

Minutes
ARTS Anonymous Board of Trustees Meeting
July 8, 2023

Meeting: Called to order: 6:30 pm ET.

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

Read: The Serenity Prayer, Tradition 11, and Concept 11.

Check-In: Members checked in for 30 seconds.

Consent Agenda Items

Motion: To accept the June 10, 2023 Board meeting minutes as amended. Cindyann 1st, Pat Q. 2nd. 5-Yes, 1 abstained. Unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report

(No Treasurer's Report - holiday office closure)

Conference Planning Committee Report June 2023

Chair of Planning Committee (Matt B) reported: July 2023, Board Meeting

Hello everyone, since the last Board Meeting Conference Report we've had the June Pre-Conference. Among the major items discussed and voted on was the beginning hours of each day of the Conference, which was established as 2pm ET. This time was agreed on as it's not too early for Australia (5am) and not too late a start for Europe. We're hoping that these times encourage maximum worldwide Delegate participation. We (The CPC) also presented the Draft Agenda put together by the Skeleton Crew- (Populated with must have Items like Delegate Packet Review and Committee Reports etc.). It was well received with only one suggested change which was for me to draft a topic for discussion based on Rotation of the Board of Trustees and the need for service. This is the full (carried) motion.

Motion: Draft a proposal to put forward a discussion at the 2023 WS Conference: the importance for the rotation of service, a structure for filling board trustee vacancy, actions each board of trustees performs, and members' desire to serve.

I with the help of the Board chair have completed this, it will be added to the full drafted Agenda to presented to the August Agenda Setting meeting and if agreed to the August Pre-Conference. We also reviewed the pamphlets for the Special One-Day conference on July 15th. I will be facilitating that day and I'm very confident that with all the diligence and hard work that the Literature Committee put into the preparation that it is going to be an extremely productive Special Conference.

With the deadline for Submission of Motions & Topics passed, we received two Topics. It's looking like the majority of the Conference will consist of the Literature Approval process and Literature themed topics. This of course is all subject to Pre-Conference Approval.

The Conference Planning Committee had the June meeting where we filled in the Draft Agenda with the Submitted Motions and Topics, ready to present at the August 19th Pre-Conference. A reminder that this

will be the last scheduled Pre-Conference before the Conference itself, though of course the Conference Planning Committee Meetings running up to the Conference will continue as scheduled. The CPC will also meet on Saturday the 22nd of July at 4pm to organize and finalize the Delegate Packet for distribution and posting by August 15th.

We have sent out a Recruitment flyer for service at the Conference for the Delegate Registration Team and behind the scenes at the Conference. Thanks to Allegra for formatting and distributing this. Though I am reticent to end this report on a 'negative' note, I was concerned about the lack of attendance at the Last Pre-Conference which numbered six people. (Half were Delegates). I'm hoping that the August Agenda Setting meeting and Pre-Conference will have better attendance. Stating that it's the last one(s) before the Conference hopefully will encourage attendance. Also, I'm confident that increased engagement with Delegates between now and the Conference will help.

Thanks Everyone – Yours in Service Matt B Conference Chair

Motion: To accept this CPC report as amended and presented. Pat Q. 1st, Jay 2nd. Unanimous.

Operations report (See Below)

Motion: To accept the operations report as presented. Cindyann 1st, Pat 2nd. Unanimous.

New Business

LITERATURE COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Nineteen motions were forwarded from the Literature Committee, three regarding some updates to the Traits, and sixteen regarding updates to the Tools. The recommendation was to include them in the Delegate Packet for 2023 Conference.

MOTION 1: To update the text of Trait 7 to read: “We have often stood on the edge of a beginning, afraid of commitment and fearful of pursuing our creativity as a means of earning a living. The concept of supporting ourselves through our art seemed overwhelming. We were unable to determine the market value of our art.”

MOTION 2: To amend the title of the Traits to read: “Common Traits of the Struggling Artist”

MOTION 3: To amend the introduction to the Traits to read: “These are some of the common traits that many discouraged and unfulfilled artists have experienced before seeking a solution in A.R.T.S. Anonymous.”

Motion: To accept the three motions regarding the Traits: a) to update the text of Trait 7, b) to amend the title of the Traits pamphlet, c) to amend the introduction to the Traits, and d) to bring these motions to the conference in the fall. Vickie 1st, Jay 2nd. Unanimous.

Zoomathon

Members of the fellowship are meeting regularly, bi-weekly. We are in the process of understanding who we are, what we are, and to what purpose. A List of points under topics of discussion that could lead to motions were sent out to all interested members.

Closed the meeting: 8:30 pm EST, Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindyann W.

Operations Report to the Board of Trustees of ARTS Anonymous – July 8, 2023

- A \$49.99 annual subscription for Ninja Forms was cancelled as we weren't using it anymore. We are still using their PDF Embedder tool, which is \$19.50 a year.
- \$439.00 Directors Insurance payment made in June. No new large payments due until October (PO Box rental)
- About ARTS website page text updates made, plus added testimonials from members. Worked with Jay and Chinu to make adjustments
- Jay has converted 2023 newsletters into html in such a way that the graphics and links work when posted on the website. He has also added a time zone converter to the top of the sortable meeting list
- Other website updates include Zoomathon Committee notice on Zoomathon page, notice and zoom link for August 19 Pre-Conference, Board minutes, June Pre-Conference minutes, links to register for July 15 Special One-Day Conference and July Members Stories Workshops, etc.
- Eventbrite registration links set up for July Member Stories workshops and Special One-Day Conference, flyers are regularly being sent out
- June newsletter went out
- The ARTS Zoom account was set up to allow for multiple audio channels for language translation, various technical rehearsals carried out with the Workshops and Members Stories Committees to learn how to use this feature. No upgrade to our account is needed.
- Kindle Sales:
 - o 2022 – began in April. 97 units sold from April – December = \$67.90 net
 - o 2022 Titles in order of number of units sold:
 - The Creative Process
 - Powerless Over and Unmanageable/ARTS and our Spiritual Awakening (tied)
 - Facing Avoidance
 - Envy to Appreciation
 - The Basic Pamphlet/Anorexia of Avoidance (tied)
 - o 2023 – first 6 months. 124 units sold from Jan-June = \$86.80 net
 - o 2023 Titles in order of number of units sold:
 - Facing Avoidance
 - The Creative Process (taken off site in June by Board action)
 - Art and Our Spiritual Awakening
 - Powerless Over and Unmanageable/Basic Pamphlet (tied)
 - Envy to Appreciation
 - Anorexia of Avoidance