

DA/BDA AGM Intergroup Westminster Methodist Hall

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1. Serenity prayer and 12 Traditions

Present

WA Stand in Chair

EF Treasurer

FK Secretary, GSR Richmond Bridge Sunday

JS GSR Literature, GSR Hackney

SL ISR

CC Events Officer GSR Hind St Saturday morning

SC Helpline

OB GSR Bayswater Saturday

E GSR Tabernacle Tuesday

EM GSR Mayfair Tuesday

PS GSR Soho BDA Wednesday

EP Public Information

IB GSR Westbourne Park Friday

CO GSR Swiss Cottage Thursday BDA

JA GSR Brighton Tuesday BDA

CA GSR Westbourne Grove Monday BDA

M GSR Charing Cross Monday

EA Stand in Ogle St Tuesday

JC Stand in Hinde St Saturday

J Visiting

Apologies

DB Chair

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

May Minutes approved

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

Service opportunities available

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.

M Charing Cross, The meeting has 10 regulars all the service positions are filled.

PS Soho Wednesday. The meeting has 20 regulars the meeting is solvent and doing well.

CO Swiss Cottage Thursday BDA meeting is doing well 15-20 attending and sending made a £47 contribution to IG

IB Westbourne Park Friday meeting is doing well 40-50 regulars rent paid up to date all positions filled the group has set up a system where the Tradition 7 donations can be paid electronically- Sent £100 to intergroup.

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 is good 15-22 regulars sent £40.00 to **IG** this month has a healthy prudent reserve and all service positions are filled.

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

NC Phone meeting Tuesday meeting Held gratitude week 6th August, collected £24 for WSO. Group conscience & changed script increased donations, £56.14 to Intergroup. Newly elected PI person mean all service positions filled.

JA Brighton BDA Tuesday meeting is doing well has 8-12 regulars and the group is solvent it also holds a DA meeting which is doing well sent £20.00 to **IG**

EP Tabernacle Wednesday meeting is doing well has 20-30 regulars. The service positions are currently in the process of being updated. and there are lots of newcomers attending.

G GSR Bristol The meeting is getting stronger has 8-12 regulars .The meeting has arranged for **G** to attend the World Service Intergroup as a remote participant.

CA Westbourne Park Monday BDA the meeting is doing well and has 40-60 regulars. 34 service positions filled

TM GSR Swiss Cottage sent the report to **IG** Sunday meeting is doing well 5-10 regulars and often welcomes newcomers. There is no treasurer at the moment as the previous treasurer's commitment has finished

PA St Mary's Islington sent the report **IG** Friday BDA has 4-5 regulars the meeting is solvent. The rent is paid All the main service positions are filled there are still some positions unfilled.

JS Hackney Tuesday The meeting is doing well has 10-15 regulars and is solvent. The meeting sends regular donations to **IG**

Reports from Service Officers

EF Treasurer gave the Treasurers report. The report will be published on the website. She also informed **IG** that so far Gratitude month had raised £267.00 **IG** thanks **EF** for her service.

SC Informed **IG** that there has been a steady decline in the amount of phone calls and emails this is probably down to the lack of Public Information in the public domain. **IG** thanked **SC** for her service.

JS Literature Officer gave her report to **IG**.

Literature has £1910.14 in the Literature account. We are currently low in stock which means we were unable to complete some of our orders. We have now put in a new order to the US awaiting for our new stock to arrive. I will be stepping down from Literature Secretary in January. The position will be open for anyone who would like to do some service.

PA Public Information

I believe Eileen will be representing PI. Eileen has done a stunning job of attending London meetings and recruiting for PI volunteers. We will have a conference call shortly.

I am drafting an e-mail to Martin Lewis as I have outed myself to someone I know who is personal friend with Martin Lewis and he can forward the e-mail onto him. I have also e-mailed the Moneysavingexpert.com myself via an e-mail. I have heard nothing back from this cold e-mail, which is unsurprising as the editorial team is very busy. They tend not to respond to unsolicited approaches as UA has also found out.

I have forwarded the notes and guidelines of activities to Eileen and she is arranging a conference call. We need to work on an agenda to divvy up the work with the PI reps.

Getting DA onto the BBC support organisations is proving more challenging. I have e-mailed several contact addresses and written to them. Eileen thinks one of the new volunteers has an in there.

I am reminding the group that we decided that November was the time for 'One Member, One Action' where we ask each member to do something for PI, such as putting up a DA poster or giving out a card or writing to a prison, hospital etc. This coincides nicely with the DA Convention on the 2nd November.

The website handover appears to be going really well, with the moving of the website hosting company being completed successfully. Neil is being very supportive of the new webmaster and the domain name handover should go ahead

smoothly in January, when it is up for renewal. The domain name is critical as this is like a telephone number that people can locate us on.

We had a quote of £230 for the printing of a 1,000 A5 posters and 1,000 cards. This is from the original printer, who has the art work and was sourced by Colin, the former PI intergroup rep. While it is expensive, there is a real quality to both. The last 1,000 of each has almost run out, so we certainly need to get both printed for the conference. I am suggesting that we print 2,000 of each at £460. This should see us though for 18 months or so.

This however exceeds the budget of £350 given to PI this year. We have some website budget that has not been used this year and comes under the PI category. This would be £300 and we barely used any of the PI budget last year. I do understand that we are unable to roll forward any budget at all from 2018 nor reallocate funds.

Can Intergroup decide if we could use £460 for the printing costs if we are putting our foot to the metal in regards to the PI function? We should leave say £120 for postage etc as well, as the posters/ cards are heavy and there are requests for cards and posters, plus we may well want to write to organisations. This would mean a total budget of £580 for PI in 2019. Otherwise, we will go for the 1,000 of each and keep £120 in reserve so we can write to organisations etc.

SL ISR gave the ISR report to IG

World Service Conference, Los Angeles Wednesday 7th- Sunday 11th August 2019

I attended WSC in LA this year, it was amazing to be of service in this way and to see the fellowship at work, there are 9 committees and as part of attending you choose to serve on one for the year: BDA, Conference, Hospitals, Institutions and Prisons, Public Information, Fellowship Communications, Internal Operations, Resource and Technology. Then there are 4 Caucuses, which are smaller committees, main difference is they can't pass motions and it's optional if you want to serve on one, they are : Intergroup, International, Spiritually Sustainable Earnings and the Underserved & Underrepresented Outreach.

The General Service Board has 10 Trustees who have the GSB committees as well as serving as a liaison for all the committees and caucuses. They are made up of Class A- debtors & Class B- non -debtors. This year there were 103 attendees at the conference and we had representatives from the European Intergroup as well as Ireland and we had our first Remote Participation with a GSR from the Bristol Meeting.

Committees meet all day Thursday and Friday, you have a little time to decide which one you are going to serve for year. Then the Caucus meetings are squeezed in between these meetings. The conference opened on Wednesday opened with a special meeting on the 'Ideal Spending Plan for DA. DA hasn't had one before and so this was first draft and it was build upon suggestions from the fellowship throughout the preceding year. The board of trustees visited another fellowships

office, just before WSC and they were so inspired by this fellowship to have a vision to pay for all GSR's to attend their world service conference. This fellowship's vision has been a reality for the last last 8 years. DA would like this to be part of its vision too, to be able to pay for all GSR's and ISR's to attend WSC.

Action: more input is still needed from the fellowship. I will circulate the ideal spending plan and you can give your **feedback to the UK intergroup or directly to GSB.**

Then **General Service Board** then gave their reports, starting with **Michalene, our chair of DA.** She took time to read through the charter and noticed an error, as in one place it says 180 days and everywhere else it says 120 days. She searched the records, old minutes and discovered this was an admin error and the charter now needs to be changed to rectify this error. We voted on this change to be made.

The **DA Welcome Video-** they have made a shorter version of 30 secs for TV and a Spanish Version. PSA- on memory stick

How can we get this on TV- anyone have any connections?

Finance Report by Tom R

The most exciting news is that the spending plan for 2018-2019 ended with a positive balance of **\$18,271.16**, considering the Spending plan presented at WSC in 2018 was anticipating a \$26000 negative balance, this is an amazing achievement. A huge thanks was given to the fellowship for increasing its 7th Traditions.

This positive balance was achieved 2 fold:

- By cutting some costs, such as the face to face trustees meeting in February
- And increasing income.

The 7th Traditions contributions have greatly increased. Also, as a result of us voting at Convocation 2018 to increase individual donations from \$5000 to \$12000 and DA received a 7th Tradition of \$12000.

News from **Literature**, the committee is always working on an abundance of projects and one project is a Meditation book, which you are welcome to contribute to. Here is the link

www.debtorsanonymous.org/meditation-book-submissions/

They worked hard on creating digital books of The 12, 12, 12 and a Currency of Hope.

<http://www.debtorsanonymous.org/ebooks>

International Caucus- After serving on this Caucus for 3 years, and following all the work of the last year to put forward the Caucus to become a committee. This motion was passed at Convocation, its great when you see the work you were part of in previous years come into reality and also to understand the process of how long it takes as everything must be voted on by the delegates who attend WSC.

Translation committee was set up in 2018 to specifically to address translation, to give it more focus and they have worked very hard over the last year to make Spanish translations in the pamphlets be downloadable for free.

As we are putting in a bid to host the WSC conference in our Vision this year, I felt drawn to serve on the Conference Committee as it felt it would support the UK the most in it's vision. I announced that the UK intended to submit a bid to host WSC in 2022, it was received with lots of cheers and support. DA worldwide wants to make this happen, to show its commitment to being

worldwide. It would give all of Europe the opportunity to attend and serve at the World Service level. There are many DA members who have a long recovery and this would be a chance for them to use their experience, strength and hope.

I also chose to serve on a caucus too “The Spiritually Sustainable Earning Caucus (SSEC) The SSEC serves to support the D.A. Fellowship in gaining clarity around issues of earning in the D.A. program. Our vision is to broaden the fellowship-wide understanding of how spiritually sustainable earning fits into D.A. recovery, encouraging a comprehensive and spiritual approach by working the 12 Steps and using the Tools of Debtors Anonymous.”

Then voting part of the conference, Convocation, happens on Saturday and Sunday. This is where all the committee work at WSC puts forward their and they are voted upon by all delegates. Many concepts are put forward as this allows the committee to explore this topic further. It may still decide that they don't want to follow through with it. (there are 2 powerpoints of all the motions and recommendations, please email me if you want me to send them to you susananonymous@yahoo.com.)

Dinner on the Saturday evening was very talented; LA meant we had a huge Talent show with over 30 acts. It was inspiring to see so many gifted members.

Audio recordings of keynote and speaker shares from Fellowship Day at the 2019 World Service Conference in Los Angeles are now available on our website at www.debtorsanonymous.org/podcasts

My spending plan of £2300, covered all costs and I have a balance to return of £181.48 (I think as I had no airport transfers this year helped, got lifts to and from Gatwick airport)

Exciting news since attending WSC

Michalene, Chair of WSC, will speak at the UK convention on WSC and service.

Allen T, former chair of WSC, will attend the **UK Intergroup** at the **end of November**. He is flying especially from the US, to support the UK Intergroup in its bid to Host World Service Conference. Please attend the meeting, if you are curious to find out more about how it is going to work and see if you want to be of service in this way. If you want to hear Allen T, he did a share at WSC that was really beautiful and you can hear by going to the podcasts and then LA and you will find him there.

In loving service,
Susan L, UK ISR

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

CC Events organiser happy to report that they are doing well in preparation for the upcoming convention. There is a budget of £1000.00 for expenses she has got the quote for the additional AC and **EF** is organising this payment. There is a donation of £400.00 to the church **SC** is organising the literature for the convention. The convention still needs volunteers to do service it needs

people to give PRGs people to collect Tradition 7 people to to print and laminate the readings and slogans.**IG** thanked **CC** for her service

SC.Internet and helpline stated that the amount of call had decreased since February. Also she stated that most of the calls were from people from other fellowships.**IG** discussed ways of increasing the numbers.**IG** thanked **SC** for her service

AOB

It was announced that the positions of **PI** and literature will be due for renewal in January 2020. The requirements are for **PI** 2 years in recovery,6 months solvency and at least 1 PRG.For literature its 2 years in recovery 3 months solvency and 2 PRGs

SL gave a copy of the new Promises to everybody to take back to their groups and the rest will go to the literature table at the convention.**IG** is looking for volunteers to possibly forming a committee to discuss the possibility of holding the World Service in 2022 the bid will have to be submitted by August 2020.**EF** raised the subject of contacting the new Webmaster **IG** agreed to discuss this further.**IG** decided against external attendance at **IG** as logistically it was to difficult.

Next Intergroup Meeting to be held on the 30/112019

Meeting Closed with the Serenity Prayer