

AA Tokyo Intergroup Minutes
via Zoom
September 3, 2023

Call to order: 6 pm

Opened with "The Serenity Prayer"

Self-Introduction of Participants:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Webmaster
- Treasurer
- Literature
- Hotline
- Representative: Freethinkers, TUC
- Representative: Wednesday New Beginnings Group
- Representative: Tokyo by the Book, Big Book Solution
- Representative: Tokorozawa Sunday Big Book Meeting

Approval of Minutes of 8/6/2023

Motion to approve minutes of 8/6/2023 was made, seconded, and **PASSED** with all in favor.

Reports

- Secretary: Nothing to report.

Treasurer: Shared reports on-screen. Balance unchanged from last time. No new contributions.

Literature: Nothing to Report. Secretary asked how books are distributed, what's the criteria? Literature Rep explained they are donating books to people directly.

Webmaster: Cut costs for website. Adjusted meeting schedules. Updated dropdown menu for intergroup. Updated phone contact list. Debugging gmail slowdown. Looks like webmaster emails is blocking emails from going through. Emailed JSO to ask about financials, hasn't heard back. Will work with Treasurer on PayPal button.

Phone: About the same; nothing for a week, then many calls at once. Some people confirming meetings and connecting with people. A couple of people wanting to stop but don't really want to try meetings. Difficulty with a woman who seemed to really need professional help. Trouble with spam via WhatsApp.

H&I (forwarded message): Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Purchasing an ad in the Japan Times
Secretary reports the cost is 10,000 yen for Japan Times. Facebook or other social media would require an account. Webmaster will look into a Facebook page for a group they know.

Secretary moves we drop the idea of advertising in newspapers. Literature Rep seconds it. PASSED

- Changing email servers

Hotline Rep expressed frustration with the situation would like to see it fixed one way or the other. Webmaster suggests they'll keep working on debugging. If that's impossible, will start the migration process.

Hotline Rep moves Webmaster be given a month to work on it. Secretary seconds. PASSED

(NOTE to Chair, I *think* it was Hotline Rep who moved we do this but I'm not 100%, do you recall by chance?)

- Donation to JSO

A proposal has been made by Chair for IG to donate ¥100,000 to JSO. Chair is not married to the amount per se. Point is, we have so much money in the prudent reserve, and we have to find something to do with it. Literature Rep suggests we table it for a month until we hear back from them. Hotline Rep suggested 50,000 yen. Finances can go up and down so we shouldn't promise any future donations.

Wed New Beginnings Group Rep understanding was that it wasn't just what they needed or if they were solvent, but also about accountability and transparency. Webmaster proposes making a small donation now, and ask about transparency at that time. Hotline Rep seconds it.

Secretary restates Webmaster's suggestion, Hotline Rep and Literature Rep second - donate 20,000 now and decide on more next month. PASSED

NEW BUSINESS:

Treasurer: would it be possible to receive the minutes faster? Secretary promises to be quicker passing minutes along to chair from now on.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and passed with all in favor.

CLOSED WITH "The Serenity Prayer"

NEXT MEETING: 10/1/2023 at 6:00 PM