

AA Tokyo Intergroup Minutes

August 2 , 2020

Online via Zoom

Call to order: 6:05 pm

Open with Serenity Prayer

Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2020 IG Meeting

Motion to approve was made and seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

Secretary

Nothing new to report

Webmaster

IG decided in June that all groups should make plans to either resume f2f meetings or arrange to host online meetings independent of IG Zoom accounts. With cases of virus rising again in Tokyo and some venues reconsidering their policies, IG probably needs to reconsider canceling Zoom.

IG has been supporting three Zoom accounts. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to cancel one of these (J's) for net saving of ¥2000. IG will continue supporting accounts for D and S (¥4000) total). D is willing to continue hosting 3 groups, and S is general facilitator for IG Zoom.

It was further recommended to remind everyone that Zoom was set up as an emergency measure. The three groups still depending on IG Zoom might wish to donate to IG to help defray cost. ("Every group shall be self-supporting.")

Phone

Officer reported by email that the phone has been quiet with a few calls from some newcomers who have problems and want someone to talk to.

Treasurer

Officer submitted the following written report:

Starting balance: ¥37,714
Donations 0
Expenses 0
Ending Balance ¥37,714

While we have this cash on hand, it doesn't account for ~2 months of accrued expenses:

Typical monthly expenses are ¥13,000:

- Website hosting (¥3500)
- Phone (~¥3500)

- Zoom (¥4400)
- Gmail (¥1500)

The hosting and Zoom are on my credit card, and I don't want to get paid monthly, but it's clear, as discussed last meeting, we are heading into the red in the next month or so.

In short, to keep the phones, website, zoom, etc. up, we need contributions, which have all but stopped.

We can stop providing "Zoom as a service" if we determine that's best, but it is still a short term fix. Jordan and David can make the call on how much value the community is getting from it.

We can begin to more formally request meetings to make a contribution if they benefit from Zoom, the website, the hotline. We can add payment options if we feel it's a hassle these days to collect in person.

H&I

Officer was contacted by incarcerated person looking for a "sponsor." Upon inquiry, he turned out to be looking for a citizen or permanent resident to sponsor release from prison. He was told that this is not a service AA can provide.

Old Business

- Phone situation: see above
- Zoom meetings summary and steps forward: see above
- Other: none

New Business

IG needs donations, and in the absence of many f2f meetings there is general interest in making online donations possible. Individual groups have set up various systems including a dedicated post office account in a member's name, PayPal, and Amazon gift cards. If the Treasurer is in agreement, direct deposits to his account could be another option.

The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously that the Treasurer be directed to set up some means of making donations on the website.

Close with the Serenity Prayer: 6:40 pm

Next meeting: October 4 on Zoom