

## **AA Tokyo Intergroup Minutes**

**October 4, 2020**

**Online via Zoom**

**Call to order:** 6:05 pm

**Opened with Serenity Prayer**

### **Approval of Minutes of August 2, 2020 IG Meeting**

Motion to approve minutes of August 2 meeting was made and seconded; passed with all in favor.

### **Area Reports**

#### Secretary

Nothing to report.

#### H&I

Everyone agreed that in-person visits at this time are not safe. Officer is happy to talk with anyone by phone and can give his email address to offer support from a distance.

#### Phone

The phone is usually quiet, but officer has fielded a number of calls about meeting times and Zoom support. Webmaster said he can post a note that the phone is not for tech support, and to please see the website listing for each meeting and use any Zoom link found there. Most meetings are online or at least hybrid.

#### Webmaster

Officer reported being pretty caught up. A couple of meetings have closed. June and August minutes will be uploaded to the website.

### **Old Business**

#### Zoom Meetings

Only two meetings are still relying on the IG Zoom account, and both have a Treasurer and a 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition—ready to go independent. IG Zoom support will be discontinued in one week to allow time to inform them of the change. The member who has been supporting these two groups will then be removed from the Zoom account as a paid user.

### **New Business**

#### Financial Situation

Treasurer reported that it costs about ¥13,000/month to keep IG going if we are not paying rent. If we resume in-person IG meetings at TUC, monthly cost will be about ¥15,000. At the moment our balance looks good but that is because accrued expenses on members' credit cards have not been paid. The actual

situation YTD is approximately -¥8000 and will deteriorate further in the absence of donations.

Although we could "skate" for a while, there is clear need to get a more compelling message out to the meetings. To that end:

- IG members should speak to their groups and emphasize that IG supports the hotline, the website, and email lists
- IG members might attend a few extra meetings to spread the word
- On the website, the line about "Please consider donating to Intergroup..." might be "jazzed up" to grab more attention.

**Closed with the Serenity Prayer:** 6:40 pm

**Next meeting: December 6**