREASURE'S REPORT.** Jeff gave a detailed Treasurers report. See attachment

Balance as of 12/31/2011. 1,353.93

1. Jeff E informed the group the Venmo has new IRS Regulations in 2023 and will need to complete a form if we continue to use Venmo. Currently Venmo has no Business profile so this will current account for it is Tax liability as of current.

1099k  
impact our

Jeff suggested we could sent up a paywall charity account that attached to current Venmo Account.

Ellen L talked about the benefits of a PayPal account and suggested pursuing a 501cs non profit account. This is not labor intensive. Filling fees are minimal at 25.00 several years ago.

Jeff E suggested we get some research done on both options and offered to do this. All stated it would be good to have multiple ways of sending in the 7th tradition.

Motion made to switch to Pay Pal. Motion passed.

2. Sending Surplus over prudent reserve to Virtual Region.

Jeff E made a suggestion to hold of on making Disbursements.

Sharon K stated since Gary, Trustee from Virtual Region, who will be at the next Group Business Meeting might have ideas.

Ellen stated it is acceptable to give disbursements once a year.

All agreed to wait on disbursements.

**VIRTUAL INTERGROUP REPORT: Gary D Trustee has been invited to attend our February Business meeting and has accepted. Below is a copy of the request.**

**Hi Gary,**

I hope you're well and not too stressed out by the huge, growing virtual region.

The Bridge meetings would like to invite you to their February business / group conscience meeting to discuss with you forming an Intergroup and the challenges of upholding the traditions while being focused on double winners, and the idea / steps for being officially recognized as a Special Focus.

The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 5th at 6:30 pm ET. Would you be able to attend? **ACCEPTED**

**GSR REPORT:**

**Old Business -**

**New Business - Round Up**

Laurie suggested that it would be fun to plan a week, near a Hub to have an OA Bridge event.

Several suggestions were given:

Have a meet and greet connected with a Convention/ conference

See if there is any interest and if anyone wanted to take on that commitment of organizing the event.

Bring it to the group to see if there is interest.

**Meeting Closed at 7:36 PM EST**

**Next Business Meeting is 2/5/2023 at 6:30 EST**