

Tokyo English Language Intergroup Minutes,
November 5, 2017, Tokyo Union Church, 6:00 pm

(The Chairperson was not present. Another member acted in his place.)

Opened with the Serenity Prayer

Old Business:

The treasury money and related materials were located, are in the Chairperson's possession, and will be handed over to the current Treasurer shortly.

New Business:

Telephone:

As a result of non-payment for service for the old hotline number, JSO was contacted by NTT through a lawyer and threatened with legal action. It appears that the service was never cancelled when the new mobile phone was purchased and put into use. JSO paid the 11,523 yen and wants to be paid. An attending member said he would go to the JSO office and see to the matter.

The Telephone Chair restated that he needs to give up his position, that he will be out of the country beginning in January. He said that he had been trying to pass the job on for six months. He also stated he believes the job would be best done by someone relatively new to the program. There was a brief discussion of giving up the telephone altogether, since many new members are coming in through the website and email, as are visitors looking for meetings. The mobile bill is about 2000 yen a month. There was also talk of getting a Skype number, through which telephone calls would be forwarded to a designated number.

Elections:

It was decided to have elections for three positions at the January Intergroup meeting. The three positions are Chairperson, Telephone Chair, and Recording Secretary. The Treasurer and the Webmaster, both relatively new to their positions, would continue to serve.

Other Discussion:

The opinion that the sense of community within the Fellowship is frayed was expressed.

The suggestion that some form of structure be re-established was made.

The idea of returning to monthly Intergroup meetings was also brought up.

The consensus was that these ideas ought to be publicized and discussed at future Intergroup meetings.

The next Intergroup meeting will be Sunday, January 7, 2018 at the same time and location.

The meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer.

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Addendum reporting on action taken after the Intergroup meeting: The member who volunteered to visit JSO did so and paid the 11,523 yen out of his own pocket, for which he will be reimbursed. The old telephone account is confirmed closed.

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