

Minutes
ARTS Anonymous Board of Trustees Meeting
October 28, 2023

Meeting: Called to order: 5:30 pm ET.

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

Read: The Serenity Prayer, Tradition 10, and Concept 10.

Check-In: Members checked in for 30 seconds.

Consent Agenda Items

Motion: To accept the September 9, 2023 Board meeting minutes. Cindyann 1st, Jay 2nd. Unanimously passed.

Treasurer's Report (see below)

Chair Screen shared the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: To accept the September 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented. Pat 1st, Jay 2nd. 1-Abstained. Passed.

Operations Report (See Below)

Chair screen shared the Operations report.

Motion: To accept the Operations Report September Report. Pat 1st, Jay 2nd. 1-Abstained. Passed.

Conference Planning Committee Report September (See below)

Chair of Planning Committee (Matt B) reported.

Motion: To accept the Conference Planning Report September Report as presented. Allegra 1st, Pat 2nd. Unanimously passed.

Old Business

1. Author Release Form: Tabled.

New Business

1. Legal Adoption of the Motions passed by the World Service Conference.

Motion: The Board of Trustees accept the actions of the conference in regards to the Traits, Talents, Tools, and the Literature Development and Approval Process, and ratify them. Allegra 1st, Jay 2nd. Unanimously passed.

2. Website update and funding.

Motion: To form a plan and a set of priorities for updating, upgrading, and rebuilding the website. Allegra 1st, Jay 2nd. Unanimously passed.

3. Discussion: Strategy for all Literature use with A.R.T.S. Anonymous and through the Literature Approval Process.

Board to meet: November 11, 2023
Closed the meeting: 7:40 pm ET, Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Cindyann W.

Treasurer's Report

TREASURER'S REPORT – September 2023 – A.R.T.S. Anonymous		
BANK BALANCES – September 2023:	Beginning of Month September 1, 2023	End of Month September 30, 2023
Checking Account:	\$4,731.76	\$4,717.48
Savings Account:	\$3,001.96	\$3,001.98
Total Bank Balances:	\$7,733.72	\$7,719.46
SEPTEMBER INCOME:	This Month - September 2023	Last Year - September 2022
Literature:	\$751.88	\$268.76
Donation:	\$952.23	\$1,137.39
Fundraising:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other (sublet):	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income:	\$1,704.11	\$1,406.15
SEPTEMBER EXPENSES:	This Month - September 2023	Last Year - September 2022
Literature:	\$564.39	\$176.59
Donation:	\$58.31	\$71.28
Fundraising:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Operations:	\$1,095.69	\$1,242.60
Total Expenses:	\$1,718.39	\$1,490.47
Income/Expense Difference:	This Month - September 2023	Last Year - September 2022
	\$(14.28)	(\$84.32)

Operations Report

Operations Report to the A.R.T.S. Board – 10/28/2023

Website:

- Jay, Vickie and I met with Craig, along with Chinu, and two ARTS members, and went over options for website upgrade that we can do ourselves with his guidance
- PDFs on website copied and backed up separately in anticipation of upgrading the website
- Regular updates to the Conference/Convention page, News page, Meeting List
- Consulted with Craig as the Landing page for phones wasn't loading.
- Updated language on the Delegate Information post as there was confusion as to whether the information applied to Alternates
- Zoomathon page taken off the website, replaced by Sharathon

Communications:

- Mailchimp communications re World Service Conference and Birthday Celebration, and the Treasurer's Report for the Conference
- September and October newsletters created and sent
- Regular emails to Delegates regarding updates to Registering as a Meeting Delegate, Delegate Packet, Treasurer's Report, purchasing tickets, Zoom link, etc.
- Donna T and a team she formed made many visits to meetings around the world encouraging Delegate election and participation at the Conference
- A Mailchimp issue re about 30 email addresses being accidentally "Archived" was resolved

Finances:

- Financial Report for the Conference updated to include 2023 third quarter
- Management Report for website updated to include 2023 third quarter
- Eventbrite registration for the Celebration Day updated and posted
- Six months for the PO Box rental paid (\$115)
- Director's Insurance payment is due in November (about \$440)
- World Service Conference and Birthday Celebration has brought in \$1008 to date

Other:

- A number of our email aliases were giving bounce-back notices to some (not all) senders claiming the email address didn't exist.

Conference Planning Committee Report September 2023

Hello all, we had two Conference Planning Committee meetings in October. The first meeting at the beginning of October, weeks before the Conference to nail down any forgotten or remaining details. This included the clarification that Topics at the Conference at this stage are not open to be turned into on-the-spot motions. We also talked about the Breaks of the Conference (which turned out wonderfully) and the all-important question -have we forgotten anything?

The Second meeting (Oct 19) was more of an emergency one after the second day of the Conference when one Delegate (with the aid of others) continually disrupted the Conference, which included a vote to remove me as facilitator. (Which thanks to the support of Conference was not passed.) We as a Conference Planning Committee, with two votes, decided not to allow this Delegate back for the last day (and thus the remainder of the Conference, including the Special One Day Conference on Jan 13.) Statements were drafted to prevent further disruption. After a well needed break the Conference Planning Committee will reconvene on the first Saturday of December to discuss the Special One Day Conference, another in January before that Conference may also be called.

It is my opinion that the lack of specific protocols and strategies left the Conference (and myself) unprepared for unmuting disruptions. The Delegate Etiquette Guidelines the CPC one time Committee came up with didn't cover this, as we didn't predict that Delegates would behave like this. I'm hoping that we can remedy this oversight somehow before the Special One Day Conference commences, in lieu of Conference Policies Committee formation. It is clear though that the Conference is crying out to have a voice and hopefully as a fellowship and a Conference we can achieve that together in line with the Traditions, Concepts and Charter.

Thank you
Yours in Service
Matt B
Conference Chair