

Minutes
ARTS Anonymous Board of Trustees meeting
April 8, 2023

Meeting: Called to order: 8:30 pm ET.

Present: Allegra B., Cindyann W., Jay M., Matt B., Pat Q.

Read: The Serenity Prayer, Tradition 8, and Concept 8.

Check-In: Members checked in for 30 seconds.

Consent Agenda Items

Motion: To accept the minutes of the March 11, 2023. Cindyann 1st, pat 2nd. Unanimously passed.

Motion: To accept Board meetings to take place the second Saturday of each month. Allegra 1st, Matt 2nd. Unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Conference Planning Committee Report

Chair of Planning Committee (Matt B) reported:

The conference organization is going well so far, we're about to have our second Pre-Conference next week. Our Last Conference Planning Committee meeting (April 1st ET) had an increased delegate representation which was great and the added fun of gag video filters. It was an extremely collaborative meeting. We established a solid agenda for the Saturday April the 15th Pre-Conference (ET) mostly populated with tabled items, including reviewing the Community Problem Solving Method. We are also discussing and establishing the details of the Celebration Day / Convention. Recruiting for and staffing the behind the scenes of putting on the Conference is also on the Agenda.

The last item of the meeting was to agree on a consistent time for the Conference Planning Committee Meeting (Regardless of whether it is an agenda setting one or not) and the Pre-Conferences as the differing times were a source of confusion and one that wasn't 5am in Australia, but not too late for Europe. The CPC present voted in a consistent time of 4pm ET. (6am in Australia and 9pm in the U.K) I'm hoping that all ends of the globe this time will encourage maximum Delegate / Member involvement.

A few of us, Allegra, Cindyann and myself were given by the last Pre-Conference the task of formulating a google form for Submitting motions. We met separate to the CPC meeting and created the form, which is now on the website. The deadline date for submitting motions or topics is June 24, 2023.

We have regular mail outs of the Conference Planning Committee Agenda Setting Meeting and Pre-Conference Registration Invites close to each meeting. A Special Thanks to Allegra for the mail out and coordination and Kerimera for the wonderful art work.

I, as Conference Chair have every confidence, that thanks to our wonderful fellowship coming together, that we will have an extremely successful, productive and enjoyable World Service Conference and Celebration Day / Convention 2023!

Chair Amendment to CPC Report:

Jay has agreed to be our email person to the delegates. He is coordinating with Matt and Cindyann. We have already come send an annual email to the delegates that reminds them of all the dates, how to register as a delegate, the form for submitting motions, and where to find updated information on the website. A regular communication directly from the Conference planning committee to the delegates will hopefully encourage their participation as well.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Statements:

<u>Beginning of the month March 1, 2023</u>	<u>End of the month February 28, 2023</u>
Checking balance: \$6,811.28	Checking balance: \$6,770.36
Savings balance: \$1,001.85	Savings balance: \$1,001.86
Total balance: \$7,813.13	Total balance: \$7,772.22

March Profit and Loss

Income: \$ 1,688.15
Expenses: \$ 1,704.07
Income/Expense Difference: \$ -15.92

January 2023 through March 2023 Profit and Loss

Income: \$ 4,859.69
Expenses: \$5,444.05
Income/Expense Difference: \$ -584.36

Operations report (See Below)

Motion: To go ahead with the automatic payment on April thirtieth, for the post office mailbox. Pat 1st, Allegra 2nd. 4-Yes, 1-No. Minority opinion heard. Passed.

Action: Place on a future Board meeting agenda exploring alternatives to a post office box rental.

Action: A New Business agenda item: to look into four different possibilities for special workers to address Treasurer activities: 1) pro bono Accounting, 2) a chief financial officer--not a member of the Fellowship, but a trustee at large position who attends board meetings and participates, 3) a chairperson of a committee, 4) a financial committee which would not necessarily require membership on the Board of Trustees.

Old Business

- 1) Author Release Form for Literature

Motion: We accept this Author Release Form for Literature document as we've amended it. Allegra 1st, Jay 2nd. Unanimously passed.

- 2) Pro-bono attorney letter

Motion: We accept the letter as stated for use in the soliciting the services of a pro bono attorney.
Pat 1st, Jay 2nd. Unanimously passes.

New Business

1) Board Retreat: dates, purpose

Action: Communicate via email 2 possible consecutive dates in May, that may work with Vicky's school year, and Matt's work schedule to attend a 6-hour retreat divided into 3-hour sessions both days. Each Board member would be in charge of one hour of the retreat to plan and lead in whatever way they think is important. (This may or may not include art-shares or vision for arts, etc.)

2) Proposed text and suggestions for website landing page and About ARTS page

Action: Table the above item for our next time Board meeting.

Closed the meeting: Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Cindyann W.

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- Added language to the “New Meeting Registration Form” with suggestion that a meeting be established before listing it on the website. Problems with new meetings added, and then people finding no one there (Zoom)
- A “region” or “intergroup” has formed around Moscow. They have about 50 members, five meetings a week, and are adding a sixth, and have just registered their meetings for the meeting list. I am in direct contact with the member who is leading them.
- Contacts in Mailchimp listings updated to include more information about each contact, and to provide tags to differentiate members to create separate lists
- Conference/Convention page of the website revised to include dates and deadlines and links to Conference Planning Committee meetings, Pre-Conference meetings, Submission form for motions and topics at the Conference, etc.
- The Basic Pamphlet, both in kindle and for free download on the website, has been updated to contain Traditions as originally adopted in 1986, and Traits approved by the Conference (and recently revised around “Avoidant Syndrome” wording).
- Facing Avoidance Workshop seemed to go well. 25 registered, about 18 attended. After Eventbrite fees, we brought in just over \$280. Although there are ideas, there are no workshops currently in the works.
- Some cleanup and updating of office documents, including copies of the Charter and the Concepts in the office. Working on a more comprehensive binder of annual financials.
- First quarter 2023 Financial Management report created and posted on the website
- Conference-approved versions of Anorexia of Avoidance, Process v. Product, Art and our Spiritual Awakening converted to kindle and added to and/or replaced on the website literature page listings.
- \$115 for 6 months post office box rental is due on April 30

- Excel spreadsheet created showing all expenses for pamphlets and books. Stripe credit card for *international* charges will go up .5% starting June 1
- Routine items: postings of Zoomathon flyer, Board minutes, meeting list updates, bookkeeping, book orders, etc.