

THE BRIDGE BUSINESS MEETING. APPROVED.
MINUTES DATE: October 1,,2023 Time 6:30 pm EST

PRESENT: Paula, Lisa C, Clare B, Ellen L, Cindy A, Allison, Laurie K, Mary Jane, Prasad, Julie C

OPEN: At 6:31 EST with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes Approved from the September Business meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Prasad Gullapalli.

Treasurer Report

Timeframe: 8/26/2023 - 9/28/2023

Contributions:

Venmo = \$3.00

Paypal = \$115.00

Total contributions = \$118.00

Starting balance = \$1,927.28

Contributions = \$118.00

Ending Balance = \$2,045.28

Agenda item - I'm planning to step down as treasurer. I can serve until we find someone else or for another 2 months.

Requirements for Treasurer. 60 days Abstinent. 6 Month commitment

No Volunteers at this time.

WEBMASTERS REPORT: Allison

Website updates for business meeting:

Webmaster Report Oct 2023

Had meeting with Ellen, was granted permissions to edit the site,

Edited the site by

adding a '7th tradition' tab at top

Fixed paypal and venmo links in 7th tradition blurb

Crossed out out-dated secretary and host schedules

Nested schedules under one drop down menu at top of page

Adjusted format of 'Host Duties/Script' and added to top of home page

Edited Announcements as needed

Added biz mtg announcement

Made pretty flyer to highlight agenda items
Adjusted verbiage of home page days/types of meeting format

ACTION ITEMS: Add business meeting tab with minutes & biz info

Suggested that Flyers be sent to her in the future so she can post them on the website.

VIRTUAL REGION REPORT:

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.

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

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

March 1 -3rd 2024. Virtual Region Convention. Will be needing Volunteers.

The Bridge is entitled to send 1 delegate to the World Service Business Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, May 7-11, 2024. There is a Delegate Support Fund that covers transportation, lodging and registration fees. The deadline to apply for the fund is to the Virtual Region on *SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1*. (Since our business meeting is Sunday, I'll ask for an extension to Monday.)

Is there anyone who might be interested in being our delegate? The requirements for delegate are: "at least one year of current abstinence and at least two years of service beyond the group level. (Permission for any exception in qualifications for valid reasons, if deemed credible by the trustees, may be received by application to the World Service Office.)"

Mary Jane L has volunteered for this position and meets the qualification.

Motion P passed to accept Mary Jane to represent us at the World Service Business Conference in Albuquerque NM, May 7-11, 2024

Much discussion regarding applying to the Virtual Region Delegate support fund.

Motion accepted to put in application with current Treasurer's Report and let the Region decide how much to send to help cover the expenses and the group will pay the rest of the expenses.

WHATSAPP REPORT:

Dax is stepping down as WhatsApp coordinator.

What is required to fill this position: Take care of any security issues, greet and let new comers into the group.

No volunteers at this time.

SERVICE COORDINATOR REPORT: Laurie/. None given

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 .

Sharon not present, tabled to 11/5/2023

2. Script Revisions

Completed and sent out.

3. Incorporation and 501 c3:

Discussion on whether or not we wanted to file a 501 c3.

Motion was approved not to file currently and may look at this in the future if we decide it would be prudent.

We did not discuss if we wanted to do this or not. Will need to be discussed at the next business meeting. 10/1/202

NEW BUSINESS. Agenda Items

Proposal for script: If you have eaten compulsively within the last 24 hours, we ask that you don't share. We are very happy that you are here and encourage you to stay after the meeting and talk with us

After much discussion it was suggested to approve this statement with one amendment.
Passed

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Lisa C states she is still working on the script revisions to include the WhatsApp and 7th tradition.

Next Business Meeting : 11/5//2023

Closed with the Serenity prayer at 7:45. EST