

The Bridge Group Business Meeting Minutes

Date: May 4, 2025

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

Present: Paula S. Chairperson, Lisa, C. Vice Chair, Clare B. Secretary, Cindy A. Treasurer, Carol C. WhatsApp Coordinator, Jeff E Web Team, Karen P.

Minutes approved: April 4, 2025 with amendment: VR rep abstinence requirement is 6 months, not one year.

Treasurer's Report:

OA Bridge Treasurer's Report -- Cindy Ahern March 30, 2025 to May 3, 2025

Income:

Venmo: \$118.01 (18 contributions)

Paypal: \$89.10 (4 contribution)

Total contributions: \$207.11

Expenses:

Total: \$0

Starting balance: \$1,272.17

Contributions: \$207.11

Expenses: \$0

Ending balance: \$1,479.28 (\$721.23 in Venmo, \$758.05 in PayPal)

Prudent Reserve: \$1,000.00

Upcoming expenses:

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) March 2026: approx \$170 for Zoom fee (from PayPal) May 2026: approx \$2,000 for WSBC in-person

WhatsApp Report: Carol C., WhatsApp Coordinator: all is running smoothly

Upcoming Events & Service Opportunities: none to report

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Report from Web Team Jeff E., Survey regarding business meeting times and days.
 - Starts with sharing from Tradition Two, p. 100: “If somebody wants to make a change . . . this is brought up for discussion at a group conscience meeting of the group’s regularly attending members.” “Take into account everybody’s ideas.” He brings up the concept that abstinence is not a requirement for voting privileges.
 - The poll shows that the most popular day and time are after the Tuesday Bridge Meeting which would be at 9pm Eastern / 6pm Pacific. A length of 30 minutes was most popular.
 - A moderator (chairperson, not necessarily the intergroup chair) needs to be discussed – does it need to be a consistent, recurring moderator or can that office change with each meeting?
 - Survey results can be found at the following Google document link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/10eWYwopyAeEjqw57EKZu0fimQLubm3uX/view?usp=drive_link

MOTION: The next Bridge Group meeting will be held at 9pm, immediately following the Tuesday, June 3, 2025 meeting. There will be no regular parking lot and the business meeting will be held for 30 minutes length.

- Passed 6/7
 - Opposing viewpoint: the time is inconvenient and will not make a difference to attendance in the long run.
- Amend the leader script to include mentioning the Wednesday meeting as one of the Bridge meetings.
 - Considerable discussion of whether the Into Action meeting is a “regular” Bridge meeting or should be held separately as one of the Intergroup meetings.

MOTION: We as the Bridge Group meet on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

- No Second: MOTION Fails.
- This discussion will be tabled until the June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm Eastern

Next Business meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 9pm Eastern, immediately after the regular Bridge meeting

Minutes submitted by Clare Buckley, Bridge Intergroup Secretary