

OA HOW VSB BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of October 8, 2017

Next Meeting: Special Meeting on November 12, 2017, at 5 PM

I. OPENING - Helen M., Secretary, opened the meeting (given the absence of a Chair or Vice-Chair.) The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer, and a reading of the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions.

II. PRELIMINARY ACCOUNCEMENTS

Helen announced several relevant provisions from the By-Law regarding the role of the meeting representatives and who can vote. This included that the Bylaws do not state that officers can vote and that they do not address whether each representative votes or each meeting. She recommended that each meeting get a vote at this particular meeting.

Helen nominated Jeanne to serve at Temporary Chair of this meeting. The group voted and approved that motion.

III. ROLL CALL

Helen conducted Roll Call and the following people were present:

Sunday 3:00 p.m.: Alyson

Sunday 6:00 p.m.: Jana

Monday:

Tuesday: Cat C, Ari H.

Wednesday:

Thursday: Maggie F, Lisa C (alternate)

Friday:

Saturday: Gretchen, Joni

Trustee:

We Care List Committee: Joni

Website Committee: Audrey, Molly

Treasurer: Molly

Secretary: Helen

(Note from Secretary: Others may have joined the meeting after roll call.)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the July, 2017 meeting were approved

V. TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL

Molly summarized the Treasurer's Report (which had been submitted in advance and sent to the reps.) See attached report.

There was an Opening Balance of \$ 1,632.29 and a closing balance of \$776.30. There were expenses of \$1,178.38, all of which were for the website. There were website expenses of \$195 per month for three months and a \$12.99 per month hosting fee.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

VI. COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS

- Chair – No report
- We Care List—Joni reported that the Committee has been thru list twice to update it. The list of Newcomers, Returning Members and Struggling Members is sent out regularly. The We Care List is sent out every quarter. Email inquiries regarding the lists are answered within a day or two. Joni requested the reps check with their meetings for feedback on the frequency with which each of the meeting lists is mailed out.
- Trustee/Delegate –No report
- Secretary—Helen – No report
- Website Committee— Audrey T. reported for the Website Committee as follows: The work on the website (hereinafter “new VSB website”) has a retail value of over \$5,000, but is time she is donating. Maria will be closing down the “square space” account (hereinafter “old VSB website”) and getting a refund. Audrey has been working with each meeting to be sure it has what it wants on the new VSB website. She has also added some additional buttons and is working on additional mapping.

Deborah R. reported for the Resource Subcommittee of Website committee. The subcommittee, which is reviewing the documents that were on the old VSB website

and the former Ann Arbor site (hereinafter “Ann Arbor” site) to decide on their inclusion on the new VSB website, is looking for additional members.

A rep asked who voted on which documents should be maintained and which should not. It was reported that the committee, an open committee, is reviewing every document and voting on which should go on the new website. There was a very lengthy discussion of this process, with some members expressing a desire for each meeting to have an opportunity to review the documents and indicate which ones they think should be kept.

One suggestion was to create a section on the new VSB website labelled “historical documents” where all of the documents could be stored. It was reported that this would take about 10 hours and about 10-14 days to complete. Another suggestion was to keep the old Ann Arbor website with all of the documents on it to give meetings time to review all of the documents. One rep said that this issue had been discussed last November and that the current process was voted on then. A concern was expressed that some of the documents violate the traditions and that others were plagiarized.

A Motion was made and seconded to post all of the documents to a “historical document” tab on the new VSB website. Following discussion, this motion was withdrawn if there was agreement to keep the old Ann Arbor website up for an additional three months.

Another Motion was made to leave the documents up on the old Ann Arbor website until the next VSB meeting, with meetings to provide feedback to the website committee by that next meeting. Some expressed concern that this was rushed and that meetings were not being given adequate time to review the documents. The Motion was amended to keep the old Ann Arbor website up until the April 2018 meeting, with meetings providing feedback to the website committee on which documents should be kept prior to that April 2018 VSB meeting. This Motion passed.

Feedback on the documents should be sent via the contact form on the website. Audrey, Website Committee Chair, asked that each meeting coordinate its feedback. Questions can also be sent to the Website Committee via this form.

One rep inquired about the cost of maintaining the website. Audrey clarified that the cost is \$12.99 per month for the hosting and \$195 per month for maintenance,

which covers two hours of web updates every month. She said this maintenance service can be cancelled at any time.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Chair – Jeanne was nominated to serve as Chair. A Motion was made to approve. Following a roll call and with only four meetings present to vote, the Motion failed.

Following that, there was discussion about the role of the representatives. Some expressed the view that their role is to be a trusted servant, delegated by their meeting to represent its interests, with others expressing the view that their meeting needed additional opportunities to express its views.

Vice-Chair – There were no nominees

Website committee – Audrey, the interim website committee chair, was nominated to be Chair of that committee. That vote passed.

VIII. ADJOURNING THE MEETING

At 6:20 PM eastern time, a Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was suggested that the VSB schedule a special meeting for next month to continue efforts to find and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair. Following discussion, a formal Motion was made for a special meeting to be held in November. That Motion passed. (Note from Secretary: The second Sunday in November is November 12th.)

Participants were encouraged to talk with their meetings and fellow members about the need for leadership and additional service at the VSB level.

Following the Serenity Prayer, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 PM.

The next meeting is Sunday, November 12th at 5 PM Eastern time.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen M.