

Minutes
ARTS Anonymous Board of Trustees Meeting
February 10, 2024

Meeting: Called to order: 1:00 pm ET.

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

Read: The Serenity Prayer, Tradition 2, and Concept 2.

Check-In: Members checked in for 30 seconds.

Consent Agenda Items

Motion: To accept the January 20, 2023 amended Board Minutes. Cindyann 1st, Pat 2nd. Passed.

Motion: To authorize the World Service Office to register the ARTS copyright of the following six non-founder written Conference-Approved pamphlets. Registrations will be spaced out over 2024 to spread out the impact on the bank balance. Total cost is approximately \$360:

Anorexia of Avoidance
Facing Avoidance
Art and Our Spiritual Awakening
On Being the Perfect Artist
From Envy to Appreciation
Process vs. Product

Pat 1st, Matt 2nd. Passed.

Motion: To authorize the World Service Office to pay a \$5 surcharge per month (\$60 annual) to the ARTS Zoom account to enable all participants in meetings to select closed captioning in the language of their personal choice. Jay 1st, Pat 2nd. Passed.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report January 2024 (see below)

Chair Screen shared the Treasurer's Report.

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

Operations Report February 9, 2024 (See Below)

Chair screen shared the Operations report.

Motion: To accept the January 2024 Operations Report. Cindyann 1st, Jay 2nd. 1 Passed.

Conference Planning Committee Report February 2024 (See below)

Chair of Planning Committee (Matt B) reported.

Motion: To accept the February Conference Planning Report as presented. Pat 1st, Jay 2nd.
Passed.

Old Business:

Board interviewed Dasha after viewing her application to join the Board of Trustees.

Motion: To have a vote on Dasha B becoming a member of the Board of Trustees. Allegra 1st, Jay 2nd. Unanimously passed.

Policies and Procedures Committee Report

Vickie D. screen shared a draft motion with edited guidelines for fellowship wide A.R.T.S. events, previously shared with board members via email.

Motion: To accept the Policies and Procedures Report as presented. Vickie 1st, Allegra 2nd.
Passed.

Action: Vickie: To craft this and take out the references to the charter. Add references because this is really the article. This is concept 12, not Article 10. And I'll take out the red. If anyone has any comments, please send them to me or Allegra. And, I will send that out for consideration. Maybe we can approve this by consent agenda unless there are objections.

Motion: To extend the meeting by 30 min with a five-minute break, and reconvene at 3:07 pm ET. Allegra 1st, Vickie 2nd. Passed.

Abby's Literature

Round robin discussion.

Everyone agreed to extend the board meeting for another 15 minutes to finish the round robin discussion.

Motion: For Matt to craft an email with input from others, to ask Abby to reschedule a meeting with the Board within certain time frame and take whatever actions we need to take as a board. Allegra 1st, Cindyann 2nd. 4-yes, 2-no. Minority heard and votes changed to 3-no 2-yes, and 1 abstain. Motion does not pass.

Motion: To table what decisions and actions to take regarding our literature to the next board meeting. Matt 1st, Pat 2nd. 5-yes, -abstention. Passed.

Meeting closes at 4:15 pm ET: Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindyann W.
Secretary

Treasurer's Report January 2024

TREASURER'S REPORT – January 2024 – A.R.T.S. Anonymous		
BANK BALANCES – January 2024:	Beginning of Month December 30, 2023	End of Month January 31, 2024
Checking Account:	\$4,443.66	\$4,181.75
Savings Account:	\$5,002.09	\$5,002.13
Total Bank Balances:	\$9,445.75	\$9,183.88
JANUARY INCOME:	This Month – January 2024	Last Year - January 2023
Literature:	\$499.09	\$716.15
Donation:	\$1,123.94	\$1,056.09
Fundraising:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income:	\$1,623.03	\$1,772.24
JANUARY EXPENSES:	This Month - January 2024	Last Year - January 2023
Literature:	\$319.43	\$300.57
Donation:	\$67.86	\$68.75
Fundraising:	\$0.00	\$0.00
Operations:	\$1,497.65	\$1,614.24
Total Expenses:	\$1,884.94	\$1,983.56
Income/Expense Difference:	This Month - January 2024	Last Year - January 2023
	(\$261.91)	(\$211.32)
NOTES: 1) Sublet for January was paid but check was not deposited until February. 2) Office staff worked five weeks in January, so the salary was over \$1,200. 3) \$15 bank service fee charged in error and has since been reversed.		

Operations Report to the A.R.T.S. Board – 02/09/2024

Website:

- Posted: January Newsletter, “Article 6” Meeting information for March 2, March service calendar

- Room made on the office computer hard drive on which to do website work. Tutorials reviewed. Next steps are to clone the website to a subdomain, and Faye will create a child theme which will make future maintenance and updates much easier. The home page and site map were reevaluated according to “personas” previously identified, and new ones made. This is likely to continue to change as we move along
- Some meeting updates, including the sortable list.
- Hostmonster (our hosting site) has announced a major upgrade to the PHP, which should help with security. (PHP means “hypertext preprocessor” and is described as “an open source, server-side, HTML embedded scripting language used to create dynamic web pages”)

Literature:

- A correction was made to both the kindle and the downloadable PDF of the Basic Pamphlet (Removed the word “Twelve” from the list of Tools as there are now 15)
- Some minor word changes on Literature page to reflect what is available in print in Big Cartel bookstore
- A number of audio Literature links removed from the Literature page, and *How ARTS Began* removed from Archives page
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Communications:

- Emails to donors with their tax-exempt statements for 2023 donations sent via Mailchimp. Individual thank you emails sent in some cases, including to meetings. Four snail mail letters written and sent.
- Mailchimp notices re “Article 6” meeting, Talents and Skills meeting, and Feb 24 Sharathon sent out

Finances:

- Chinu worked five full days in the office this week, and this is reflected in the Operations costs.
- Sublet payment was made in time, but not deposited in time to show up in January Profit and Loss
- Abby was sent a spreadsheet of sales of her literature and royalties for 2023
- Ticket Tailor account set up as an alternative to Eventbrite. The February Sharathon will be using it.

February 2024 Conference Planning Committee Report

It’s been a very quiet month for the CPC, which is a welcome lull after the Conference ended. The only action was an ADHOC meeting on Monday, the 5th of February to craft the Survey on the Conference; this was brainstormed and completed. The 2023 A.R.T.S World Service Conference Report to come in the next couple of weeks. It’s unsure at this stage when the Conference Planning Committee meetings will resume, depending on when we as a fellowship or Board (?) decide when the next Conference will be held. An open Conference Planning meeting (Formally Pre- Conference) can easily be organized in the

next few months to discuss this, and how to move forward, including any policies the Conference Policy Committee (Article 6) would like to present to Delegates and Participants.

Yours in service Matt B Conference Chair