

THE BRIDGE BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 2, 2023 Time 6:30 pm EST

PRESENT: Paula, Sharon K, Prasad G, Lisa C, Terry M, Clair B, Ellen L and Lori B, Allison B, Laurie K

OPEN: At 6:30 with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes: April minutes approved with some minor spelling corrections.

TREASURE'S REPORT.

BALANCE : 1508.52

7th Tradition. +152.00. (102.00 from Venmo and 50.00 from Paypal

Total 1660.52

Prudent Reserve. 250.00

Expenses: NOT DISCUSSED AT MAY MEETING

Need to know cost of everything so we can set up a budget.

140.00 Zoom Cost

110.00 Blue Sky Host

Ellen L. States will get back next month with total cost of expenses.

What we put in the Chat during the meeting:

7th Tradition

Our group is self-supporting. We collect 7th tradition through PayPal (@oabridge or treasurer@oabridge.org) and Venmo (@pgull).

Please include 'Bridge 7th tradition' in the description.

INTERGROUP : TO JOIN, CREATE OR JUST STAY AS IS

See presentation sent by Ellen L On the OA Intergroup

What it is, How to form one and Why it is important.

Ellen L gave an example of why it is important to be represented : OA Literature- It was brought to the floor to only use OA approved literature and The Big Book in OA, currently all AA approved literature is approved. This motion was not accepted but this decision could have affected The Bridge.

Prasad wants to know the disadvantages of forming a Virtual Intergroup.

EX needing more service positions which we have a hard time filling.

Ellen L Stated we are already functioning and structured as an intergroup, also don't need to have all positions filled

After much discussion. Lisa C brought a motion to the floor

“To set up a committee to complete the Intergroup Registration form and bring it back to the Business meeting for approval.”

Passed - Unanimously

Committee was formed to include - Lisa C, Prasad, Ellen L, Sharan K

New Business:

Revise Qualifications

Current Qualifications

Host - 6 Month term - No abstinence qualification, Take Safety Training Course

Chair - 60 Day Abstinence, One month commitment

Laurie K. Made a motion :

“To Change the requirements to Chair the Meeting to 30 Days of Abstinence.”

After much discussion. Motion passed 7 - 3

There was some discussion regarding Chair vs Leader. They do have different meanings and will be discussed at next meeting whether wording on script should be changed.

Meeting ended at 7:40 EST with the Serenity Prayer.

Next Business Meeting is June 4, 2023