

# DA/BDA AGM Intergroup Westminster Methodist Hall

## SW11 9HN. 30-11-19

### 1. Serenity prayer and 12 Traditions

#### **Present**

**DB** Chair  
**EF** Treasurer  
**FK** Secretary, GSR Richmond Bridge Sunday  
**JS** GSR Literature, GSR Hackney  
**SL** ISR  
**CC** Events Officer GSR Hind St Saturday morning  
**AF** ESR  
**JP** GSB Trustee  
**TM** GSR Swiss Cottage Sunday  
**OB** GSR Bayswater Saturday  
**GW** GSR Bristol Tuesday  
**EM** GSR Mayfair Tuesday  
**PS** GSR Soho BDA Wednesday  
**EP** Public Information  
**IB** GSR Westbourne Park Friday  
**JA** GSR Brighton Tuesday BDA  
**CA** GSR Westbourne Grove Monday BDA  
**ER** Ogle St Tuesday  
**MW** Visiting  
**CB** Visiting  
**N** Visiting from Germany  
**AT** Visiting from The USA

#### **Apologies**

**JF** GSR Stevenage Tuesday  
**TM** GSR Swiss Cottage Sunday  
**NC** GSR Tuesday phone meeting  
**PA** GSR St Marys Friday & PI officer  
**GW** GSR Bristol Tuesday  
**CO** GSR Swiss Cottage Thursday BDA  
**SC** Helpine

**September Minutes approved**

**JA** proposed **ER** seconded September minutes approved by **IG**

### **Reports from groups around the UK**

**ER** Ogle St Tuesday has 16-20 regulars all service positions are filled the system of having Co Chair persons has worked well the rent is paid 2 weeks in advance.

**FK** Stand in Swiss Cottage Thursday BDA meeting is doing well 15-20 attending and sending regular contributions to **IG**

**IB** Westbourne Park Friday meeting is doing well 40-50 regulars rent paid up to date all positions filled the treasurer has some questions before a donation can be sent.

**CC** Hinde St Saturday meeting doing well has 30 regulars all positions(except chair person) filled gave a donation of £50 to **IG** the meeting is solvent

**OB** Bayswater Saturday meeting Meeting is healthy. Well attended. We are looking for new secretaries, all other service positions are filled. 7th tradition is going well.Sent £51.08 to **IG**

**FK** Richmond Sunday meeting has been doing real well but recently the numbers have dropped slightly has 5-10 regulars all the positions are filled and the group is solvent and is sending regular contributions to **IG**

**SL** read the report for the Phone meeting Tuesday which was sent by **NC** Report for Tuesday phone meeting

All is going well with the Tuesday night phone meeting.  
A good attendance including newcomers.  
All service positions are filled apart from P.I person  
We have £75 donated to Intergruop

**JA** Brighton BDA Tuesday meeting is doing well has 8-12 regulars and the group is solvent it will send £30.00-£40.00 to **IG**.Many of the members are working the steps and having regular PRGsThe group is looking for people from outside the area to come down and do a chair on the first Tuesday of each month.

**GW** GSR Bristol The meeting is getting stronger has 8-12 regulars the group has sent £50.00 to **IG**

**CA** Westbourne Park Monday BDA the meeting is doing well and has 45-50 regulars.The crop usually collects £60 in Tradition 7 each week and sends £25.00 per week to **IG**.

**TM** GSR Swiss Cottage Sunday 4.00pm All service positions filled apart from PI. With a new Treasurer in place, meeting wants to purchase literature as it often welcomes newcomers. Attendance varies between 5-15 ppl. Monthly chairs from outside the meeting bring new perspectives and voices to the group. No donation today.

**PA** We used to have a solid core of about 6 members, with up to 14 attending. Due to work commitments, several members have had to drop out as they now work Fridays.

This means that there is less momentum in the group, so attendance is down. A couple of us share the secretary role and treasurer.

Meetings are averaging 3-6 members per week.

We are up to date with our rent of £18 pw though it is a struggle. We pay a month in advance.

We are reviewing changing the time to a Tuesday evening at the same venue, to enable old members to return.

In Dec. we are running 2 meetings, up to 13 December and we restart on 10th Jan. 2020.

### **Reports from Service Officers**

**EF** Treasurer gave the Treasurers report. and a record of the donations made by the various groups it was agreed to have a PRG for next years spending plan **IG** thanked **EF** for her service.

**SC** sent her reports to **IG**

At this years convention:

Budget was £1500.00

Breakdown of Costs		
1	Literature stock in GBP	1278.20
2	Carriage	109.18
3	Cost of miscalcuation from US plus bank charge (given to Michaelene)	34.00
4	Expenses to take literature to convension	41.00
	Total expenditure to date	1462.38
	Monies made at convension	644.55
	Total of literature stock to return	816.50
	Stock bought minus stock to return = **	461.7

**IG** thanked **SC** for her service.

**JS Literature officer**

Literature has no outstanding orders

Our current balance is £412.86

We spent £1516.63 on literature in October

I gave Adeline £200 for postage and packaging

My service position comes to an end in January 2020.

Intergroup has suggested that literature has a PRG with Sherry to discuss the remaining literature from the convention. **IG** thanked **JS** for her service

**AA Literature shipping officer**

**AA** sent her report to **IG**

1. Stock replenishment arrived from the States in mid-October through the very generous help of Nick.

2. All orders to date have been fulfilled, both new orders as well as orders awaiting to be completed prior to the replenishment of stock.

3. The only issue outstanding is confirmation as to whether or not Intergroup Literature buy over remaining literature stock from the Convention or whether this is received as a gift. It is understood that this is to be decided by Intergroup

**PA** Public Information sent her report to **IG**

**PI update**

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- Eileen has been amazing at recruiting people to be PI reps in London and on the Tuesday night call, and 2 other meetings outside of London
- As a result, we have a core group of PI reps and about 5 people on the PI conference call, that Eileen has organised twice
- Eileen has very kindly taken the minutes as well. Eileen is standing down today as PI support. I own her a lot of gratitude and I am publicly thanking her for her service
- There is a WhatsApp PI group
- There is a Google Drive for PI material, that any PI rep can access
- Leaflets for groups were put up on the website and these need to be revisited (We need to have a new design made and have the wording changed so the focus is Carrying the message of Debtors Anonymous only - not Underearning, since this is another fellowship)
- 1,000 leaflets and 1,000 cards were printed and over a hundred were distributed at the DA Convention. We promoted one member, one action for November
- Eileen is storing these leaflets and cards. Eileen plans to hand this over to Polly at Hinde Street meeting. We have also handed a bundle of cards and leaflets to Literature team (Adeline!)
- PI had the last slot at the conference. A lot of people had left by then and there were about 35-40 fellows in the audience. It was pretty interactive. Thank you again to Eileen for organising a PI stand, manning it and for being a human flip chart!
- The headline (What happens on average every 4 minutes and 13 seconds, on Average?) for the DA paper grabbed attention at the convention and this stat was used in the radio interview

- An audience member mentioned Google ads, on the basis that we may be able to advertise for free. We are not eligible for this as we are not a charity
- Another audience member thought that DA or AA in the US may have some membership numbers, I am waiting to hear back
- From the DA Convention, we got a couple of people willing to talk to the press and someone stepping up to be a PI rep, for Westbourne Grove Monday morning meeting
- This PI rep has set up a sub committee for PI
- PI from Westbourne Grove, had a fellow speak yesterday on a radio show and used the stats that I had prepared
- I am speaking to a local paper that a fellow introduced DA to
- Julie, from Manchester, helped me with a press release in terms of Black Friday, which was sent to her data base of media outlets on 25th November 2019
- After many months, the BBC responded. The BBC are unwilling to put DA on their website as a resource as we are not a registered charity nor do we have a manned phone line- they said that we would be unable to cope with any influx from any of their programming
- Martin Lewis- just finishing off the draft e-mail to send to my friend who knows him personally will pass on
- We have used £230 of the budget of £350 this year
- I wrote to The Times in regards to them running an article on the front page that said that research has showed compulsive shopping as an addiction. Unfortunately the letter was not printed
- We had a specific request for an Asian fellow to be a guest on BBC Asian Radio- we missed this as the e-mail was picked up after the board-cast
- In line with this, there was an e-mail sent this week asking for Black DA fellows to contribute to some new literature- I sent this to members who I have the e-mail address for and they said they would communicate with the fellow directly
- Given that recent requests are so specific, then we are creating a form for prospective DA fellows willing to talk to the press, this will include approximate age, ethnicity and gender ( I do understand that this maybe contentious)
- A PI rep and myself are looking at renewing the letters in the DA PI pack
- A fellow offered to get us some NHS chaplain details in London. I am chasing her regarding these . Apparently there is a NHS database of contacts that maybe relevant to us. Whether it can be accessed to promote DA has to be decided by the fellow's manager
- My position comes to an end in January 2020, so I am asking for any fellow, within the role specification, to volunteer. I did have one fellow, who looked very positive and up for the role, but after speaking to her sponsor decided that she would be doing the role to people please only and this was a symptom of her addiction. She decided the position was not for her. As I have previously given her PRG's then I think this is the right decision for her personally. I am still willing to contribute to the PI group

#### **CC,Events organiser**

CC gave her report of the 2019 convention .I happy to report that the Convention was huge a success again this year and thank you to everyone who gave their support . CC has been in contact Central Westminster Hall and she has booked the Broadbent Hall for a Visions works shop from 9.30 am-1.00 pm Saturday 25th January .Please announce this at your meetings.IG thanked CC for her service and all her hard work at the Convention

#### **AF.European Service Rep**

I have attached the business meeting minutes I took at the European Convention, Oct '19. These can be sent to the IG if people are interested to see what was discussed.

I would like to emphasise the importance of generating enthusiasm and support from home-group members of DA to do micro-service commitments for the next convention, and to get involved in small ways, so the effect is great when lots of people are helping out, as opposed to a few people doing more service. This was one of my biggest take aways from the business meeting held at the DA European Convention in Monopoli, Italy. **IG** thanked **AF** for her service

**SL**.**ISR** gave the **ISR** report to **IG**

**IG** thanked **SL** for all her hard work.

### **Visions**

**AT** Visiting from the USA shared his experience of attending and organising a WSC he also shared his vision of potentially holding the 2022 WSC in London .His talk covered every aspect of what is needed to hold a WSC in London this included the need for forming an organising committee who would put together the bid and then organise the convention.**IG** thanked **AT** for coming to share his inspiring experience strength and hope.**IG** agreed to keep it as a vision and discuss further at the next **IG** meeting.**IG** agreed that all GSRs would go back to their groups and discuss the vision of a WSC in London in 2022.

### **AOB**

There was no AOB discussed

**Next Intergroup Meeting to be held on the 25/012020**

**Meeting Closed with the Serenity Prayer**