

The Bridge Business Meeting Minutes.

Date: Sept 8, 2024

Present: Paula S. Chairperson, Lisa, C. Vice Chair, Mary Jane L.

VR/WSO Rep, Ellen G. Service Coordinator, Jeff E. Web Team,

Open: At 6:30 EST with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes: August 2024 approved with the correction that "The next business meeting ", be changed to Sept 8th, 2024

Treasurer's Report - received via email - Cindy Ahern

August 4, 2024 to September 7, 2024

Income:

Venmo: \$67.00 (11 contributions)

Paypal: \$15.00 (1 contribution)

Total contributions: \$82.00

Expenses:

Web Blue Host \$9.99 for Domain Expiration Protection (oabridge.org)

Web Blue Host \$89.88 for annual web hosting (same as last year). Jeff will get me an invoice

Starting balance: \$1,221.00

Contributions: \$82.00

Expenses: \$99.87

Ending balance: \$1,203.13 (PayPal \$333.93, Venmo \$869.20)

Prudent Reserve: \$1,000.00

Upcoming expense:

Blue host fees: ?

next year's zoom fee in March 2025 approx \$160

next year's WSBC in May 2025 approx \$400

Suggested Distribution twice per year in June and December.

70% to virtual region, 30% to WSO/Web Team Report: Jeff E.

Service Coordinator Report. Ellen G

Ellen G states that September is covered. The Saturday meeting is piecemealed week by week. Would like to give it another month to see if members continue to step up to give service and to keep the meeting running.

Ellen states she feels the reason she has trouble getting members to host on Sunday Evening is that they don't have the ability to share the literature being read. (The 12 and 12 of OA).

Jeff brought up the idea of having a budget for books and to just purchase it for the individual hosting so they have the ability to share. Ellen states she will be looking into the legality of the group purchasing the material and

having their own account with which to buy the literature so members have the ability to share through this account. Will make contact with The Literature rep from the Virtual Region to see if this is possible.

Ellen G stated she will stay on as Service Coordinator through the end of December 2024.

WhatsApp Report Carol C via email

We have been adding a few new members weekly. It appears is being used appropriately and there are no issues.

Carol C

Ellen G has discussed with Carol C about possibly having a WhatsApp Link where

members click on the link and are added almost instantly to the group. Brought up the issue of security.

Lisa C states she also has seen this at another meeting also.

Item tabled to next meeting to discuss.

Intergroup Chair report. Paula S.

Stated that the Board met and discussed the best way to divide the Intergroup vs Group Business.

The Intergroup will be meeting at 6:00 PM Eastern Time, 1/2 hour before the Group Business Meeting.

This is what will be **Intergroup Business** :

- Webmaster's Report
- VR Rep Report as relevant
- WSO information as relevant
- Upcoming Events and Service Opportunities

Group Business

- Treasurer's Report
- Service Coordinator Report
- WhatsApp Report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and accepted, to accept the Intergroup vs Group Business breakdown.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Report from Chair regarding special meeting: group vs. intergroup business - see above
- Status of the Saturday meeting due to service commitment needs – Ellen G. - see above
- Use of iPad for Zoom Hosting – Lois M. - Tabled since Lois is not present.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Volunteer Opportunities for Intergroup Representatives (IGRs) from each Bridge meeting Jeff E stated that this would require 4 more service positions needed and we have trouble getting service commitments filled. Also stated that maybe this should be brought before the groups to see if they want this.

Mary Jane stated that this is just a volunteer position and it is up to the individual groups/ meetings to fill them if they want. Some meetings may not choose to have a rep. This gives them the opportunity to vote at the IG meeting.

Jeff states that the phrase “posted in the Chat” used in the Leader Script is annoying and suggests that maybe we can simplify it. Ellen also agreed it was annoying and overused.

After much discussion Lisa states she will rewrite and simplify the script for review at the next business meeting.

Upcoming Events and Service Opportunities

1. The Virtual Region Newcomer Open House is September 21 & 22, 2024. All positions are filled, though it would be good to have a back-up speaker.

2. Next Interview. 9/29/2024. Anorexia and Bulimia. 1-3 pm ET. Zoom ID: 864 1961 9360.

Passcode. 101112

Chair calls for motion to adjourn; Motion Passed.

Meeting closed @ 6:11pm EST

Next Business meeting: Sunday OCT 6th, 2024 6:30 EDT