

AA TOKYO INTERGROUP Minutes

February 6, 2022

Via Zoom

Opened with Serenity Prayer

Approval of minutes from December 5, 2021 meeting:

Motion to approve was made and seconded; minutes as submitted were approved unanimously.

Reports from positions:

Secretary: no report

Webmaster:

- o Several information updates have been made on the website. There is a new Wednesday meeting, both online and in-person
- o AA app now available for phone and tablet: The Meeting Guide, from GSO. App is location-specific. Suggestions:
 - Link from Tokyo AA website to site showing this app: <https://www.aa.org/meeting-guide-app>
 - Within the app for Tokyo AA, update "Purchase AA Literature" with contact for Literature person.
- o Email list for IG
 - o Email list (who is responsible, how it is maintained) was not discussed in Webmaster's handover, although it was reported that in the past this was considered part of the Webmaster's role. It is now known that a member is managing the list from his own paid account. While this is generous, there was consensus that more transparency and visible responsibility is needed. With service positions rotating in April, this would be a good opportunity to clarify. The same is true for the separate Inquiries list.
 - o Several members requested that their names be added ASAP to one or both lists, and H&I officer volunteered to help facilitate.

Phone:

- o Request for detox facility information led to asking IG LINE group for suggestions, which were promptly and gratefully received. H&I rep said that actually this is part of his remit, and in the future referral requests can be directed to him.
- o Donated smartphone: to be discussed later in meeting.

Treasurer:

No expenses, no income. Current balance ¥180,473. Several large expenses are still outstanding (phone and web hosting), which could total

up to around ¥80,000. Discussion of donation and prudent reserve to be discussed later.

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Report

Beginning Bal.	180,473
Income	
Oct	0
Nov	0
Total Income	0
Expenses	
Oct	0
Nov	0
Total Expenses	0
	180,473
New Balance	3

H&I:

Two persons are currently in treatment in Kurihama. Rep is in contact with both and will try to visit shortly.

Old Business

o **New Literature person:** consensus that this would be a 14-month position at this time since offices will rotate already in April. Requirement is 90 days of sobriety. Member volunteered for this position! The officer will determine what is to be offered; at this time, Big Books only.

o **How to pay for literature:** general discussion of recipients (anyone, or the most "desperate"?), postal money envelope (genkin kakitome) to be included with book, honor system as at present (eventually donate at f2f meeting, send payment by PayPay or other means, etc.)

MOTION made and seconded, that an honor system be tried, to be reevaluated after two months or so. Motion passed with all in favor.

o **Donations to JSO or GSO**

▪ JSO is struggling to cover rent, a need much greater than any donation we might offer.

▪ Treasurer said that most of current funds are from a single large donation of ¥130,000 last year and that other donations are very slow. He would suggest a prudent reserve of ¥50,000-¥60,000.

MOTION made and seconded that IG maintain a prudent reserve of ¥50,000. After a suggestion that it might be wise to see how much

money remains after outstanding bills are paid, this issue was **TABLED** by consensus [no vote].

- o **New phone:** Webmaster has phone which he is willing to donate.
 - Using this phone would be cheap, with plans such as Rakuten costing ¥0 to ¥3000/month.
 - Member not present has the contract for the phone, and it is not known when the contract expires and any penalty for cancellation.
 - **IG requests clarity on current phone situation.** Further discussion of new phone was **TABLED**.

New Business

- o Given that so many large issues are pending (clarification of finances, phone situation, email lists), member suggested that IG meet monthly in order to make progress on these as soon as possible. **MOTION** that IG meet next on March 6 at 6 pm was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. [TBD if monthly schedule will continue.]
- o Elections: to be held in April. All positions will be open, with the exception of the new Literature rep.

Closed with Serenity Prayer

Next Meeting: March 6, Sunday, 6 pm on Zoom