

# LAA INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

## ORDINARY INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Location: IBM Zoom ID 842 1001 4666 PC: 375920

Date: 4/1/2023

**Persons in attendance:** Chris, Cynthia, Alexey, Denise, Diane, Kristie, Linn, SueBee, Tisha & Vincent

### **Meeting Service Positions:**

**Chairperson- Chris** – filling in for Katya

**Secretary/notetaker** – Cynthia

**Screen sharer** – Chris

**Empath** – N/A

**Time-Keeper** – N/A

**I. Opening Verse: Serenity Prayer** (We Version) Stated at 11:40 am pc Est.

**II. Approval of last IBM minutes from 3-4-23:** SueBee provided a motion to approve. Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved

### **III. Committee Reports:**

#### **1. Website**

Tisha: At the last meeting there was a request that the limited guidelines be posted on the website, but they were already there with the no contact guidelines. I also touched based with the creator of the website and I asked when it was updated last. I also reached out to other to get recommendations on how we can improve the site.

Chris: Can we add a folder to the website or a link?

Tisha: are you wanting anyone to go to the site and access those documents?

Chris: it is mainly for the meeting chairs, but I am okay for anyone to have the ability.

Tisha: I will talk to the developer about our options. Also, would anyone else want to be part of this committee.

Chris: I would recommend reaching out via the whats app chat.

## **2. Treasury**

Chris: The balance is like 1,020 dollars and the bills have been paid. Some day we need to have a discussion about this money – what can we do with the excess?

SueBee: can we set a time for this discussion? This seems like a big reserve. We can propose a timeframe? Like 90 days?

Chris: 90 days from now – 7/1 we will discuss what we do with the excess. What is approved reserve? Also come up with ideas of where the money should go and what the expenses are.

SueBee: A good thing to know is to have a concrete number of where we are.

Vincent: The money is for the fellowship. Does the money sit in the reserve, until there is something we need for the fellowship?

Chris: The point of the money is to carry the message. Other organizations have a cost to this.

Vincent: Is this a term that a world service office would use?

Chris: LAA is a mix at this point.

Vincent: I am getting the impression that people think we need to get rid of the money. We are still very small and young. I think at this point of discussing getting rid of the money is too soon.

Chris: We have 3 months to think about it and make a determination from there. We will start the discussion of how we most effectively carry the message of how we want to spend the money.

Vincent: I feel LAA has very little of our own literature. It takes money to create our own literature.

Chris: we get to seek higher power to decide these kinds of things.

## **3. Literature**

Chris: 2 literature committees – LAA (meeting readings as well as the basic text and step

guide) & ODATT

Vincent: Basic Fellowship text is really outdated. The fellowship has changed a lot. I think it would be good to explore the basic text. I would be happy to help with this.

Chris: So far it has been Dave and I, but Dave is on a sailboat.

Tisha: I would like to see the newcomer packet be available in Spanish.

Chris: this sounds like a website item.

Chris: Updating basic text: Yes. Vincent we should discuss.

SueBee: Converting our basic Spanish is a great idea. When we have funds and do not discuss the vision, we stifle our vision. When we have discussions, we have vision.

Amy: I have discussed the transition to Spanish with another member, and they would help. I know Spanish, but my writing is not up to par. If someone could step up that can speak Spanish could hold meetings for those who only speak Spanish.

Vincent: I use google translate to translate Spanish to English for myself. There are lots of online translation tools users could use to translate LAA documents to Spanish.

Chris: For the lit committee, with Vincent as a member, look at updating the basic text. This would include dealing with the original author (obtaining the word document) and factor in the cost. It is best that a committee do that.

Tisha: It sounds like it is okay to put this forward and reach out to Daisy and have her review to move forward.

Vincent: Do I need to be voted on to be part of the committee?

Chris: You do not need to be voted in.

Amy: I do not have time to form a committee, but we could update the phone list of who speaks Spanish.

Chris: the phone list is an open source. Anyone can add or subtract.

Amy: Who is in charge of the phone list?

SueBee: I went to Lindsey and was happy to update the phone list for me.

#### **4. Meeting Coordinator**

Alexey: I have been updating the calendar for the meetings.

## **VI. Closing Prayer**

## **LAA Closing Prayer**

God, we pray for inner strength and wisdom to do together what we cannot do alone. Thank you for the courage to change. Show us how to open our hearts and eyes to your unconditional love for us and teach us how to love ourselves and others in a healthy way. May we find hope for a brighter tomorrow and pass that on to others in need. Thank you for a better way to live.