

THE BRIDGE BUSINESS MEETING. Approved. -
MINUTES DATE: September 3,2023 Time 6:30 pm EST

PRESENT: Paula, Lisa C, Clair B, Ellen L, Cindy A, Lori B, Allison, Laurie K, Dax, Sandy C(Virtual Region Treasurer)

OPEN: At 6:31 EST with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes Approved from the August Business meeting.

TREASURE’S REPORT - Prasad Gullapalli. (not present - sent email)

Timeframe: 8/4/2023 - 8/25/2023

I am writing this report through 8/25. I'll include contributions for the rest of the month in the Oct 1 business meeting. Contributions:

Venmo = \$0.00
Paypal = \$127.00
Total Contributions = \$127.00

Payments:
\$89.88 to Ellen for annual web hosting. Receipt was submitted.
Venmo on 8/19/2023.

Starting Balance: \$1890.16
Contributions: \$127.00
Payments: (\$89.88)
Ending Balance: \$1927.283

Lisa C made a suggestion to ask Prasad to come up with a suggested contributions to send out. This was tabled till we decided whether we would become a 501c3 which may incur some expenses. It was suggested and approved to amend The Treasures statement to include the following in PayPal donations link, “choose family and friends”.

WEBMASTERS REPORT: Allison

Website updates for business meeting:

States she fixed the 7th tradition link but has been unable to figure out how to move the statement to the header bar. Ellen suggested she would help Allison navigate and fix suggestions. Allison states she wants to also streamline the Header to include drop down links to improve navigation of the website. This would include a Business section for the group to include The Business Meeting minutes.

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: Laurie K

Need Leader spot filled for Tuesday for the month of September

WHATSAPP REPORT: none

OLD BUSINESS

1. 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.

Sharon not present, tabled to 10/1/2023 .

2. Script Revisions

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

Script revisions discussed. Few changes suggested and Laurie K volunteered to proofread. Changes made: Fixed Whatsapp email address, added 7th tradition statement to include family and friends., changed wording to assign Leader as co-host, added statement for the Host to stay for the Parking lot or get someone else to stay and make them Host

3. Incorporation and 501 c3:

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.

Sandy discussed the Pros and Cons of the incorporation of 501 c3.

She did not seem to recommend it, if you didn't support a lot of cash: meaning 10,000-20,000 dollars a year.

Creates lots of paper work

Possibly can give us a liability shell only if we carried insurance, in filing state taxes, those associated with the treasury and on the board will need to give full names and SS numbers.

May give us some integrity.. It would require a registered agent which is a registered address for the IRS to send mail.

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.

We did not discuss if we wanted to do this or not. Will need to be discussed at the next business meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. Saying HP instead of "God" when saying the Serenity prayer or Steps.

After much discussion it was decided to leave as written and if someone changes the wording, the Leader will privately let member know of our group conscience to read as written and not replace the work God.

Next Business Meeting : 9/3/2023

Closed with the Serenity prayer at 7:35. EST