

**AA Tokyo Intergroup Minutes
August 1, 2021**

Online via Zoom

Call to order: 6 pm

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Self-Introductions of Participants

Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2021 IG Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of June 6 meeting was made and seconded; passed with all in favor.

Reports

- Webmaster: all is going well, updates are being made promptly, communication good.
- Secretary: out of country, not present on Zoom
- H&I:
 - Rep gave information about detox and hospitalization to 4 people; one followed through and is currently getting help as in-patient, while the other three seem to be still drinking. Also tried to help individual who has been in immigration detention but they also are apparently not yet ready for the program.
 - Rep would very much like to establish a collaborative relationship with JSO but has had no reply to date. Later in the meeting IG group member offered to facilitate a connection to move things along a bit faster.
- Phone:
 - Phone has been pretty quiet. Rep has directed people to Zoom meetings and also took two individuals to in-person meetings.
 - A very disturbing call was received from someone threatening suicide. Rep consulted others in IG for support but it was not clear what we as AA could do. IG member suggested referring all such calls straight to TELL since handling suicide calls is their remit—maybe tape TELL's number to our phone. When the immediate crisis is past we can address alcohol issues if they come back to us.

- Treasurer:

July Report

Beginning Balance 164543

Income

June	0
July	18500
Total Income	18500

Expenses

June	0
July	220
Total Expenses	220

New Balance 182823

Old Business

- Getting Big Books in the hands of newcomers: see New Business
 - H&I Rep has been sending some BBs from his own pocket.
 - One group buys books from their 7th Tradition and has a designated mailer.
 - Webmaster offered to stock FCC if that would help.
- Connecting sponsors and sponsees
 - It is terrible when someone needs a sponsor and no one is there to help.
 - Various possibilities were suggested but the most feasible seems to be that a "Sponsorship" position be created for IG.
 - **Motion, seconded and approved by all: Ask groups if they think an IG sponsorship position would be good for AA.**

New Business

- Getting Big Books into the hands of newcomers, sub-issue of stocking meeting rooms
 - Parameters to be considered include the urgency of getting BB into the hands of someone in need, inquiries coming from outside of Tokyo, uncertainty of attendance at f2f meetings.
 - **Motion, seconded and approved by all: Ask groups for opinions on having a Literature Coordinator to oversee getting books to newcomers and stocking meeting rooms.** It was further suggested that such discussion in groups would be a great time to solicit volunteers for new positions.

- Motion, seconded and approved by all: As interim step for 2 months until next IG meeting, H&I rep shall be given budget of ¥20,000 to cover cost of BBs for newcomers and postage. Receipts to be kept and submitted to Treasurer for reimbursement.
- There is also consensus that going forward it would be great to have a “starter pack” for newcomers. TBD at future IG meeting.
- Outreach to psych hospitals “where drunks end up.”
 - H&I rep would like to print and distribute cards to the 40-50 relevant agencies in the Tokyo area with information about AA and our contact information.
 - Motion, seconded and approved by all: H&I rep shall be given budget of ¥10,000 for printing and postage. Receipts to be kept and submitted to Treasurer for reimbursement. It was noted that rep can read and write Japanese.

Closed with the Serenity Prayer
Adjourned at 7:02
Next Meeting: October 3, 2021