

Minutes

ARTS Anonymous Board of Trustees Meeting

February 8, 2024

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

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

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

Check-In: Members checked in.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: To accept the December 2024 Board Meeting minutes. Vickie 1st, Allegra 2nd. Unanimously passed.

Motion: To accept the Update to Board Report to the 2024 3rd Virtual WSC in January 2025 to include Matt's resignation. Cindyann 1st, Vickie 2nd. Unanimously passed.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report December 2024 and January 2025 (See below.)

Chair screen shared the January 2025 Treasurer's Report, and the January 2025 Profit and Loss Report, and the 2024 Income Expenses Yearly Report.

Motion: To accept the December 2024 Treasurer's Report as presented. Jay 1st, Pat 2nd. Unanimously passed.

Motion: To accept the January 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented. Jay 1st, Pat 2nd. Unanimously passed.

Committees

Conference Chair Report was screen shared with the board. (See amended report below)

Motion: To revert this report to Matt with our feedback about some of the language, as this is an official part of the minutes. Allegra 1st, Cindyann 2nd. Unanimously passed.

Action: The Conference Chair Report is amended as requested and approved by all board members via email.

Literature Committee Report (See below)

Chair screen shared Literature Committee: October 2024 – January 2025 Report.

Motion: To accept the Literature Committee Report: October 2024 – January 2025 Report. Vickie 1st, Cindyann 2nd. Passed unanimously.

URGENT BUSINESS:

1) Ratification of Actions taken by the 2025 3rd Virtual WSC in January 2025 (In agreement with Article 4 of the Conference Charter, "Percentage to Pass a Motion" action by the 2023 World Service Conference, and Article XIV section 3 of the By-laws)

To ratify and adopt the following Motions below, of WS Conference, January 2025:

Motion 1: To amend the Community Problem-Solving Method. Allegra 1st, Cindyann 2nd. 4-yes 2 opposed. Passed.

Motion 2: To create a policy and Procedures Committee for the World Service Conference. Allegra 1st, Jay 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Motion 3: Establish a Term Limit of three consecutive World Service Conferences for the position of Conference Chairperson. Allegra 1st, Jay 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Motion 4: Procedures for motions to the World Service Conferences, as passed by the conference with the amendment that the words, “preferably with a group conscience” replace the words “after a group conscience in their meeting.” Allegra 1st, Jay 2nd. 4-yes 2 opposed. Passed.

Motion 5: Motion to recommend to the World Service Conference 5 updates to the Traits as presented and passed by the conference. Allegra 1st, Jay 2nd. 4-yes 2 opposed. Passed.

Motion 6: To update the talents, to include the words “in recovery” at the beginning of each talent. Allegra 1st, Vickie 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Motion 7: To update the talents as presented and as passed by the conference. Allegra 1st, Jay 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Action: Chinu to update the “Traits and Talents: on the website, the basic pamphlet, and the basic pamphlet on the kindle version as well.

2) Election of Board Officers (per Article VI, section 2 of the By-laws)

Secretary resigns post.

Cindyann W: I have served this board and A.R.T.S. Anonymous as secretary for 3 years, and I must say it has gone by faster than I imagined. I came in without experience serving or participating with a board, and I knew nothing about taking minutes. I am grateful for your trust, and faith in me, and your patience, and guidance as I learned how to do this job fairly well. To make sure I got things right, I relied on the recorded transcript, which meant scrolling down to read through the entire meeting. This helped me learn the rhythms of communication that led to decisions. This was not a dry or boring task, because often, I got a laugh over the creative ways we discussed ideas, and I gained wonderful insight getting to know each of you better. Thank you for letting me serve as I resign this post today. I will submit my last draft of today’s minutes to the board later this week.

Vice chair resigns post.

Pat Q: I have enjoyed serving as your vice chair for 2 years, largely in advisory capacity. I really believe that moving forward, the vice chair position is ideally suited to become a training ground for a possible future chairperson and in which case I am making myself unavailable, for reelection as vice chair. Thank you.

Four board officer positions are open for nominations: chair, vice chair, treasurer, and secretary.

Motion: To nominate Allegra B. for the chair post. Allegra accepts. Cindyann 1st, Vickie 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Motion: To nominate Cindyann W. for the vice chair post. Cindyann accepts. Jay 1st, Allegra 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Motion: To nominate Vickie D. for the secretary post. Vickie accepts. Cindyann 1st, Allegra 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Action: Chinu to update the “Traits and Talents: on the website, the basic pamphlet, and the basic pamphlet on the kindle version as well.

3) Board Meeting schedule and time for 2025

Motion: The Board continues to meet the second Saturday of each month, at 1:00 pm ET with adjustments as necessary for holidays, and seasonal time changes. Allegra 1st, Cindyann 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Motion: The board to extend meetings by a half hour, with adjustments as necessary for seasonal time changes. Allegra 1st, Vickie 2nd. Passed unanimously.

4) New: Trademark application Update and funding.

Motion: to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Vickie 1st, Pat Q. 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Motion: To pay the additional \$700 to the trademark office to properly register our trademark. Vickie 1st, Jay 2nd. Passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer, or Financial Officer (*Tabled to next Board Meeting*)

Participation in, and Health of Meetings

Motion: To hold the “Open Forum” conference on March 1, 2025. Vickie 1st, Allegra 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Meeting closes at: 2:30 pm ET: Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindyann W.
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT – December 2024 – A.R.T.S. Anonymous		
BANK BALANCES – December 2024:	Beginning of Month November 30, 2024	End of Month December 31, 2024
Checking Account:	\$4,225.93	\$2,980.55
Savings Account:	\$5,002.53	\$6,002.58
Total Bank Balances:	\$9,228.46	\$8,983.13
December 2023 Total Bank Balances	Beginning of Month December 1, 2023	End of Month December 30, 2023
	\$9,529.89	\$9,445.75
DECEMBER INCOME:	This Month – December 2024	Last Year - December 2023
Literature:	\$40.57	\$351.53
Donation:	\$888.76	\$1,108.65
Events:	\$95.00	\$0.00
Other:	\$75.00	\$150.00
Total Income:	\$1,099.33	\$1,610.18
DECEMBER EXPENSES:	This Month - December 2024	Last Year - December 2023
Literature:	\$26.30	\$326.85
Donation:	\$54.27	\$60.57
Events:	\$13.98	\$0.00
Operations:	\$1,250.16	\$1,306.94
Total Expenses:	\$1,344.71	\$1,694.36

Income/Expense Difference:	This Month - December 2024	Last Year - December 2023
	(\$245.38)	(\$84.18)
NOTES: 1) \$1,000 was transferred from checking to savings, which shows up as an expense on the Profit and Loss statement. 2) The new computer was paid for in January 2025.		

TREASURER'S REPORT – January 2025 – A.R.T.S. Anonymous		
BANK BALANCES – January 2025:	Beginning of Month January 1, 2025	End of Month January 31, 2025
Checking Account:	\$2,980.55	\$2,706.79
Savings Account:	\$6,002.58	\$6,002.63
Total Bank Balances:	\$8,983.13	\$8,709.42
January 2024 Total Bank Balances	Beginning of Month December 30, 2023	End of Month January 31, 2024
	\$9,445.75	\$9,183.88
JANUARY INCOME:	This Month – January 2025	Last Year - January 2024
Literature:	\$66.55	\$499.09
Donations from Individuals:	\$1,035.99	\$1,123.94
Group/Meeting Donations:	\$30.00	\$0.00
Events:	\$860.00	\$0.00
Other:	\$75.00	\$0.00
Total Income:	\$2,097.54	\$1,623.03
JANUARY EXPENSES:	This Month - January 2025	Last Year - January 2024
Literature:	\$43.14	\$319.43
Donation:	\$114.34	\$67.86
Events:	\$102.36	\$0.00
Operations:	\$1,953.96	\$1,306.94

Total Expenses:	\$2,371.30	\$1,497.65
Income/Expense Difference:	This Month - January 2025	Last Year - January 2024
	(\$273.76)	(\$261.91)
NOTES: 1) Operations Expenses included the new computer at \$760.37 2) A \$54 donation refund is reflected in Donation Expenses		

February 2025 Conference Chair Report

Hello all, running up to the Conference, since the last Conference Chair Report there were two Conference Service and Support meetings, which focused mainly on recruiting service for behind the scenes at the Conference. This sadly was largely unsuccessful, though we did get Dee to be a Scribe for one day.

There were also some Conference Planning meetings running up to the conference (not sure how much they were covered in the last report), there was little delegate representation though we did discuss and vote on details pertaining to the Conference including approving the Conference Agenda and what to call the Conference and of course saving a full day for topics of discussion and the open forum with an optional separate ticket to encourage widespread member participation.

A word or two about the Conference, (please see the Conference Report upon its release for full details of motions etc.). I think it went very well. We always made quorum easily for all three days and passed seven motions, including reviewing the Community Problem Solving Method and updates to the traits and talents. We elected a new Board Member, Dasha.

There was some inappropriate behavior though not enough to disrupt the flow of the Conference.

The last day of the Conference, the Topics and Open Forum went very well in my opinion. The only drawback was the lack of non-delegate attendance, though there was some. There seemed to be the general idea that this day was catered toward delegate representation, which wasn't the intent. A good day overall though I feel.

I appreciated the acknowledgement as a former Board Member and Conference Chair/Facilitator. It was all worth it in the end.

Yours in Service Matt B Former Conference Chair

LITERATURE COMMITTEE: October 2024 – January 2025 Report to the Board of Trustees

Members Stories:

- The Sub-committee gave a short presentation about this project at the World Service Conference

Traits, Talents and Tools:

- The proposed updates to the *Traits* and *Talents* were presented at the 2024 3rd Virtual World Service Conference on January 2025, crafted and then passed by the 2/3 majority required for Literature approval.

Steps Subcommittee:

- Drafts of Steps 1-9 for a small guide or booklet have been created and are being circulated and reviewed by the subcommittee. The subcommittee hopes to begin having the full Literature Committee review subsequent drafts in preparation for possible Conference approval. A draft statement about sponsorship was created.
- The Sub-committee gave a short presentation about this project at the World Service Conference

Deep gratitude to the members of the Traits, Talents and Tools Subcommittee which took on a several-year-long project to provide a uniform set of the Twelve Traits, Talents and Tools, and bring them to Conference-approval. Mort M., Harvey D., Valerie G. Also participating: Isabelle V., Cindyann W.