

THE BRIDGE BUSINESS MEETING. Approved. - Final

MINUTES DATE: August 6,2023 Time 6:30 pm EST

PRESENT: Paula, Lisa C, Clair B, Ellen L,

OPEN: At 6:31 EST with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes Approved from the July Business meeting with changes - remove Blue Sky Host 110.

TREASURE'S REPORT

Contributions:

Venmo = \$8

Paypal = \$30

Total = \$38

Starting balance = \$1852.16

Contributions= \$38.00

Ending balance= \$1890.16

WEBMASTERS REPORT:

Website updates for business meeting:

- * added announcement & tightened up aesthetic of where announcements live on the page
- * made the 'enter the meeting' more visible
- * rearranged info at top of page and made more succinct for ppl to find meeting times and zoom link
- * future action items: make a 'resources' link at top, add articles and info for newcomers (old timers!)
- * play with colors and fonts to diversify the pallet
- * I take suggestions if anyone has cool or thoughtful bits they'd like to incorporate

* **Suggestions**

- * **Put the 7th tradition to the top**
- * **Make the link to the By laws more evident.**
- * **Paypal and Venmo link are not working**
- * **Create a link for The Business of the Group to include the Business Meeting Meetings to create an archive.**

VIRTUAL REGION REPORT:

Ellen states that the Virtual Region was asking for volunteers to help promote the Bridge meeting with Flyers to be posted on Different IG sites in the Virtual Region.

Our 7th tradition Intergroup # is 09696 and all contributions to **OA.Org** should include this so the Bridge Intergroup will get the credit.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.

Sept 9, 2023. 12 EST Need Volunteers to represent the Bridge for one hour at the NewComer Open House. Zoom Id and PW to be posted

DEC 3, 2023. 2 PM EST. Need speakers. "Do the Credits Transfer" workshop

March 1 -3rd 2024. Virtual Region Convention. Paula will read email and discuss with Ellen the details and to choose a slot. Will be needing Volunteers.

Virtual Fall Assembly Nov 18-19, 2023. Ellen is needing a volunteer to help with attending the assembly.

SERVICE COORDINATOR REPORT: None

WHATSAPP REPORT: none

OLD BUSINESS:

1. On the April Meeting Minutes it was stated that Ellen L would gather together the total expenses so we could figure out a budget.

Ellen stated that the current expenses are

Zoom 149.00 per year. Due 3/21/2024

Web Hosting - 3 year Contract - includes 5 email accounts

2. Clarifying what constitutes a voting member at intergroup meetings.

Sharon had made a motion at last meeting to "agree on language to clarify who are voting members"

After discussion Sharon stated she will look into the wording clarifying the wording of who are voting members, which then would be accepted and this amendment would be in the minutes. She states she will have this by the Aug or Sept. Meeting 2023

Sharon not available to discuss. Tabled to 9/3/2023

3. Script Revisions

Those present had not been able to open the link for the Host Duty Document.

Much discussion on whether there should changes made when there was not much representation at the business meeting. Should the individual meetings be making these decisions. It seems to complicated and would confuse or make it harder to do.

It was stated that this was only a suggestion so new Host would have some guidelines on what is expected of the host.

It was suggested that changing the language to suggestions of what can be posted in the chat.

Lisa C. States she will revise the script and email out so this can be discussed at the next business meeting
9/3/2023

NEW BUSINESS

*Incorporation and 501 c3:

(Prasad met with Sandy, the Virtual Region Treasurer to discuss becoming a 501 c3 now that we are an intergroup. This is an option, not a requirement, for us moving forward.

Our organization and treasury are currently tied to personal accounts. The 501 c3 allows for some integrity and protection.

To incorporate and become 501 c3:

- file application (fee is \$275)

file taxes annually (no payment, just filing).

-Registered agent in the state that we incorporate. Many do New Mexico, because that is where OA World Service is located.

- PO Box - can be in any state. usually a business like Staples. Forwards mail to treasurer. Fee for the box and each mail forward.

Sandy is willing to attend one of our intergroup meetings to answer questions for the group. Perhaps 9/3, or 9/10 if needed.)

After discussion it was decided to Have Sandy, the Virtual Region Treasurer to attend our 9/3/24 business meeting to explain the importance of this and to answer any questions.

Next Business Meeting : 9/3/2023

Closed with the Serenity prayer at 7:35. EST