

THE BRIDGE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 5, 2023

Time 6:30 pm EST

PRESENT: Laurie K, Paula, Sharon K, Prasad G, Jeff E, Lisa C, Richard W, Terry M, Rosalie and Lori B

OPEN: At 6:30 with the Serenity Prayer

TREASURE'S REPORT.

Venmo @pgull (8931). Please write "Bridge - 7th Tradition" in note

Note from Prasad

I officially took over the Bridge Treasurer position. Jeff transferred the Bridge money to my personal venmo account. Our current balance is \$1,405.97.

Moving forward, we can allow the treasurer to use a personal account OR go through the process of setting up a charity account. Below are some notes. I will cover in depth at the business meeting on Sunday.

Steps for Paypal or Venmo:

1. Create an entity/non-profit/intergroup.
2. Get a tax id / EIN number
3. Setup a Paypal charity account
4. Setup a venmo account connected to the paypal account.

Benefits:

- transferable
- multiple people/officers for coverage

Challenges:

- transfer of officers when treasurers change
- detailed process
- filing fees about \$150/yr
- need to file taxes.

Other option:

Allow treasurer to use personal venmo account. I'll show how I track contributions from my other treasurer position in AA. Separate emails for each transaction.

Lisa C asked is Venmo is the only option. I thought it was discussed to have another option to pay the 7th tradition.

Motion Passed to go with 2nd option with option of having another way to pay ex paypal. Treasurer has option to offer what is available to them.

Saturday Meeting

Laurie stated the Saturday meeting was going great. 10 - 12 peoples have been coming. The idea was being able to attract OA members from Europe. States this is a pilot meeting and was waiting to establish what the focus of the meeting will be. Laurie needed to leave early.

Extending Business Meeting

Paula wanted to discuss extending the Business meeting to be able to discuss more topics on the agenda.

Lisa stated may need to extend the meeting till we get the basics all established.

Prasad stated the 1/2 hour ending at 7:30 was so members could get cooled off before the 8 pm meeting

After much discussion - topic was put on hold to discuss and decide.

Virtual Intergroup

Do we want to form a committee to see what is involved in forming an intergroup.

No volunteers to investigate. Ellen joined the meeting late and stated we needed to first decide if we want to form our own intergroup or join another intergroup.

Put on hold till next business meeting to discuss.

Phone list

Dale had suggested and started a phone list for those who don't have WhatsApp.

It was discussed that this was a good thing and maybe she could be head of this committee and get others involved

Newcomer Greeter

It was stated if we create this new position we need some parameters.

After discussion a motion was made

"That we create a Newcomer Liaison that will reach out by chat during the meeting and follow up with the Newcomer."

Motion passed.

Terry M volunteered for the position. Tuesdays and Sundays.

She will be looking for volunteers to help with the other days.

Meeting Closed at 7:3 PM EST. with the Serenity Prayer

Next Business Meeting is 4/2/2023 at 6:30 EST