

**AA Tokyo Intergroup Minutes
via Zoom
October 1, 2023**

Call to order: 6 pm
Opened with "The Serenity Prayer"

Self-Introduction of Participants:

- Chair
- Secretary (substitute)
- Webmaster
- Treasurer
- Literature
- Hotline
- H&I
- Representative: Freethinkers, TUC
- Representative: Wednesday New Beginnings Group
- Representative: Tokyo by the Book, Big Book Solution
- Representative: Tokorozawa Sunday Big Book Meeting
- Representatives (2): East Asia Morning Online Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

Approval of Minutes of 9/3/2023

Motion to approve minutes of 9/3/2023 was made, seconded, and **PASSED** with all in favor.

Reports

- Secretary: Nothing to report.
- Treasurer: Shared reports onscreen.
 - ¥20,000 received from NBG group in January
 - ¥1000 received from Sober Dance Party in August
 - ¥20,000 donation to JSO in September (receipt received and shared for accountability)
 - ¥7800 for phone battery
 - No expenses outstanding
 - Current balance: ¥191,492

Motion to approve financial report was made, seconded, and **PASSED** with all in favor.

- Literature: Nothing to report; there have been no requests for literature. Treasurer confirmed that Literature rep is OK with present funding situation. Group was encouraged to contact rep if anyone is having trouble getting literature: he is standing by!
- Webmaster
 - Financial page has been uploaded and IG finances are now transparent.
 - Gmail: still being monitored. No one's mail seems to be blocked, and no "slow-downs" this month have been observed. For now, we are not exploring alternative email platforms.
 - PayPal button: pending
 - Gratitude for members responding to many emails, especially from overseas.

- Loners group: people are being added to the list
- Hotline/Phone
 - A few contacts/calls have been received on various platforms, with various outcomes. Someone looking for Spanish speakers was very happy to connect with Spanish-speaking meeting at TUC.
 - Rep also reported a confusing and suspect message from WhatsApp asking for payment method. Webmaster said WhatsApp should never make such a request. Hotline rep did ignore the request and was able to update the app successfully.
- H&I
 - No contact with English-speakers at this time.
 - Rep is communicating with contact in Japanese AA about connecting with English-speakers at institutions with which they have contact.
 - Military bases are OK with AA visits and are happy to receive literature.
 - Literature rep and H&I rep will consult on what can be offered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Changing email servers [see above]. Webmaster plans to work on “debugging” as the next step. Consensus to empower Webmaster as “trusted servant” for another month.
- JSO update: transparency on treasury/reports
JSO did not respond to Webmaster’s email, and Treasurer has had no communication except for receipt for donation. Consensus to “stand by” for another month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Changing language in financials page on website:
Consensus that anyone who wants changes should provide suggested alternative text, and discussion of “donations” vs. “contributions” would not be fruitful at this time. Motion to table was made, seconded, and **PASSED** with all in favor.
- East Asia Morning Online Group of Alcoholics Anonymous: add this meeting to Tokyo AA website? Brief presentation by 2 guests.
 - Group meets MWF at 7:30 AM Japan time
 - Participants are mostly native English speakers in Japan, a lot from outside Tokyo. Others are from scattered places worldwide
 - This group began as part of a loose network but is now autonomous

Motion to add this group to the list of online meetings on Tokyo AA website was made, seconded, and **PASSED** with all in favor. Webmaster requested the necessary contact information for posting. Treasurer suggested that East Asia group might like to send a representative regularly to IG—we want to work together for our common purpose.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and passed with all in favor.

CLOSED WITH “The Serenity Prayer”
NEXT MEETING: 11/5/2023 at 6:00 PM