

AA Tokyo Intergroup Minutes
via Zoom
July 2, 2023

Call to order: 6pm

Opened with “The Serenity Prayer”

Self-Introductions of Participants:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- H&I
- Webmaster
- Treasurer
- Telephone Line
- Representative: Tokyo by the Book
- Representative: New Beginnings
- Representative: Free Thinkers & TUC
- Representative: AtoZ Group = NAF Atsugi & Camp Zama
- Representative: Yokohama Negishi (12&12) and Living Sober
- Representative: Tokorozawa BB (Sunday)

Approval of Minutes of 6/4/2023

Motion to approve minutes of 6/4/2023 meeting was made and seconded. **PASSED** with all in favor.

Reports:

- Secretary: Nothing to Report
- Literature: Nothing to Report
- Webmaster: Fixed some stuff. Paypal button, working on it. Looked into gsuites versus other options. Will backup our emails before proceeding. Changing to Microsoft 365 seems possible if we want.
Group Rep – when do they charge, and how much do they charge?
Literature page will be added (with Treasurer).
Group Rep – proposed literature link would link to literature person
Group Rep – would send literature to those in need, and supply links to ordering books.

Further webmaster updates – Microsoft 365, we have 5 trial accounts, expire in December. It costs more than what we’re already paying.

Group Rep – we need to transfer our email addresses over there, but we could use outlook or some other service to display emails.

- Phone – got about 5 calls in. Talked with a couple of people who didn’t seem ready. Put a couple of women in contact with other women.
- H&I – needs to be updated. Former H&I rep will contact and advise.

Group Rep – suggests we use volunteers to go through loner’s list and make sure people listed are still available. Chair – we can make announcements to our groups regarding that.

- Treasurer – one contribution this month. Paid phone bill. April May balance isn’t the same as it was previously because of that. Asked if any literature or other bills are outstanding.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Reaching out to members in jail (phone suggestion)
H&I person needs info on that.
Proposal: Leave it up to the H&I rep
as trusted servant. Seconded. PASSED with all in favor.

- Progress on getting new phone/battery. Price check? Is it necessary? Helpline person will check in Shinjuku tomorrow.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Proposal: New Business Proposals must be submitted to the chair at least 1 week prior to the monthly business meeting.

If an alcoholic suggests a proposal at the meeting, they will be asked to prepare a brief summary and submit it to the chair as explained above, for consideration at the next meeting.

The purpose of this is so that we have something in writing that everyone can look at prior to, and at the meeting. It puts us all on the same page and saves having to have someone explain their idea on the fly.

Time-Sensitive Exception: if an alcoholic voices a proposal or concern at the meeting that requires attention prior to the next meeting, at the discretion of the chair it may be added to new business at that time.

PASSED with all in favor

- Proposal – because we have a large reserve, if we could run an ad in Japan times or something for AA. Or see about running an ad for Japanese meetings to help them

Group Rep: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/event-listings/>

Chair: We’re already on that website.

Chair advised caution because the internet is a wild, dangerous place.

Group Rep – AA is pretty easy to find and well known.

TABLED for a month. Webmaster and Secretary will look into it.

- Discussion regarding intergroup email and inquiries list.

Helpline person volunteered to fix number and email.

- AA Member – sober dance on the 22nd 6 to 8 at the FCC. 1000 yen at the door, 800 in advance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and passed with all in favor.

CLOSED WITH “The Serenity Prayer”

NEXT MEETING: 8/6/2023 at 6:00 PM