

**THE BRIDGE BUSINESS MEETING. Not Approved. - Draft**  
**MINUTES DATE: February 4, 2024**

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

**OPEN:** At 6:30 EST with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes Approved Jan 2023

**VICE CHAIR** - Not Present

WhatsApp WE NEED TO HAVE SOMEONE DOING THIS

Currently we have 5 Admin on The App. Lisa, Paula, Ellen, Prasad, Laurie k. All Administrators can add new members. The coordinator would also monitor the site for security and make sure guidelines are kept.

Lisa C stated we needed to have a coordinator/administrator so the requests can go to that individual person. It was decided to Announce the need for this service position.

**TREASURERS'S REPORT** - Cindy Ahern

OA Bridge Treasurer's Report -- Cindy Ahern

Jan 7, 2024 to Feb 3, 2024

Venmo: \$46.00 (8 contributions)

Paypal: \$49.70 (4 contributions)

Total contributions: \$95.70

Starting balance: \$2334.04

Contributions: \$95.70

Expenses: \$0

Ending balance: \$2429.74

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. Cindy stated she would for now let the person donating to include Family and Friends option next time they donate. If it becomes a bigger issue we will revisit and decide to add a line to the script.

**WEBMASTERS REPORT:** Ellen L

**Website updates for business meeting:**

Ellen states she would like to update the Saturday meeting info at [oa.org](http://oa.org) to state that this meeting focuses on the Tools and to check the box that this meeting is appropriate for newcomers.

Group was all in favor of this.

## **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. 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**

**March 1 -3rd 2024.** Virtual Region Convention.  
Service Opportunity  
Workshop hosted by The Bridge  
Ellen was able to get all service positions filled

Friday, March 1  
6:00 - 7:30 pm ET  
Working the OA Tools

We need:  
3 Speakers (1-year abstinence)  
1 Moderator  
1 Host  
5 Co-hosts (security, timer, chat monitor, etc.)

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. 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.

See script submitted for Wonderful Wednesdays

There was discussion whether we could vote on allowing this Wednesday Meeting since we haven't decided who was a voting member.

After a motion and a vote was taken, to allow the Wednesday meeting, Diane T withdrew her motion for she felt there was divisiveness and she wanted this to be an all in decision.

: after discussion on what constitutes a voting member it was decided that anyone can start a meeting , Diane wanted this concept of a Bridge meeting and to be part of this Intergroup. Sharon stated she misunderstood and would make an amends to Diane and this would be revisited at the next Business Meeting.

## 2. 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.

There was 25 minutes of discussion clarifying and explaining the attached document.

A motion was brought to the floor by Lisa C

We would continue to conduct the Group Bridge Business meeting as we have been, with all present being able to vote on Group Business issues and to leave time at the end to conduct Intergroup business if needed.

Intergroup Voting members : Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, World Service Representative.

Intergroup Business would include : Changing Bylaws, electing officers, passing motions, selecting WSO and Virtual Region Reps etc.

All Intergroup Business would be announced and put on the Agenda to give officers notice of an Intergroup Vote

Motion passed 7 -1. No minority opinion, 1 member abstaining to vote.

NEW BUSINESS. No new business -

Meeting was closed at 7:45 EST. With the Serenity Prayer

Next Business meeting is March 3, 2024 6:30 EST

Agenda Items not brought up for discussion this month

- Need for a Greeter?

- Discuss Crosstalk
- Need for meeting mailing list?
- Script revisions to include the WhatsApp and 7th tradition, plus a minute to allow people to make contributions.
- Discuss World Service Voting items and How we would like MaryJane to vote.
- Discuss 7th Tradition Distributions.
- Need a WhatsApp Coordinator and Administrator
- Look into Sign up Genius to be used for members to sign up for Host and Leaders.

**Current Leader and Host schedule**

<b>February</b>	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday	Sunday
Host	Clare B	Carol C	Brendan M	Jeff E
Leader	Jim O	Jeff E	Laura S	Jim M.
			<b>*Molly will cover 2/11 for Jim M</b>	
<b>March</b>	Tuesday	Thursday	Saturday	Sunday
Host				Jim M
Leader				Stephen S