

Minutes

ARTS Anonymous Board of Trustees Meeting

November 11, 2023

Meeting: Called to order: 4:30 pm ET.

Present: Allegra B., Cindyann W., Jay M., Matt B., Vickie 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 October 28, 2023 Board meeting minutes. Cindyann 1st, Matt 2nd. Passed.

Treasurer's Report (see below)

Chair Screen shared the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: To accept the September 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented. Allegra 1st, Vickie 2nd. Passed.

Operations Report (See Below)

Chair screen shared the Operations report.

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

Old Business

1. Author Release Form

Action: Put what we have so far, the draft that we created based on similar documents from other 12 step programs use, plus some of the suggestions that the lawyer made into a side-by-side document. Then, email it all out to you and follow up with each of you.

2. Website

Motion: To undertake and upgrade the A.R.T.S. website, and rebuilding it our ourselves with the assistance of Craig, at the rate of a \$100.00 per meeting with him. Matt 1st, Allegra 2nd. 4-yes 1-no. Passes. Minority heard.

Action: Get clarification from Craig about our relationship with him, or a contract. What we may expect to get from Craig at the rate of a \$100.00 per meeting with him.

Board to meet: December 9, 2023

Closed the meeting: 6:18 pm ET, Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindyann W.

TREASURER'S REPORT – October 2023 – A.R.T.S. Anonymous		
BANK BALANCES – October 2023:	Beginning of Month October 1, 2023	End of Month October 31, 2023
Checking Account:	\$4,717.48	\$6,064.20
Savings Account:	\$3,001.98	\$3,002.01
Total Bank Balances:	\$7,719.46	\$9,006.21
OCTOBER INCOME:	This Month – October 2023	Last Year - October 2022
Literature:	\$703.02	\$348.34
Donation:	\$1,368.68*	\$1,069.70
Fundraising:	\$992.75*	\$0.00
Other:	\$150.00 (sublet)	\$465.00 (stipend refund)
Total Income:	\$3,214.45	\$1,920.89
OCTOBER EXPENSES:	This Month - October 2023	Last Year - October 2022
Literature:	\$481.45	\$282.98
Donation:	\$53.09	\$68.95
Fundraising:	\$122.75	\$0.00
Operations:	\$1,210.44	\$1,627.11
Total Expenses:	\$1,867.73	\$1,979.04
Income/Expense Difference:	This Month - October 2023	Last Year - October 2022
	\$1,346.72	(\$58.15)
*Multiple additional donations were made by members buying tickets in Eventbrite. These were added to the Donations Income		

Operations Report to the A.R.T.S. Board – 11/11/2023

Website:

- Chinu and I explored various free template options and reviewed the updated WordPress editing tool. Discussed what might be the important features of an updated site. A report for the Board is being developed.
- Updates to the Conference/Convention page, News page, including Birthday Celebration, Sharathon, Calendar
- Posted: Updated Management reports for 2022 and first three quarters of 2023, Board minutes, etc.

Communications:

- Mailchimp emails re Birthday Celebration and Sharathon.

Finances:

- Management Reports for 2022 and first three quarters of 2023 updated to properly reflect income, expenses and net income for KDP (pamphlets in electronic form) sales. This will give us a more accurate figure for the profit margin we get from literature sales overall.
- Director's Insurance payment is due in November (about \$440)
- October's Treasurer's Report and Income and Expense statement reflect *net income* of about \$690 in ticket sales for the World Service Conference, \$180 in ticket sales for the Birthday Celebration, and \$95 in additional donations.
- A second payout from Eventbrite will appear in the Treasurer's Income and Expense statement for November. The *net income* comes to about \$450, including about \$57.00 in additional donations
- A separate PayPal account has been set up for the Sharathon, linked to the A.R.T.S. checking account. Jay and I are the only ones with log in access to that PayPal account, and the Sharathon email receives notices of the payments made to it.

Other:

- Met with members of the Sharathon Committee to coordinate Zoom registration and give an Eventbrite training
- We may have lost our pro bono attorneys due to neglect. Still trying to establish communication to confirm one way or another

November 2023 Conference Planning Committee Report

Hello all, though there hasn't been a Conference Planning Committee meeting since the last Board Meeting there is still a bit to report as we've got the Final Day of the Conference to plan to conclude the business of the October portion of the Conference. The next CPC meeting, the first Saturday in December will be the Agenda Setting meeting for the December Pre-Conference.

Even though the schedule for the final day of the Conference is already set I believe it would be prudent in the meantime (at the December Pre-Conference) to discuss the disruptions and hopefully work together to prevent any of the like occurring in January. This will include challenging the idea (and validity) of on-the-spot motions. I think it's important, considering what occurred to reaffirm as a collective Group Conscience why we have Conferences and what they are designed to achieve, while still leaving space for the voice of the fellowship.

A letter to the fellowship is also being drafted to start the conversation about Conference developing its own Policies and Procedures.

Thank you- Yours in Service Matt B Conference Chair

