

**BOARD OF REGENTS
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by Tom M., Chair, Board of Regents.

Present: Bob W., Calvin C., Kathie S., Tom M., Wendy B. and Karen H., International Executive Secretary.

Present by Telephone: Cathy F., Gary M., Mazi S. and Richard C.

Tom M. reminded everyone that recording of this meeting is not permitted.

A. A motion was made to approve the minutes from January 16, 2021, with an amendment to add the words “from a G.A. member” to the following:

The International Service Office received an anonymous donation *from a GA member* of \$240,000 to be used as a rainy-day fund to cover months when the I.S.O. has a shortfall month, like we had in December 2020. This money will allow the I.S.O. to pay some additional bills that have been held and not paid.

Motion seconded and passed
For – 9 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

B. The operating statement for January 2021 was approved as submitted.

Motion seconded and passed
For – 9 Against – 0 Abstained – 0

Tax donation letters were sent out by January 31, 2021. 258 letters were sent to Lifeliners and 18 letters to members who sent one-time donations greater than \$100. The total letters mailed were 276 tax donations. Tom M., Chair of Board of Regents, thanked the membership for the increased donations.

The I.S.O. received an anonymous donation, from a G.A. member, for \$25K this month, which will be shown in the February financial statements.

OLD BUSINESS

A. LIFELINERS

There were 2 new Lifeliners as follows:

CA – 1 MI - 1

NEW CANS - 0

Group Information Requests forms received: 0 (registration only)

GROUP INFORMATION REQUEST FORMS RECEIVED PRIOR TO SENDING STARTER KITS: - 3

Three Starter Kits were sent out as follows, after receiving the Group Information Request Form for the month of January:

City, State

Green Mountain, CO Shreveport, LA Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

PRISON STARTER KITS SENT: There were no Prison Starter Kits sent.

B. VENMO AND ZELLE DONATIONS.

The I.S.O. received a total of \$2,150.03 via Venmo and Zelle in the month of January. If donations list the group name and state in the memo section, it will be recorded as such; otherwise, the funds received are listed as a one-time donation.

C. GRATITUDE WEEK FINAL.

Sep20	\$6,643.73
Oct20	\$3,410.52
Nov20	\$1,247.94
Dec20	<u>\$ 356.25</u>
Total	\$11,658.44

No additional donations have been received in January or February 2021 to date.

D. PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP).

As a reminder, the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was a loan provided to help small businesses keep their workforce employed during Covid-19. Gamblers Anonymous, like other 12 step programs, requested the loan with the understanding that it may be eligible for loan forgiveness. At this time, the I.E.S. has completed the paperwork needed to have the loan forgiven and submitted to the bank. There have been a number of discussions with the bank and the current status is in “review by the bank”.

NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW B.O.R. BALLOT FOR JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2023.

The B.O.R. ballot was reviewed by the current Board. One member’s abstinence date was incorrect and will be revised. The verbiage that will be sent with the ballot was modified to include a comment that the people who will be counting the votes are not on the ballot.

B. REVIEW LITERATURE INVENTORY AND ORDER FORM.

This item was tabled to next month.

The collection in the amount of \$400 was taken and the meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer at 9:50 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Regents will be held March 20, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.

Today's Board of Regents meeting had 5 people call in to listen.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy F., Secretary