

# DA/BDA AGM Intergroup Westminster Methodist Hall

## SW11 9HN. 25-01-20

1. Serenity prayer and 12 Traditions

### **Present**

**DB** Chair

**EF** Treasurer

**FK** Secretary,GSR Richmond Bridge Sunday

**JS** GSR Literature,GSR Hackney

**SC** Helpline and internet calls

**CC** Events Officer GSR Hind St Saturday morning

**AF** ESR

**OB** GSR Bayswater Saturday

**GW** GSR Bristol Tuesday

**JA** GSR Brighton Tuesday BDA

**CA** GSR Westbourne Grove Monday BDA

**ER** Ogle St Tuesday

**P** Chelsea PI

**YS** GSR Thursday Zoom meeting

**JF** GSR Stevenage Friday

**E** Brighton Tuesday 6.45

**JS** GSR Penzance Thursday

**ER** GSR Ogle St

**E** GSR Tabernacle Wednesday

**N** Visiting from Germany

### **Apologies**

**SL** ISR

**TM** GSR Swiss Cottage Sunday

**NC** GSR Tuesday phone meeting

**PA** GSR St Marys Friday & PI officer

**CO** GSR Swiss Cottage Thursday BDA

**M** GSR Cambridge Monday

**AA** Shipping Officer

### **November Minutes approved**

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

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

**ER** Ogle St Tuesday The meeting is flourishing has sent a donation of £124.00 to **IG**

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

**IB** Westbourne Park Friday continues to be well attended (25-40 every week) service commitments filled (although our treasurer handed back the commitment yesterday after 3 months and there is now a vacancy) 7th TRAD - the group is moving forwards (there is a steering committee meeting regularly) to implement a card machine instead of passing the pot OUR 7th TRAD contributions to Intergroup (report from treasurer): We will be sending 2 x donations to intergroup. One of £183.22 from pre Xmas and one of £187.69 from yesterday's business meeting. Total: £370.91. Our treasurer will be sending a bank transfer next week

**CC** Hinde St Saturday meeting doing well has 30 regulars The treasure is going to check the account to see if a donation can be made 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 £73.05 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**

**JA** Brighton BDA Tuesday. Brighton BDA Tuesday 5.30-6.30pm. A great business-focused meeting with some good recovery. Attendance has been quite variable recently; as few as 5 and as many as 12. But we have been making the rent and we still have all our prudent reserve. We made a donation of £500 to Intergroup in January.

**GW** GSR Bristol The meeting is getting stronger has 8-12 regulars financially well a donation to **IG** to follow.

**CA** Westbourne Park Monday BDA the meeting is doing well and has 45-50 regulars.

**TM** GSR Swiss Cottage Sunday 4.00pm sent the report to **IG** 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.

**PA** GSR Angel Friday The old meeting at St Marys on a Friday was closed in the third week of December. This was because a lot of the core membership got jobs conflicting with the meeting.

It was decided that a new meeting was to be established and trailed for a 3 month period at St Marys at 1pm on Mondays.

It had it's second meeting last Monday and there was 11 people there. A few key roles have been filled and some other positions are vacant.

The group is requesting the literature credit available to new groups please

**JS** GSR Hackney Tuesday BDA .The numbers have dropped to a regular 8 the meeting is solvent .

**JF** Stevenage The numbers have dropped to an average of 4

**M** Cambridge Monday GSR. New venue working out. Solvent, in spite of sharp increase in rent when we had to change venue due to building work in previous home. All service positions filled. Averaging about six members per meeting which is good for a meeting outside London.

**YS** GSR Thursday Zoom meeting. The meeting is doing well has 10-12 regulars all the positions are filled.

**E** GSR Brighton Tuesday. The meeting time has changed to 6.45 and this has made a big difference the meeting is doing very well.

**JS** GSR Penzance Thursday alternates with a BDA meeting has 5-6 regulars the meeting is solvent and has sent £40.00 to **IG**. The meeting welcomes anyone willing to do a chair and sometimes volunteers do chairs over the phone

**NC** Tuesday phone meeting donated £66.56 to **IG**

**E** GSR Tabernacle the meeting is doing well and has sent 2 donations to **IG** in the last 2 months

### **Reports from Service Officers**

**EF** Treasurer gave the Treasurers report which included the following in 2019 Inter-group received £5680.79 in donations from groups and individuals, £336.36 from

our annual gratitude collection, £265 from workshops held and £1080.72 from our annual convention. The treasures reports can be requested through each groups GSR **JS** proposed a PRG for the annual accounts **IG** voted and passed the proposal **IG** thanked **EF** for her service.

**SC** Helpline and internet callers. There are has not been much change in the last 3 years and there are not many calls at the moment **IG** discussed ways that **PI** could get the information out to the general public. **IG** thanked **SC** for her service.

**JS** Literature office gave her report.

FY 01/12/2018 to 30/11/2019	£	£
Balance at 01/12/2018		889.28
<b>Income</b>		
Sales to Groups		2300.83
Shipping on Sales to Groups		
Convention Sales (UK & Euro)		
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>2300.83</b>
<b>Outgoings</b>		
Purchases(+shipping & expenses)		2464.94
Cost of Postage & Packing out		350.00
<b>Total Outgoings</b>		<b>2814.94</b>
Income less Outgoings		(375,17)
Adjustments for errors in order forms etc		(37.69)
<b>Balance at 30/11/2019</b>		<b>412.86</b>

### **Literature orders from the US**

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**IG** thanked **JS** for her service.

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

We had a press release go out 5 days before Black Friday. My Google search did not show any results and so it hard to qualified the results. Great basis for further press releases.

Martin Lewis has my e-mail and is considering if this warrants an interview or any further action.

I have a follow up with a local newspaper to follow up.  
We had a very full interview with the online "Refinery29.com" printed. This took a lot of time to do- circa about 3 hours .We have a nice group of PI reps that are conferencing on the phone one a month.

We have a good stock of A3 posters and leaflets.

Speech was relatively well received at the conference and interactive. Suggestions such as Google Ad Words were great and based on us being a charity, which we are not.

The charitable status also stopped us getting on the BBC website.

My commitment comes to an end today. I have been promoting this position at meetings and on the DA PI thread. I can continue until March if no one comes forward. **P** volunteered to take on the role of PI and shared her experience in **DA.IG** discussed and voted in **P** as the new PI rep.**IG** thanked **PA** for her service.

### **CC,Events organiser**

**CC** gave her report

The visions workshop on 25/01/20 was a great success and plans are in place for more events this year.

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

Gave her report to **IG** and informed **IG** she would have to stand down .**E** volunteered to take on the role of **ESR** and gave a brief account of her experience in **DA.IG** discussed and voted **E** in as the new **ESR** .**IG** thanked **AF** for her service.

### **Service Positions**

**JS** position as Literature officer has come to an end and the position is vacant.**DB** asked **GSRs** to go back to their groups and announce the vacancy at their meetings

**FK** To continue as secretary for one more year

**PI** has been filled

ESR has been filled.

### **Visions**

**N** visitor from Germany shared a vision regarding members having an action partner to share their recovery **IG** agreed to discuss this further.**DB** asked to **IG** to discuss a proposal from the USA to holding an event to celebrate Promise 6.**E** volunteered to look in to the idea of holding an event somewhere..**P** shared a vision of **DA** having a 24 hour answering service **IG** agreed to discuss this further.

### **Bye Laws**

**IG** discussed the existing bye laws and making changes.**EF** proposed that the literature position be held by one person including shipping.**JF** seconded and **IG** voted to make the change.**IG** agreed to remove the position of Vice Chair person.**IG** agreed that if an officer misses more that 2 consecutive **IG** meetings the position should be discussed .**DB** proposed that the the descriptions for the service positions be rewritten **IG** voted and agreed to this proposal.

### **AOB**

**GS** asked what is happening with the bid for the 2022 World Service Convention **SC** informed **IG** that a committee had been formed and early discussions had taken place.**EF** advised that the next **IG** will take place on the **21/03/2020**

**Next Intergroup Meeting to be held on the 21/03/2020**

**Meeting Closed with the Serenity Prayer**