

Report by Lynne T re. Stripe and OA Mid-Peninsula Intergroup 7th Tradition procedures, prepared 4-29-23 from research in December 2022 and January and February 2023 -

OA Mid-Peninsula 7th Tradition Zoom post -

When you click on 2., Online payment, above, you are taken to their Intergroup website and you see -

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When an OA Mid-peninsula member clicks on this, their donation is processed through Stripe, per Donna R, their Intergroup Chair at the time Lynne T. conducted this research.

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Lynne's research about Stripe -

I was concerned that if someone we do not know clicked on a link for Stripe that they would have access to our bank account but they would not.

When a member makes a donation, it would go to our Stripe account and then in about 2 days - it goes, with the fees taken out, to our Intergroup bank.

Fees are -

2.9% plus .30 cents for EACH successful transaction

\$10 donation - 2.9% is .29 cents plus .30 = .59 cents = \$9.41

If we created an account for our Intergroup we would use our Intergroup bank account name, Valley Sierra Intergroup OA-HOW, and our IRS Federal ID, and the email address associated with our bank account (currently mine, Lynne T.s, as Treasurer). We also use our bank account routing number to set up the Stripe account.

We are required by Stripe to use our Intergroup's Federal ID number which will require our Intergroup Treasurer to keep track of more information monthly and to file extra tax forms annually with our taxes.

Currently we would only be using a Stripe account for our 2 Zoom Meetings. It is not useful for our Thursday 5:45 pm Zoom Meeting which is attended by Intergroup members who already donate and newcomers and returning OA members who attend through [oa.org](http://oa.org), and we ask newcomers to "purchase literature instead." Per Sue, it would also not be useful to the Modesto 9 am Saturday Zoom Meeting.

So Lynne T. proposed that we not pursue Stripe at this time and instead post and read out our Intergroup name and PO Box address at Zoom, phone and f2f Meetings and also mention Bill Pay as an option. Motion made, Seconded and approved unanimously.

(More info on Stripe to save in case we pursue Stripe in the future -

Procedures if we were to use Stripe to keep track of donations, fees and bank deposits -

On [stripe.com](http://stripe.com) -

Under Payment, shows donations received.

Under Balance shows the outgoing to our bank account and the fees taken out.

Very easy to navigate and very easy to see, per Lynne T's trying out the [stripe.com](http://stripe.com) website.

We would have the ability there to download the payments and pay outs (the amount going to our bank account) for cross-referencing for reporting to IRS

After our Stripe account is activated, we would need to create the link to give to members to make donations -

First activate the account, go through the verification, and then we can request a call back from [stripe.com](http://stripe.com) to be walked through activating the link.

They would also send me an email about how to create the link, but it is easier to call back so they can walk us through the process.)

Researched by Lynne T., Valley Sierra Intergroup OA-HOW Treasurer, December 2022, and Jan. and February of 2023.