

President's Report

AGM 2024

March 17, 2024

General

This has been a wonderful year of working together, collaborating, and what I feel is providing a wonderful organization for our fellowship.

We are excited to once again offer an in-person retreat. We look forward to a report from the Retreat Planning Committee.

Our newsletter has transformed this year and our email list for the newsletter has grown. We are now at 522 people on our newsletter email list.

The issues with GST have been worked through this year. Only items are taxed GST. Any donations are not, which includes donations for downloads or donations to attend virtual events.

Working to offer our book through Amazon has provided its own challenges, which we will continue to work through in the coming year. It has been a bumpy road, but we are determined to push through and provide more avenues for our membership to receive our book.

We continue to sell our book via print-on-demand and eBook version on Lulu which is still going well.

Our members in Israel have made amazing progress on the Hebrew Translation, and we anticipate that they will have the translation completed within this next year. We have provided \$971 so far with \$228 in the bank and continue to accept donations for them to complete their important work.

Our members in Poland have successfully completed some of the document translations for their members. We provided \$100 and have \$545 in the bank to support their translation efforts.

Our 12 concepts were approved. We received permission from AI-Anon for having adapted their language.

Our meeting list has been cleaned up over the year. We still may need to do some tweaking to make sure everything is accurate, and make sure we have contacts for all meetings, but it has come a long way.

Board Membership

Our revised bylaws were approved at the last AGM by the fellowship.

We have 7 continuing Board Directors at this AGM: Myself, Chantelle, Christina, Joan, Allison, Con, and Shelby. Torrey and Kelly joined us during the year and will need to be officially voted in at this AGM. We are saying goodbye to Amy, who has been on the board as Past President this year. We thank you so much for your selfless service to this board! We wish you all the best!

We will need nominations for President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The treasurer position is simplified by the accountant's participation and the automation of our systems. Secretary provides our minutes for meetings.

We are welcoming any nominations for new Directors. If the person is in ABA, the requirement is one year of sobriety.

Finances

Our donations were up this year, but our sales have gone down. However, we have also lowered our expenses this year, which has helped in balancing this out.

We have continued to manage fairly well with a balance hovering around our prudent reserve. We set that at \$9,000, which accounts for 3 months of operating expenses. It would be wonderful if we could gather a bigger buffer in the next year. Dan Cohen at HC Professional Corporation will present a financial report for the meeting. He is willing to continue on as our accountant at the same rate. We will need to vote on that at the AGM.

Committees

All the committees continue to work hard on improving things for our fellowship. You will hear more about what they have been up to in their individual reports.

Upcoming Year

Further work is needed in ironing out issues with Amazon and providing our book there. The office will be working on these hurdles.

The Meditation Book is well on its way. We are looking forward to it being completed.

This is my last year as President. It has been an amazing year working with everyone on and off the board. I am willing to stay on as Past President in order to assist the new President in any way that I can. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve on this board and as President for this past year. Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported me in this role. It has been a wonderful experience.

Respectfully submitted by Tammie N.