

BFAA October Business Meeting (10/4/25)

Roll Call

- Vilma – Business Manager
- Michele – Treasurer
- Julio – Assistant Treasurer
- James T. – Church Liaison; In-Person meeting secretary
- Steve – Intergroup representative; In-Person meeting secretary
- James K. – Recording secretary; In-Person meeting secretary
- James C. – Member
- Jennifer – Member
- Martha – Member
- Ted – Member
- Mark – Member
- Daniel – Member
- Robert – Church representative

Online Attendees

- Bob – Literature & Supplies
- Mary Ann – Assistant Business manager
- Stephen – Zoom Administrator
- Nancy – Webmaster; Online Meeting Secretary coordinator
- Lydia S. – Member
- Pamela – General Service representative
- Catherine – Chip Chick
- Maggie – Member

***Motion before reading last month's minutes:** anyone attending/participating in any business meeting shall be responsible for reviewing the minutes from the previous month's business meeting prior to the upcoming meeting; any revisions/edits to the minutes can be submitted to recording secretary via email and/or brought to the upcoming meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting will be approved without review at the start of every business meeting, going forward.

- 11 approved; 6 opposed

- Michele (opposed) mentioned reviewing the minutes at the start of each meeting (rather than beforehand) refreshes New Business topics
- Motion passed with majority approval

September Minutes Review

September minutes read and approved unanimously.

Reports

Bob (Lit. & Supplies) – nearly \$300 was spent on coffee this month; will order 15 new Plain Language Big Books for Thursday 7:00a.m. Big Book study meeting (pending Treasurer approval)

James T. (Church liaison) – Church fixed the lock on the door twice (the first fix was done cheaply and broke quickly)

- Meetings have been occurring on Sundays that have not been approved by BFAA; doors/windows being left unlocked for people to sneak in after meetings
- One particular name (Matt) keeps coming up for leaving the door open for The Late Show meeting (not part of BFAA)
 - This person also used inappropriate language when confronted by Church staff
 - Steve has volunteered to follow up with Ron about this issue
- Michele mentioned that the BFAA fellowship doors are unlocked only at certain times

Robert (Church Guy) – reiterated that the church will *never* close

- As long as trusted servants are on site, the door can stay unlocked
- On Sundays the room should be available by 1:30-2:00p.m.
- Maggie reported difficulty with the self-locking door handle
 - James T. added that there might be an issue when the weather gets colder and the heater is turned on (since the door needs to stay propped open to prevent it from locking out people arriving after meetings begin)

Nancy (website) – website is up to date

- Lydia S. submitted herself for the position of online meeting secretary coordinator
 - Lydia meets the requirements and gave credentials qualifying her for the position
 - Approved unanimously
- Ongoing challenge to find a secretary to take over for a certain meeting (current secretary has had the position for 4 years and has spotty attendance, causing member confusion)

Mary Ann (Desire Chips) – sent potential changes to script regarding desire chips (also read aloud for review and vote)

- James C., Maggie, and James K. all remarked that the proposed edits were too lengthy
- Mary Ann said she will workshop it more and bring revised edit to next meeting

Michele (Treasury) – attendance and 7th tradition contributions continue growing

- Venmo also increasing
- Coffee expenses have been increasing greatly
 - Because coffee was obtained at no cost until recently, it's hard to gauge if the coffee is being used appropriately (or not), or if it is being wasted needlessly at some meetings, or even being pilfered by secretaries/members
 - All secretaries are urged to be more mindful about coffee consumption and to keep an eye on anyone taking unbrewed coffee from the kitchen/supply closet

Pamela (GSR) – positions for District 7 have been filled

- Last district meeting discussed accessibility issues
 - Namely sign language interpretation
 - Proposal for hiring ASL interpreter

Steve (Intergroup) – Nothing to report

New Business

- New meeting proposed for Tuesdays at 9:00p.m.
 - Todd will be secretary
 - Pending church approval
- Proposed repayment to church for fixing door handle
 - Michele posited that BFAA should not reimburse any cost associated with the initial (cheaper) fix, but might accept reimbursement for later fix
 - More information/clarity needed; will revisit next month
- Martha's safety concern
 - Martha gave a detailed account of harassment and inappropriate behavior directed at her by another BFAA member/meeting secretary
 - The accused member was not present to give their side of the story
 - Julio suggested that Ron should speak with the accused member (since they are also a meeting secretary), and that Julio would like to speak with them as well
 - Martha also inquired about starting a BFAA Steering committee
 - Julio replied that Steering committees (like any other) are hard to start
- Daniel mentioned seeing a previously banned person at BFAA meetings