

DA/BDA AGM Intergroup Westminster Methodist Hall

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1. Serenity prayer and 12 Traditions

Present

KL Chair
EF Treasurer
SL ISR
RN Events Coordinator
J S Literature,GSR Hackney BDA Tuesday
AA Literature secretary Ogle St Tuesday
P A P I,St Marys GSR Angel BDA Friday
FK Secretary,GSR Swiss Cottage BDA Thursday
DB Hind St Saturday
SN GSR Ogle St Tuesday
CC GSR Hind St Saturday morning
SC GSR Brighton Tuesday
NC GSR Tuesday phone meeting
TP GSR Bayswater Saturday (Stand in)
J GSR Penzance
RH GSR Bristol Sunday
DD GSR BDA Westbourne Park Monday
D Visitor
A Visitor
JOP Trustee

Apologies

JC Stevenage
EP Email and Telephone
M Swiss Cottage Sunday
NS Webmaster
MC Cambridge

March Minutes approved

SL proposed **EF** seconded minutes approved by IG

Service opportunities available

Positions available are

Events **Officer.RN** gave a brief description of the role which includes organizing the annual convention also various workshops throughout the year.**IG** thanked **RN** for all her hard work and commitment to this position.**CC** said that she was willing to co share with someone else .It is very important that this position is filled in time for this years convention and asked that all members go back to their groups and ask for volunteers.

Reports from groups around the UK

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

JS Hackney BDA Tuesday meeting is doing really well 12-15 regulars all positions filled sent a donation to IG

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

PA Angel Friday BDA meeting is doing well 8-10 regulars has regular PRGs and rent paid for February

SN Ogle St Tuesday meeting is doing well 10-25 attending lots of newcomers.All positions filled with the exception of secretary.

TP Bayswater Saturday meeting is good 15-22 regulars sent £250.00 to **IG** this month has a healthy prudent reserve but is struggling to get people to fill the positions.

JF Stevenage Tuesday meeting has 2-3 regulars has a plan to improve PI in 2018

FK Richmond Sunday meeting is doing really well 10 -12 regulars all but 2 positions filled and the group is solvent

J Penzance 1st and 3rd Friday has 5 regulars is looking for chairs.Has had a workshop on figures and is holding a visions workshop in June the group is solvent.

RN Epsom Monday meeting has 3 regulars is looking for support

NC Phone meeting Tuesday meeting is doing well it has 2 secretaries and a treasurer and is looking into a way of collecting sent £10.00 to **IG**

SC Brighton Tuesday meeting is doing well has 10-12 regulars and the group is solvent it also holds a BDA meeting which is doing well.

DD Westbourne Park Monday BDA GSR meeting is doing well has 40-50 regulars and has focused on raising personal tradition 7 contributions meeting is solvent and sends regular contributions to **IG**

A Tabernacle meeting is doing well has 35 regulars

RH GSR Bristol Sunday The meeting had 6-10 regulars during the winter months recently the numbers have dropped.The meeting has 2 secretaries and is solvent.Plans to have a business meeting soon to discuss the future.

Reports from Service Officers

EFTreasurer gave the Treasurers report and informed **IG** that the bank was still going through the process of changing the signatures on the bank account and she hope that this would be completed by the next **IG** and she will be able to present **IG** with an up to date report. **IG** thanked **EF** for her service

NS Webmaster gave the Website report IG thanked **NS** for his service.

AA Literature Shipping Officer informed **IG** that all backlogs had been sent out and was processing 17 orders of which 8 were complete and 9 still outstanding. **IG** thanked **AA** for her service

JS Literature.Reported that there was an issue with groups receiving part orders and should they be charged again for postage.**D** proposed that Literature should have a PRG with **J** (the previous Literature Officer) to find a solution **J** seconded and **IG** voted in favour of having a PRG.**IG** thanked **JS** for her service

PA Public Information informed **IG** that she has formed a **PI** team and is looking for guidance on the role of PI officer.**IG** decided to discuss this in AOB **IG** thanked **PA** for her service

SL ISR sent the ISR report by email. **SL** gave a description of the role. She serves on 2 committees also attends the European **IG** and asked each GSR to go back to their groups and asked for people who are willing to give speeches and share experiences. **IG** thanked **SL** for her service.

RN Events organiser sent her report by email **IG** thanked **RN** for her service

EP Internet and helpline the internet and helpline report by email **IG** thanked **EP** for her service

JF Loner support sent the Loner Support by email. **IG** thanked **JF** for his support

AOB

EF Asked if the cost of all fares for people outside London could be covered she stated that she had purchased a Network card which allows her to buy tickets at a reduced rate. **IG** voted and agreed to cover all the cost of the fares.

PA Asked if a newspaper could talk to a member to discuss recovery in **DA** and asked **IG** for guidance on this matter. **JOP** advised that World Service had a **PI** rep who could give media training. **SL** said that discussion with the media is ok as long as break with the Traditions and that your anonymity is protected. **PA** advised that a book is being written regarding removing the stigma of debt and reducing your debt and publication is due in Spring 2019. **IG** agreed that it would be ok to talk to the media. **SC** asked if someone wanted to write their story should they consult with the **PI** team first. **PA** advised that **PI** would be happy to discuss this with them.

FK Reminded **IG** that there is to be a gratitude week in June

IG Discussed the subject of personal donations and raising funds for World Service. **DD** Informed **IG** that the Westbourne Park meeting discussed increasing tradition 7 contributions she stated that in 1984 the usual donation was a US dollar and £1 sterling to cover the cost of a cup of coffee whereas today a coffee is a minimum of £2.50. So as a result of this the Westbourne Park Group has really started to prosper. It was announced that the World Service treasurer has offered to attend an **IG** by telephone. **JOP** advised that that the maximum personal donation a person could give was £5000.00. per member. **SL** advised that in the USA people were able to send their donations directly to the **GSB** and asked if it would be possible to set up a similar method in UK. **IG** agreed that each group should raise awareness regarding the funds that are needed at World Service.

IG stressed the need for volunteers to help organise the convention. It will need a team of 3/4 to organise speakers literature tickets and admissions and PRGS the requirements can be found on the website, Anyone who is interested should get in touch with **DB**.

PAST VISIONS

JOP Attended **IG** to speak on the historical context of DA/BDA Intergroup. She is a class A trustee on the **GSB** and along with 11 others they have a fiscal responsibility. It is considered a very spiritual position. One of the spiritual commitments was being part of an AD HOC committee-conference to address the WS deficit. Business is soft and spiritually very rewarding the commitment requires her to be on the phone quite a lot at weekends. A brief outline of **DA** is **DA** is split up into regions with the UK/Europe being one region 4 trustees from each region were invited 3 years ago to discuss the budget

and expenditure of DA.there is a profit made on literature which covers the cost of the trustee attending World Service up to now the American Fellowship has covered this cost.She advised that there has been an increase in donations but that literature sales are down but **DA** is hopeful that literature sales will increase . She also advised that there are 2 new conference approved books in the pipeline.In the USA there are 2 paid members of staff .And there is a new **BDA** tools pamphlet.

JOP shared her own experience in **DA** also shared her experience of service at **IG** level .

IG thanked **JOP** for coming along to share a very positive message with **IG** and for all her years of hard work and service to **DA/BDA**

RN Asked **IG** to acknowledge **KL's** service as Chair of **DA/BDA**.**IG** thanked **KL** for all her hard work and wonderful service as Chair for the last 2 years

Next Intergroup Meeting to be held on the 28/07/2018

Meeting Closed with the Serenity Prayer