

**THE BRIDGE BUSINESS MEETING. Not Approved. - Draft  
MINUTES DATE: April 7, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Paula, Lisa C, Ellen L, Cindy A, Mary Jane, Clare B

**OPEN:** At 6:32 EST with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes Approved April 2024

**VICE CHAIR** - Not Present

**WhatsApp Report** Carol C.

Lisa C states Carol had an emergency and was unable to be at the Business meeting but states that Carol C is doing a great job as the Whats App coordinator with no known problems

**TREASURERS'S REPORT** - Cindy Ahern

OA Bridge Treasurer's Report -- Cindy Ahern

Mar 3, 2024 to Apr 6, 2024

Venmo: \$42.00 (7 contributions)

Paypal: \$40.00 (2 contributions)

Total contributions: \$82.00

Starting balance: \$2510.74

Contributions: \$82.00

Expenses: \$0

Ending balance: \$2592.74

upcoming expense for

1) zoom \$159.90

2) Mary Jane going to WSBC approx \$700

plus the money they were going to award us \$750

plus next year's WSBC approx \$400

Balance to distribute:

suggest 70% to virtual region and 30% to WSO

Cindy A States she received an letter from Sandy C treasurer from the Virtual Region :

From: **Sandy C** <[treasurer@oavirtualregion.org](mailto:treasurer@oavirtualregion.org)>

Date: Wed, Mar 6, 2024, 6:29 AM

Subject: Re: Contributions to WSO and VR

To: Ellen Lorang <[lorangellen@gmail.com](mailto:lorangellen@gmail.com)>

Cc: Claire M virtual Region <[chair@oavirtualregion.org](mailto:chair@oavirtualregion.org)>, Gary D  
<[trustee@oavirtualregion.org](mailto:trustee@oavirtualregion.org)>, Prasad G <[treasurer@oabridge.org](mailto:treasurer@oabridge.org)>

Hi, sorry it took us a few days to respond. We were so busy at convention which was wonderful!

We ask that before you donate surplus, you consider withdrawing or amending your request for delegate support funds to send your delegate to world service business conference this year.

Right now we've awarded you \$750 to go towards WSBC. We have other delegates that we are sending and those funds could be used to support them instead.

I also suggest that you make sure that your prudent reserve is in good shape and that you've set aside funds for next year's WSBC's expenses. I would recommend setting aside \$400 as it will only be the registration fee and possibly printing the binder for your delegate. 2025 WSBC is virtual only.

This year the registration fees were 249, but they have gone up each year for the last couple of years so I wouldn't be surprised if they go up next year as well.

Once you've addressed all of that, if you still have surplus, and with the understanding that you are 100% autonomous in how you divvy up the funds, we suggest 70% to virtual region and 30% to WSO.

Please let me know what you decide.

Thank you for all your marvelous service

After discussion a motion was made to rescind the amount of 451.00 from the Virtual Region. (700. - 249.) amount paid already for registration. The Group will reimburse Mary Jane for all of her costs to attend the Conference, Motion passed unanimously.

WEBMASTERS REPORT: Ellen L

**Website updates for business meeting:** No report

## **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. Announced the OA Virtual Region Newcomer Open House on Sunday June 2, 2024 2 pm EST - will be needing volunteers for service. More information to come

2. Ellen states her 2 year term as a Representative to the Virtual Region ends June 22, 2024 after the assembly. Looking for a volunteer to take up this service position.  
Requirements: 6 months Abstinence, will need to serve on a committee which meets once a month and is a 2 year commitment. Mary Jane was very interested and will attend the convention with Ellen as an Alt.
3. Ellen states as a reminder, that the reason we wanted to form an Intergroup was to have a voice. Gary who is on the Board of Trustees asks Ellen and Mary Jane to send an email with all the Bridge information to be added for Advanced Search on the OA website. Suggests using Multi-Addictive Compulsive Eater as the heading and to include all meetings in person and virtual. Multi - Addictive Compulsive Eater was suggested for it clearly tells what kind of meeting we are, ex Newcomer, 100 lb er, etc  
Motion was made and passed unanimously.

### **Upcoming Events and Service Opportunities**

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

June 2, 2024. 2PM EST. OA Virtual Region Newcomer Open House. Will need Volunteers for service.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Service Coordinator. Lisa C has been doing this job for 3-4 month and strongly suggest we need this position filled. After discussion it was decided that starting in June 2024 if the Service Coordinator position is not filled then the current Leader and Host for the month will find their replacement for the following month.
2. Security - Mute and Unmute - 3/2024 Taking away members ability to unmute themselves is a way to keep our meeting safe from intruders. Discussion for and against was given and the item will be tabled to next month for further discussion and vote.

4/27/2024. After much discussion Paula brought a motion to the floor : Motion to have Host mute and unmute members after the meeting starts. Motion failed 3-2. 1 abstaining.

3. Raising and lowering of Hands. Clare B brought to the floor the suggestion that the Host and Co-host don't lower members hand till after they share. States it is disruptive when the hand is lowered before the share is complete for then you can't find the person sharing. After discussion it was decided to add verbiage to the Host Guidelines stating this. Lisa will send Ellen the verbiage to add to the guidelines.

The Meeting was closed at 7:32 EST. With the Serenity Prayer

Next Business meeting is May 5th, 2024 6:30 EST

## **Current Leader and Host schedule**

### **April. 2024**

Tues.	Leader - Host.	Jeff E Noemi K   Lisa C.- 4/2
Thurs	Lead Host.	Molly Cindy A
Sat	Lead Host	Ellen. (Wisconsin) Carol C
Sunday	Lead Host	Julie C.   Jim R - 4/7 Jim M (ALB)