

The Bridge Group Business Meeting Minutes

Date: February 2, 2025

Open: 6:30pm Eastern/3:30pm Pacific

Present: Paula S. Chairperson, Lisa, C. Vice Chair/Web Team, Clare B. Secretary, Mary Jane L. WSO Rep, Rosalie D-R., VR Rep

Minutes approved: January 5, 2025

Treasurer's Report: received via email:

Cindy A., Treasurer, January 5, 2025 to January 25, 2025

Income:

Venmo: \$130.00 (18 contributions)

Paypal: \$115.00 (2 contribution)

Total contributions: \$245.00

Expenses: \$0

Starting balance: \$1,073.36

Contributions: \$245.00

Expenses: \$0

Ending balance: \$1,318.36 (\$605.16 in PayPal, \$713.20 in Venmo)

Prudent Reserve: \$1,000.00

Upcoming expenses:

March 2025: approx \$160 for Zoom fee (from PayPal) May 2025: approx \$400 for WSBC July/August 2025: \$15, \$9.99 & \$89.88 = \$114.87 for Bluehost fees (from PayPal)

Jan 2026: approx \$31 for Blue Host fees (from PayPal)

Suggested Distribution twice per year in June and December.

70% to virtual region, 30% to WSO

WhatsApp Report: Carol C., WhatsApp Moderator

Carol is absent; report received via email:

WhatsApp has 2-4 new people joining weekly. Some members drop out while remaining in the Bridge meetings. Carol will follow up to see if she can determine the reasons for this.

Upcoming Events & Service Opportunities:

- 4th & 5th Step workshop at the VR Convention Friday, 2/28 at 5p EST has service positions open: timer, chat monitor, and security
 - This can be announced as service opportunities at Bridge meetings
 - The Wednesday “Into Action” meeting will probably be able to fill the openings
- Newcomer Open House at the VR Convention, March 1st @ 6pm EST – positions filled

Old Business:

- Discussion of what happened to member’s older agenda item regarding closing meeting waiting room after a designated time period to discourage intruders.
 - This member is no longer attending the Bridge and asked for the item to be removed
 - If other members find that this may be a helpful action, item will be restored to agenda

New Business:

- The Bridge needs a new contact on “oa.org Find a Meeting” website pages – it is currently still Ellen L. This can be one person to represent all the meetings or a separate person for each.
 - From OA information: “Each meeting must have a contact name and number. If there is no one in your group who wants to be listed as the contact, you can use the intergroup or service board name and number should you choose to affiliate with one.” (This is probably also still Ellen L. and should be changed.)
 - There is no one present who volunteers for this commitment. It can be announced and will be tabled till the March business meeting.
- Zoom Host and Leader Commitment Scheduling:
 - *Who will make announcements regarding the need for the next month’s commitments?* This will be put into the scripts on the website of both the host and the leader so announcements get made every meeting - if the month does not yet have positions filled.
 - **Motion:** Approve using the Bridge group gmail for the Google document scheduling worksheet.
Passed Unanimously
- Discussion of members wanting an agenda item:
 - There is no official position that a member must be present to speak to an agenda item, but it is highly recommended that this person sponsors the item and is present at the business meeting to explain and discuss it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm EST

Next Business meeting: Sunday, March 2, 2025, 6:30pm Eastern/3:30pm Pacific

Minutes submitted by Clare B., Bridge Intergroup Secretary