

*A.R.T.S. Anonymous Inc.
Conference Reports
2015*

2015 ARTS Anonymous
World Service Business Conference Minutes

March 7th, 2015

12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM, EST

Held at: Grace and St. Paul Lutheran Church
123 West 71st Street
New York, New York 10023

Conference Attendees

Trustees

Frank Lagerstedt (Chair)
David P (Finance/Treasurer) Kevin (NYC, Friday) (vacant)
Don T (World Wide Fellowship Liaison)
Ed S (Conference)
Abigail B (Founder)(Literature)

World Service Meeting Representatives

Paul G (NYC, Saturday)
Zigi (NYC, Thursday)
Donna (Spokane, WA)
Lucille (London, England)

Opening Remarks

Frank Lagerstedt (Chair) welcomed all the participants to the 2015 ARTS Anonymous World Service Business Conference

Serenity Prayer

Conference Check-in – Delegates each shared about how their respective meetings were faring and whether or not they were passing the second basket for contributions to the ARTS World Service Organization (WSO).

2014 Conference Minutes Approved as Read

Trustee Reports

Financials – David P

David read from the 2014 P&L report and commented on it. He reported savings on expenses with Abigail B and Ed S volunteering to run the office and Mae managing the second basket campaign to raise funds through meeting donations. The ARTS annual appeal is becoming more dependent on a small number of donors.

Literature – Abigail B

Abigail reported on her progress on writing the Book that would include both conference approved and non-conference approved literature. She proposed that the four workbooks be combined and sold for \$100. The conferees discussed ideas with regard to setting up a program-wide system that would quickly facilitate the approval of all literature which would include feedback from the telephone meetings as well as from the face-to-face meetings.

Conference – Ed S

Ed reported that the WiFi for the church was not working and that he was taking the minutes manually.

Worldwide Fellowship – Don T

Don reported that he responded to several member email queries per month. Don also chaired the ARTS May and September picnic meetings this year

World Service Office – Abigail B and Ed S

Abigail and Ed have kept the office running since Cori left. The administrative savings have helped offset the losses of the cancelled October 2014 Convention, however this model is unsustainable for the long term.

Special Events – Abigail B

October 2014 Convention was cancelled due to no shows. April 2015 Convention has online registration capability on the ARTS website.

Topic of Discussion: The establishment of a fast track ARTS literature approval process that would be available for all ARTS members who are interested in participating. Delegate Paul G (NYC, Saturday) agreed to chair a Saturday workshop to be scheduled at the April 2015 ARTS Convention intended to address this topic. Literature changes up for approval would be voted on at the 2016 ARTS Conference. Abigail's work on the Book would be separate from this process.

Trustee Slate for 2015 : (Frank Lagerstedt, Abigail B, Don T, David P, and Ed S)

Motion (Anna L): Delegates approve 2015 Trustee Slate. – PASSED – Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

Conference Check out: There was a consensus among the conferees that the meeting went well.

Meeting Adjourned:

Signed: Ed S., ARTS Conference Trustee