

**THE BRIDGE BUSINESS MEETING. Not Approved. -
MINUTES DATE: November 5, 2023 Time 6:30 pm EST**

PRESENT: Paula, Lisa C, Clare B, Ellen L, Cindy A, Laurie K, Mary Jane, Prasad, Julie C, Jeff E, Allison, Sharon, Marlene, Stacy G

OPEN: At 6:32 EST with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes **Not** Approved. Unable to share minutes on the screen to be approved. It was suggested that minutes should be posted on oabridge.org website for all to review and have access too.

TREASURE'S REPORT - Prasad Gullapalli.

Timeframe: 9/29/2023 - 11/4/2023

Contributions

Venmo = 0

Paypal = \$35.00

Total contributions = \$35.00

Starting balance: \$2,045.28

Contributions: \$35.00

Ending Balance: \$2,080.28

Agenda item - I'm planning to step down as treasurer. I can serve until we find someone else or for another 2 months. Steps down 12/1/2024

Requirements for Treasurer. 60 days Abstinent. 6 Month commitment

No Volunteers at this time.

WEBMASTERS REPORT: Allison

Website updates for business meeting: No new items to discuss

ACTION ITEMS: Add business meeting tab with minutes & biz info (from 10/2023 business Meeting)

VIRTUAL REGION REPORT: Ellen L

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.

1. World Service Business Conference

Application was completed and sent to Sandy C, Treasurer, Virtual Region of Overeaters Anonymous Inc. requesting support financially to help send Mary Jane L. To the World service Business Conference in Albuquerque NM. May 7-11 2024.

This was the email sent back to the Group for consideration

From "Sandy C" <treasurer@oavirtualregion.org>

To "Ellen Lorang" <lorangellen@gmail.com>

Date 10/25/2023 2:55:47 PM

Subject Re: Re[2]: Delegate Support Fund Application from the Bridge

I've been requested to ask you to ask the board if they would consider rewriting the application - adding an amount the intergroup can put towards this expenditure.

In the past, intergroups have been known to do a special appeal to raise the funds needed. Is there an amount that the Bridge could commit to?

Thanks!

**Grateful to be of service,
Sandy C, Treasurer**

After much discussion a motion was made and voted on to commit to provide 720.00 to support our representative to the Virtual Region Business Conference **Motion Passed**

WHATSAPP REPORT:

Laurie K has volunteered and has taken on the WhatsApp duties. The Host Duty sheet needs to be changed to reflect this.

SERVICE COORDINATOR REPORT: Laurie/. None given nor asked for

OLD BUSINESS

1. Clarifying what constitutes a voting member at intergroup meetings. July 2024

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

Sharon shared she had forgotten about this assignment.

It was suggested that members take the time to read the bylaws to see who is eligible to vote and will be tabled to next business meeting.

NEW BUSINESS. Agenda Items

1. Jeff E brought up for discussion that the group discuss the process of how decisions are made on issues that effect the script and or format of the group. He suggested that it be a slow process so the word can get out to the voting members of the group and a true group consciences then can be made.

After a discussion of 35 minutes Paula made a motion

“That the Chairperson would post the agenda for the upcoming business meeting 2 weeks prior and any urgent or new items that would change the script or effect the format of the group be announced during the announcements by either the Host or Secretary. Agenda would also be posted to the web site, to let members know of topics being discussed and or voted on at the upcoming business meeting.”

Motion Passed 11 approve - 2 object

2. Jeff E brought a motion to take out the statement: “ 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 the motion was brought to a vote

Motion Passed 9 approve - 2 object

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

Agenda Items not brought up for discussion this month

Crosstalk

Need for a greeter

Next Business Meeting : 12/03/2023

Closed with the Serenity prayer at 7:55. EST