

**THE BRIDGE BUSINESS MEETING. Final. -
MINUTES DATE: January 2024**

PRESENT: Paula, Lisa C, Clare B, Ellen L, Cindy A, Mary Jane, Prasad, Jeff E, Sharon, Marlene, Molly M, Diane T, Jim M, Jim (Oregon), Carol C

OPEN: At 6:30 EST with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes Approved Dec 2023

VICE CHAIR - Laurie K. Not Present

WhatsApp Lisa C stated that Laurie K has been accepting and adding new member requests

TREASURERS'S REPORT - Cindy Ahern

OA Bridge Treasurer's Report --

Dec 3, 2023 to Jan 6, 2024

Venmo: \$32.00

Paypal: \$132.76

Total contributions: \$164.76

Starting balance: \$2,169.28

Contributions: \$164.76

Expenses: \$0

Ending balance: \$2334.04

Cindy A states that we are losing some funds through PayPal when members do not choose :Family and Friends. This is stated in the 7th Tradition note that goes into the chat. It was decided to table this to be discussed at next months meeting.

WEBMASTERS REPORT: Ellen L

Website updates for business meeting: The recording from “Do your Credits Transfer?” workshop from December has been posted on oabridge.org.

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.

1. World Service Business Conference: We were approved for 750.00 to help send Mary Jane L. To the World service Business Conference in Albuquerque NM. May 7-11 2024

2. Suggestion re: 7th tradition for Zoom meetings. Suggestions were given on how to get more 7th tradition funds. One of interest stated adding a line in the script regarding 7th tradition with a link to be posted in the chat and given a 1 minute pause to let members click on link to give 7th tradition. **Will discuss later.**

Upcoming Events and Service Opportunities

Jan 27, 2024 Saturday

The Newcomer Open House information: <https://oavirtualregion.org/open/>

Our session is at 12 noon ET. on Saturday, January 27.

Please let Ellen San Diego know if you can help. It's just a matter of attending the meeting.

We'll take turns reading the newcomer script and share for a few minutes.

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

Last workshop topic left : What Next, Will discuss more at a later date.

May 7 - 11. World Service Business Conference. Albuquerque NM Mary Jane L. Will be representing us.

OLD BUSINESS

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

12/3.2023. Sharon put together her thoughts on paper (see attachment), which was discussed in detail. After much discussion it was decided to that Jeff E and Sharon come up with a motion to be reviewed and voted on at the next Business meeting January 7, 2024.

1/7/2024. See Attached document, submitted by Jeff and Sharon for review to be discussed at Feb 2024 business Meeting. This was not discussed due to lack of time

2. WhatsApp and 7th Tradition script revisions have been added to the script.

NEW BUSINESS.

1, Requirements for Leader and Host service commitments.

Paula proposed we discuss the requirements and abstinence requirement for the Host and to fill the positions for January, so are meetings will be safe.

Jeff E brought up the need to discuss how rolls are managed in regards to getting members to stand and commit to service. He suggested that things should be simplified and that we have complicated the process of service. He suggested a schedule that members could easily sign up for by clicking on a link which could be posted in the chat and on the website.

Paula suggested that we focus on getting January covered and review the process at a future date.

After much discussion A motion was made to make the Host commitment 1 month with no abstinence requirement.

Motion was second. **Motion Passed**

Abstinence requirement for Leaders.

A motion was made to change the abstinence requirement to none. Motion was 2nd.

Discussion: Cindy A wanted to know the history of why we had an abstinence requirement of 1 month. Lisa C stated that we wanted a message of recovery and we were concerned that a clear message would not be shared if the Leader did not have any experience with abstinence and was in a "Food Coma".

Sharon K shared that food was different than drugs/alcohol and that there was not much chance of the leader not sharing appropriately since a OA approved literature, our structure and the Leader is there to read the script and to call on raised hands.

Motion Passed

2. Diane T, VR Vice-chair, would like to discuss/pitch/make a motion to add a meeting to our Intergroup on Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30 am ET, focusing on newcomer fellowship, patterned after the "Greater NY Metro IG After Party" she hosted most Wednesdays at that same time.

Diane states she loves the idea of the Bridge meeting. States that many members that attend the 7:15Am EST meeting are dual addicted. Describes this proposed meeting will be an informal fellowship where you can meet in a smaller setting and ask questions. States we all have the same addictions that just show up in different ways.. States she will run the meeting. Just another way to Bridging more people into the Bridge.

Jim M states this setting was crucial for his recovery - the one on one environment.

Molly M states she went to a meeting similar to this and loved it.

Prasad stated that this should be put on the agenda prior to a vote.

Sharon K stated she wanted to make sure that the "spirit" of the Bridge is kept intact.

After discussion. Diane T stated she will put together an outline of the script and submit this at the next business meeting for review and discussion.

Tracy came late to the meeting and had a question regarding the Leader. Wanted to know why she has to call on anyone. That is keeping her from signing up for Leader service position.

It was suggested that she could announce that if they did not want to share they could state it on the square, Just Listening. It was also suggested she could say that she does not like to call on members to share. Reasons were also given that some meetings state you can not share unless called upon, Sometimes someone is too shy or fearful and it is good for them to get called on.

Meeting was closed at 7:40 EST. With the Serenity Prayer

Next Business meeting is 2/4/2024 6:30 EST

Agenda Items not brought up for discussion this month

- Paypal - members are not choosing :family and friends and we are losing money
- Dealing with crosstalk
- Need for a Greeter?
- Need for meeting mailing list?
- Script revisions to include the WhatsApp and 7th tradition, plus a minute to allow people to make contributions.

Current Leader and Host schedule

Host.	Sun.	Jan	Jim M.	Feb.	Jim M	Will need 2/18 covered
	Tues.	Jan	Clare B.	Feb.	Clare B	
	Thur	Jan	Carol C	Feb		
	Sat	Jan	Tori W	Feb		
Leader	Sun	Jan	Mary Jane	Feb		
	Tues	Jan	Lois	Feb.	Jim (Oregon)	
	Thur	Jan	George	Feb.	Jeff E	
	Sat	Jan	Ami	Feb		