

Minutes: Board of Trustees  
January 11, 2021

1. Call to order/Serenity Prayer - Scott  
*Present: Derita, Paul, Scott, Behzad, Colleen, Elaine*  
*Absent: Steve, John, Kelsey*
2. Approval of Dec. 10 meeting minutes\* - Scott  
*Motion to approve by Colleen, seconded by Paul. Unanimous approval*
3. Approval of new materials\* - Elaine
  - i. Anger - added reflection questions  
*Motion to approve by Colleen. Seconded by Paul.*  
*Scott had a couple format issues. 3 bullet points - third one is yes/no - instead shift to 'what symptoms can I identify in me...' Unanimous approval*
  - ii. Preamble to virtual meetings from Italy  
*Motion to approve the Introduction to Virtual Meetings by Derita. Seconded by Paul. Unanimous approval*  
*Second part of what is included in the Serenity Prayer should not be included.*  
*Derita questioned why it is considered a "preamble" and would rather refer to it as an introduction. Other groups have official preambles (EAI does not) but perhaps EAI needs to consider developing one. Vote approved based on changing the title for Italian groups.*
  - iii. German translations:  
*Acceptance*  
*Motion to approve by Colleen. Seconded by Scott. Unanimous approval*  
*Trustees approved the body of material; reflection questions will be added and approved via email so we don't have to wait until next month's meeting to approve. Colleen will draft the questions.*  
*Gratitude*  
*Motion to approve by Colleen. Seconded by Paul. Unanimous approval.*  
*Colleen will adjust one sentence and Scott would like the Meditation to be attributed to an EA member, since it is written in the first person. The changes will be run by Karin, who submitted the pamphlet from Germany.*
4. Video update - Kelsey  
*No update as Kelsey was not at the meeting.*
5. Iranian request for publishing materials\* - Elaine/Behzad  
*EAI would provide the Persian translation of EA materials on the US website. There is a person in the USA willing to assist in translation of materials and Scott will reach out to them. Additional information is required before any motions for approval can be made. Behzad, Scott or Colleen and Elaine will follow up and bring it back to the February meeting for more discussion. Derita made a motion to approve that Iran receives copyright privileges. No second.*
6. Outcomes evaluation effort update - Paul  
*The professor leading the project requested some feedback that Paul and Elaine provided. Additional information is coming. Derita asked if anyone had been paid yet - the answer was no.*
7. 50th Anniversary plans - Paul

*A 4th page was added to S&H. The logo was added to the website and to materials. Question on what sort of fundraising we could do around the 50th anniversary - other "A" programs have done that. It would be good to set some goals and publicize the effort. One idea is to encourage everyone to offer 50 hours of service throughout the year - we would share that information on the website. More information will be developed and shared at the February meeting. Paul and Elaine will plan some time to figure out a fundraising campaign. Scott asked if we could talk about 'Special 7th Tradition Opportunities: 50th Anniversary.' July 22, 1971 is EAI's incorporation date.*

8. Sponsorship - Elaine/Colleen
  - a. New co-sponsoring pamphlet in process

*Colleen is taking the lead on this. Derita pointed out that traditional sponsors are just at least one step ahead of a sponsee. Derita thinks that co-sponsorship is 'the blind leading the blind.' This will be brought up in February again.*
  - b. Website changes made

*Elaine and Paul provided information for the website*
9. Managing chat meetings - Elaine/Behzad

*Behzad thinks Chatzy is an antiquated method and that there are better options to use, such as Slack. He is going to start two chat meetings but needs to connect with someone who will moderate one of them. Scott pointed out that thru Chatzy we already have chat meetings but need some moderators and coordinator for the chat meetings. Behzad will become the coordinator for all EA's chat meetings. We don't want to take the Chatzy format away but to add to the options we have.*

*Next meeting Feb. 8 at 11:30 a.m.*