

Minutes
ARTS Anonymous Board of Trustees Meeting
May 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm ET.

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

Read: The Serenity Prayer, Tradition 5, and Concept 5

Check-In: Members checked in

Minutes: Vickie read the minutes of the April 12, 2025 board meeting. **Motion:** To accept the minutes as amended. Pat 1st, Jay 2nd

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report July 2024 (See below)

The treasurer's report was screen shared and is attached below. Note: there was a lengthy discussion of the finances of ARTS Anonymous.

Motion: To return to the published agenda and end discussion on the Treasurer's Report. Allegra 1st, Pat 2nd. Passed 5 yes, 1 no.

Motion: To accept the April 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented. Pat 1st, Cindyann 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Literature Committee Report.

Motion: To accept the Literature Committee report and thank the committee members for their hard work. Vickie 1st, Jay 2nd. Passed unanimously

Conference Chair Nominating Committee:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion: To invite delegates to a board meeting. Cindyann 1st, Jay 2nd. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm by unanimous consent. Serenity Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie D, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT – April 2025 – A.R.T.S. Anonymous		
BANK BALANCES – April 2025:	Beginning of Month April 1, 2025	End of Month April 30, 2025
Checking Account:	\$2,359.65	\$1,972.72
Savings Account:	\$6,002.73	\$6,002.78
Total Bank Balances:	\$8,362.38	\$7,975.50
April 2024 Total Bank Balances	Beginning of Month April 1, 2024	End of Month April 29, 2024
	\$9,614.08	\$9,365.09
APRIL INCOME:	This Month – April 2025	Last Year - April 2024
Literature:	\$59.33	\$11.94
Donations from Individuals:	\$907.39	\$925.16
Group/Meeting Donations:	\$109.76	\$0.00
Events:	\$220.00	\$467.06
Other:	\$75.00	\$75.00
Total Income:	\$1,368.70	\$1,479.16
APRIL EXPENSES:	This Month - April 2025	Last Year - April 2024
Literature:	\$73.60	\$7.74
Donation:	\$55.33	\$41.31
Events:	\$31.39	\$84.28
Operations:	\$1,595.31	\$1,594.86
Total Expenses:	\$1,755.63	\$1,728.19
Income/Expense Difference:	This Month - April 2025	Last Year - April 2024
	(\$386.93)	(\$249.03)

NOTES: A \$15 Bank fee was assessed, and a refund was issued in May. The bank account is now set up to issue an emailed “alert” should the checking account balance drop close to the \$2,000 minimum.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE: February 2025 – April 2025 Report to the Board of Trustees

Members Stories Sub-Committee:

- There hasn't been a workshop held for writing Member Stories in a while, and there is a willingness to hold one
- There seems to be a reluctance to sign the Author's Release form
- A reminder that the author's release does allow the writer to keep their story and retell it. It is highly unlikely A.R.T.S. Anonymous would ever take someone to court for re-using their own story

Steps Sub-Committee:

- There are consistently 5 members involved in this project, and the Sub-Committee meets weekly.
- A draft of Step 7 is complete, and a draft Introduction is almost complete.
- There are initial drafts completed for Steps 8-12 that still need completion.
- A timeline has been developed to have a Steps guide completed, including reviews and approvals by the Literature Committee and the Board, in time for a November Delegate Packet. *(See at the end of this report)*

Editorial Policies Sub-Committee: This sub-committee was formed by the Literature Committee at its February 25 meeting. Its purpose is to develop policies and guidelines in the development of A.R.T.S. Literature.

- The sub-committee has five members, and it meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.
- A list of ideas for what should be included was created. The subcommittee reviewed the Literature Development/Approval Process.
- A draft was created and reviewed at the Literature Committee meeting on April 22. The Literature Committee made revisions and gave feedback to the Editorial Policies Subcommittee for further work.

Suggested Timeline for Completing a Steps Guide in preparation for a 2025 (January 2026) World Service Conference:

April 30: **Steps Subcommittee:** finalize draft Introduction. *Send Introduction and Step 4 to the Literature Committee for review* before it meets on May 27. Continue work on draft Step 8 if there is time

May 7: **Steps Subcommittee**: finalize draft of Step 8 (?)

May 14: **Steps Subcommittee**: Work on drafts of Steps 9-12 as we can

May 21: **Steps Subcommittee**: Work on drafts of Steps 9-12 as we can

May 27: **Literature Committee**: Review drafts of Step 4 and Introduction, give feedback

May 28: **Steps Subcommittee**: Incorporate feedback given for Step 4 and Introduction

June 4: **Steps Subcommittee**: Work on drafts of Steps 9-12 as we can

June 11: **Steps Subcommittee**: Review drafts of Steps 5-8 with eye toward making sure they are ready for review by the Literature Committee. *Send draft Steps 5-8 to the Literature Committee* so they have them to look at before their June 24 meeting.

June 18: **Steps Subcommittee**: Work on drafts of Steps 9-12 as we can

June 24: **Literature Committee**: Review drafts of Steps 5-8, give feedback to the Subcommittee

June 25: **Steps Subcommittee**: Incorporate feedback given for Steps 5-8

July 2: **Steps Subcommittee**: Work on drafts of Steps 9-12 as we can

July 9: **Steps Subcommittee**: Finalize *drafts of Steps 9-12 and send them to Literature Committee* to give them time to look them over before their meeting on July 22

July 16: **Steps Subcommittee**: Work on anything more that is leftover, such as incorporating or rewriting according to feedback from the Literature Committee

July 22: **Literature Committee**: reviews Steps 9-12, gives feedback to the Subcommittee

July 23: **Steps Subcommittee**: Incorporate feedback given for Steps 9-12

July 30: **Steps Subcommittee**: Work on anything more that is leftover, such as incorporating or rewriting according to feedback from the Literature Committee

August 6: **Steps Subcommittee**: Work on anything more that is leftover, such as incorporating or rewriting according to feedback from the Literature Committee

August 13: **Steps Subcommittee**: *Send the entire draft of the whole Step Guide to the Literature Committee* so they can look it over before the Committee meets on August 26.

August 20: **Steps Subcommittee**: ?

August 26: Literature Committee reviews the whole thing, provides feedback to the Subcommittee

August 27: Steps Subcommittee: Incorporate feedback and/or rewrite for anything given from the Lit Cttee

September 3: Steps Subcommittee: Incorporate feedback and/or rewrite for anything given from the Lit Cttee

September 10: Steps Subcommittee: Incorporate feedback and/or rewrite for anything given from the Lit Cttee. *Send it to the Literature Committee to look it over again* before it meets on September 23.

September 17: Steps Subcommittee:?

September 23: Literature Committee: reviews the whole thing again. Hopefully they approve it after any changes they make, and send it to the Board of Trustees

September 24: Steps Subcommittee: Get the whole thing ready to present to the Board, as needed. Send to the Board to review in time for their October 11 meeting

October 1 and 8: Steps Subcommittee:? (keep open in case)

October 11: Board of Trustees reviews, gives feedback, we hope. Or approve it for the Conference maybe??

October 15 and 22: Steps Subcommittee:? (keep open in case)

October 28: Literature Committee: reviews feedback from the Board, and either incorporates it, or sends it back to the Steps Subcommittee for further work.

October 29: Steps Subcommittee: Do more work according to what the Board and the Literature Committee decide they want. Send back to the Literature Committee for approval. If it passes the Literature Committee (it may have to be done by email), then it can be sent to the Board again for review before its meeting on November 8.

November 8: Board of Trustees approves it for the Conference. (Right?!?!? God willing?)

NOVEMBER: DELEGATE PACKET IS DUE. HP WILLING, THE STEP GUIDE WILL BE IN IT for the Delegates to review and possibly approve at the Conference.