

INTERGROUP MINUTES MARCH 4, 2018

Open with Serenity Prayer

Reports:

Web report, Scott

- + edited an intergroup page on the web site to post Intergroup minutes.
- + added a link up to a Japanese AA's Kanto Area's (Tokyo's) Central Office.
- + Had to move domain name. AATokyo was expensive w/ old company. The previous treasurer needs to be reimbursed for expenses with the old company.
- + Began exporting/migrating to rebuild the website from a handbuilt thing to an automated template with Wordpress. It should be easier to use and Scott hopes to have something up by the next meeting.

Phone, John (outgoing)

- +The present phone's contract ends at the end of the month. The new phone person needs to get a new phone. The present phone is very cheap—about ¥2,100/month.
- +John is leaving on the 13th for a trip and the next phone person, Sandra, should contract a new phone before this phone gets turned off on that date. (Sandra is giving a lecture in Kyoto tonight and couldn't make it tonight.)
- +John needs to be paid ¥12,500 to pay him for the phone bills over the last 6 months. *I think this was done tonight.*
- +The skype number John had experimented with was not working for a few weeks and he returned to using just a regular phone. That was found to be more reliable.

Treasurer, Mike

- + No report.
- + Treasurer has money with him and will accept contributions if anyone has any. Jordan had some contributions:
Tokyo YPG ¥2,000
Tokypaa ¥6,108
Nishi Chiba ¥5,000

Meeting list, Kachan

- +Printed out some new meeting lists and passed them out to be brought back to the groups.
- +Will print up more lists as when asked.

Chair, Jordan

Is looking for guidance as the new chair. Expressed his desire to follow tradition and to serve.

Old Business

The previous phone officer's proposed guidelines for the phone.

+After some discussion, the consensus was not to publish any guidelines, that the outgoing officer should offer the incoming officer their experience, strength and hope to the next person, perhaps in the form of a letter. John emphasized the point of the proposed guidelines was to detail how efficacious it is to have a phone dedicated to the AA inquiries. This means fewer missed calls due to hangups and that the dedicated phone allowed the answerer to answer each call knowing the caller was calling for AA.

The present/new phone

+Motion to keep a cellphone with a dedicated contract for this term and to later investigate using different apps for call-forwarding features, etc. passed unanimously.

Voting at Intergroup

Anyone can attend, but only Intergroup Reps can vote or anyone attending can vote?

+The consensus seems to be to let anyone who comes to Intergroup vote and to table the issue for now.

+Let's try to get the word out to our groups that anyone is welcome to attend Intergroup, but that if the groups elected to send elected representatives, it would be even better.

+ Many members expressed the hopes that people will return to their home groups after Intergroup meetings to pass on what's going on and that the groups in turn will come to share with Intergroup their concerns.

Advertisements?

+We're doing nothing now. Should we do anything now? The cost (¥60,000/year for the Japantimes) was the trigger for stopping advertising before. The sense in the room seemed to be that it was too expensive and probably not cost-effective.

+Jordan will call Metropolis and ask about free space.

Intergroup Meeting frequency?

+Lots of discussion. The rent amount of ¥2,000/meeting was mentioned. For now we will stay with every other month and play it by ear.

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Next Intergroup Meeting is May 6 at 7:00PM on the 4th Floor at the Tokyo Union Church

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