

**AA Tokyo Intergroup Minutes  
via Zoom  
November 5, 2023**

Call to order: 6pm

Opened with “The Serenity Prayer”

Self-Introductions of Participants:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- H&I - absent
- Webmaster
- Treasurer
- Telephone Hotline
- Representative: Tokyo by the Book
- Representative: New Beginnings
- Representative: Sunday Tokorozawa
- Representatives (2): GSO
- Representative: Freethinkers & Sunday Night TUC
- Representative: Big Book Solution

**Approval of Minutes of 10/1/2023**

Secretary apologizes for the lateness of the minutes this month. Motion to approve minutes of 10/1/2023 meeting was made and seconded. **PASSED** with all in favor.

**Reports:**

- Secretary: Nothing to Report
- Treasurer: No contributions. 191,492 yen balance.
- Literature: No requests for books this month. Has been working with H&I to mail packet to some facilities. Contacted JSO about pamphlets but inventory is spotty. They suggested we contact NY directly and literature person did so. Received email back that they'd be happy to ship materials directly. One time only, probably. Roughly 100 dollars US plus shipping. Ordering twice what H&I had planned, to save postage. Question, why was this a one off? GSO used to not ship to us. Phone person offered to get stuff from New York over Christmas. JSO rep got email from New York asking about this. Office in Tokyo is willing to stock English literature, but not special stuff. Ongoing, perhaps JSO could stock more.
- Webmaster: 1) Was able to reach two members of East Asia group, group got posted. New Region on website; East Asia.  
2) Hasn't personally seen any issues with mailing system, but issues have

been reported. Some issues with “link to contact” not working. Not a problem on every phone or every browser, only some of them (from the google search on IOS was confirmed to be problematic).

3) A loner reached out. Webmaster looking into loner info for website.

4) Paypal/Paypay buttons reminder, requested by treasurer.

- Hotline Rep: Very slow month, almost no calls.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Discussion on web server. Seems fine for now. Proposal that the matter be considered resolved for now, can be brought back up as new business if it happens again. PASSED

- 7<sup>th</sup> tradition – Secretary will forward proposal again to chair to add to new business next month.

- Donation to JSO – Chairman from GSB. General Service Chair, Japan. We’re grateful for contribution to GSO. First off, a sincere apology for the initial refusal of a contribution. Last meeting Oct 7 and 8, this was discussed with trustees. We recognize this lapse in judgment was very incorrect.

We clearly understand that we’ve always had a cooperative relationship with the Tokyo English Intergroup.

We also would never want to do anything that would somehow damage that bond that we have.

That lapse of judgment was reported to our general service board at that time, October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

As chairman, I’m committed to do an inventory and review the policy of receiving donations.

If Intergroup is still willing, we would humbly and graciously accept any contributions.

You may have heard that the JSO financial situation is in dire straits.

And if you like, we would be more than happy to send a financial report which is shared with other Japanese groups. We will add you to the mailing list.

That packet gives very detailed information.

I hope that we can continue to build on our great friendship as one AA family together, and pray for love and service in all that we do.

I thank you very much for allowing me time. Thank you.

Secretary – Thanks and appreciate the offer of the financials.

Treasurer – I will apply to receive the JSO monthly (snail) mail out , which is the reports they were referring to.

I will present them to Intergroup for the duration of my tenure as treasurer

Secretary – Any pressing need that can't wait, or can we put the discussion on next month's agenda? Imai – yes, informed group decision is fine.

JSO Rep question – JSO received some contributions from some English speaking groups. Typically JSO would assign a group number to them. Any info?

Literature person – the 2:30 and 3:30 are the same. The other meetings at FCC are free standing.

Group rep suggested checking the website against days and times.

Webmaster asked if contributions through online groups is a good idea? JSO Rep said groups can contribute directly, and they would consider ways to make it helpful and easy for the English speaking groups as well.

Treasurer – Talked with JSO person, told her we don't keep a master list of groups. He found out that one donation was consistent with the two groups (3:30 and 4:30 Saturday). The other said "Tokyo FCC", which could be any. Perhaps they could accept the name as given, if acceptable.

JSO Rep hopes for more integrated activities, roundups, cooperative efforts moving forward, as it has been in the past. Perhaps also integrating the English speaking community into the Japanese structure in some way, thought that's a discussion for another day.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made and passed with all in favor.

**CLOSED WITH "The Serenity Prayer"**

**NEXT MEETING: December 3rd at 6:00 PM**