

The Bridge Special Business Meeting Minutes FINAL

Date: July 14, 2024

Present: Lisa C. Vice Chair, Clare B. Secretary, Carol C. WhatsApp Mod, Ellen G. Service Coordinator, Jeff E. Web Team Rep, Deborah E., Lois M., Patty M., Joy O.

Chairperson Absent

Open meeting: 6:30 EDT with the Serenity Prayer

OLD BUSINESS

Simplifying positions in the group, Jeff E.

- Discussion on this subject was started, then tabled to follow new business so that we would be sure to finish up.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairs and Hosts for July, Ellen G.
 - a. Ellen wants to know if there can be an email for service@oabridge.org and Jeff says they will find out how many of the 5 emails allowed the Bridge are in use and see about setting that up.
2. Where can Hosts get training now? Paula S.
 - a. There is a discussion of how training is currently being done. It is organized in that Ellen L's training sheets for laptop/computer training are still available; Ellen G., Service Coordinator, sends out training letters with references to these for anyone new to the job; Lisa and others are leading people through hosting demos and being present at meetings to co-host and support them, especially when they are hosting the first time.
 - b. Ellen says to be zoom host and security especially Sunday night is too much for one person. Clare suggests that all hosts, not just first time hosts, should have a co-host to support the waiting room and security features. Deborah E. concurs.
 - c. Lisa makes the point that it has not yet been proven that it is not dangerous to use an iPad or phone for hosting, especially as there currently is no one to do training and the teaching materials Ellen L. created are for computer/laptop use.
 - d. Lois M. Has hosted a meeting using an iPad. She says the same functions used on a computer or laptop are available on iPads but under different tabs and menus. Lois M states she is available to assist anyone with an iPad to adapt to the different menus that iPads use.

MOTION: *Table iPad issue to next meeting.* Motion **PASSED**

3. Keeping focus at meetings on Experience, Strength, and Hope. Paula S
 - a. Lisa explains that this was a problem some weeks ago but seems to be less so now and notes that some people "just need to talk."
4. Create digital file for sharing readings, etc., Ellen G.
 - a. Jeff states there could be copyright issues if we try to print it in the chat, but the material from the 12&12 is too long for that anyway.
 - b. Joy states it is only \$10 for the kindle version of the book and Lisa states you don't need the kindle, just the app to display the pages.
 - c. Lisa wonders if we as a group can purchase literature.
 - d. By consensus, it's decided that it's not an issue at this time.

5. Virtual Region Newcomer Open House September 21st & 22nd
 - a. All positions filled: Jeff E. – speaker; Cindy A. – speaker; Carol C. – moderator; Clare B. – chat host
 - b. Jeff asks how these service opportunities present themselves and Clare explained that Toby who is PIPO for Virtual Region asked her to organize this again as she did for the June Open House after Ellen L. died and was unable to coordinate the event.
 - c. Jeff states this was done without the group consent and Lisa suggested maybe it should be gotten first next time.
 - d. Clare will put this item on the agenda for the next business meeting for clarification of volunteer opportunities requested by the greater service body.

OLD BUSINESS

Simplifying positions in the group, Jeff E. & Carol C. proposing the following guidelines:

Discuss priority items vital to the day-to-day functioning of the group, and our service to the individuals who attend our four meetings per week, including, in order of priority:

1. Service positions (Group level only that support the below):
2. Meeting facilitation: hosting, leading, security, meeting script, topics, meeting types, etc.
3. 7th tradition collection and distribution
4. Website, other group technology (Zoom training, WhatsApp, etc)

This meeting would NOT include any business below the group level, such as:

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| - Intergroup | - Workshops |
| - District/region | - Services positions outside of what happens in the |
| - World services | facilitation of our meetings |
| - Assemblies | |

There is considerable discussion regarding how the Bridge Intergroup operates resulting in the following:

MOTION: *A committee will be formed to document and clarify a differentiation between what the intergroup and the group are and what each one does.* (The committee will report back at an unspecified time. No membership of the committee is specified at this time.)

Motion **PASSED.**

- Lisa voted against the motion. Her objection is that we have discussed this over and over, documented in the bylaws in February what the intergroup business is, and it is wasting time to bring it up again.

Meeting closed @ 7:42pm EDT with the serenity prayer

Next Business meeting: Sunday August 4th, 2024 6:30 EDT