

THE BRIDGE BUSINESS MEETING. Approved. -

MINUTES DATE: May 5, 2024

PRESENT: Paula, Lisa C, Ellen , Cindy A, Mary Jane, Clare B, Molly, Jeff E, Jim R, Prasad, Lois, Laura S, Michele B, AJ, Denyse, Sharon, Deborah E

OPEN: At 6:31 EST with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes Approved April 2024

VICE CHAIR - Not Present

WhatsApp Report Carol C. Sent in by email

WhatsApp coordination is going well. We are growing and there have not been any items of concern on the app's usage by members. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Carol C. **TREASURERS'S REPORT** - Cindy Ahern

OA Bridge Treasurer's Report --

Apr 7, 2024 to May 4, 2024

Venmo: \$75.00 (15 contributions)

Paypal: \$15.00 (1 contribution)

Total contributions: \$90.00

Starting balance: \$2592.74

Contributions: \$90.00

Expenses: \$0

Ending balance: \$2682.74

upcoming expense for

1) zoom \$159.90 (reimburse Ellen for putting this on her credit card)

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

WEBMASTERS REPORT: Lisa C.

Website updates for business meeting:

I have been able to get on the Website and add minor changes but I do need help in navigating a web page till we have a new Webmaster.

After much discussion a group was formed to help Lisa C learn the basis of manning a Website and the group will work collectively to man and operate the OA Bridge Website. The group consists of Jeff E, Lisa C, Lois and Cindy A.

Clare also stated she will be in touch with the web consultant from the Virtual Intergroup who might also be able to give some insight and suggestions for the Website. She will give the person Lisa C's email information for contact.

It was brought up to change the Host to Zoom Host for better clarification.

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.

1. With the passing of Ellen L. Mary Jane who already was going to be the Virtual Region Representative at the end of June 2024 when Ellen stepped down has agreed to move into the

position a few months early and attend assembly on June 22, 2024.

2. New Comer Open House. June 2, 2024 Clare B has taken on this commitment . States she has all positions covered

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.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Service Coordinator. Ellen and Lois L have volunteered to be the Service Coordinator for the next 3 months.

2. It was decided to add the verbiage to the Zoom Host and Leader, minimum of 1 month - maximum 6 Months. This lets members know you can sign up for more than one month at a time.

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. It is the Group Conscience that the Zoom Host and Co-hosts don't lower members hands till after they are done sharing. Reason being it is disruptive to members when the hand is lowered before the share is complete . Some are have difficulty finding the person sharing after the hand is lowered. After discussion it was decided to only put the first sentence in the Zoom Host Guidelines

New Business:

1. Jeff wants to simplify positions in the group. Tabled to next meeting

2. Reading and Topic material at the meeting. Tabled to next meeting.

3. Virtual Memorial to Ellen L. Clare says the Virtual Region is working on this and when she receives a flyer she will announce it on the meeting and get it put on the Website. It is currently scheduled on June 9th at two different times.

The Meeting was closed at 7:35 EST. With the Serenity Prayer

Next Business meeting is June 2, 2024 6:30 EST

Current Leader and Host schedule

May 2024

Tues. Leader - Noemi K. (Michelle. May 7)

Zoom Host. Aaron Kulik

Thurs Leader George R. (**May 30, Jim Oregon**)

ZoomHost. Yaakov **Grossman**

Sat Leader Tori W.

jZoom Host Carol C

Sunday Leader Julie C. (**May 26. Jim Oregon**)

Zoom Host OPEN