

## DA HOW PMI Intergroup Meeting Minutes

12 February 2016

Members present: Jessica NY, Francine NY, Jennifer NY, Candace SC, Rebekah MN, Jaime NY, Bea AZ, Melissa WA, Sharon AZ

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Rebekah from MN was the chair/moderator of the call

### Treasurer's Report:

- Current Savings Balance: \$10
- Current Checking Balance: \$307.23
- Income and expenses since last PMI meeting:

Date	Memo	Amount	Balance
01/08/16	Balance as of last PMI mtg		\$269.64
	Donations received	\$38.00	\$307.64
	Paypal fees paid	\$0.42	\$307.22
	Interest Income	\$0.01	\$307.23

Goal: Bring in average of \$160/month to reach goal of sending Intergroup Service Representative to World Service Business Conference

- This month brought it total of 37.59, which is \$122.41 short of the goal

### DA HOW Intergroup Representative Report:

Sharon from AZ reported that she continues to serve as the Chair of the WSC Literature Committee and that they are working on the following projects:

- Basic Text Outline
- A writing to replace the 'Preamble' – Sharon reminded members that Trustees have asked that DA groups no longer use the AA Preamble
- Step Study Guide
- Beginners Meeting format
- Updating and revising several pamphlets

Other information:

- DA 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts is at the publisher and should be ready for sale by April 2016. It will be available in both hardcover and paperback form
- There are a number of DA General Service Board-sponsored phone calls and workshops open to the fellowship over the next few months. Information can be found on the DA website.

- There is a fellowship day being planned to celebrate DA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It will be held in NYC on Sunday, April 17, 2016 and members will be able to attend in person or call-in to listen to the speakers. Information is available at [www.danyc40.weebly.com](http://www.danyc40.weebly.com).

**Agenda:**

- Group Inventory
  - A scheduled time for a group inventory of the PMI
  - Jessica and Sharon will look at DA website and DAMS (Debtors Anonymous Manual for Service) – (update – there is a Group Inventory worksheet on the DA website)

**This agenda item will be tabled until next month**

- Paragraph Introducing 'Sponsee Suggestions' document
  - Concept of 'attraction' v. 'promotion'
  - Changing the word 'guidelines' to 'suggestions'
    - Discussion of concepts of 'guidelines' and 'suggestions'
    - Discussion of 'suggestions' v. 'advice giving'

**Motion:** To add the following sentence to the end of the introduction to the Sponsor/Sponsee Suggestions document: "The way in which you work your DA program and follow the HOW Concept is between you, your higher power, and your sponsor."

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- Suggestions for starting a Meeting
  - Do we want to have a page for starting a new DA HOW meeting?
    - DA website may have a basic format
    - Maybe the members could contact DA HOW face-to-face meeting in MN
    - Some members have started DA meetings in the past
    - A member stated that there may be 'ideal' ways to start a meeting, but sometimes it is best to try it, even if all the 'ideal' conditions are not met, if you need the meeting for your own recovery. It will happen according to God's will.

**Action:** Rebekah, Jaime, Melissa, Jennifer and Jessica will meet to discuss

- Fundraising Committee – Francine, Domingo, Sharon, Rebekah

**Action:** Rebekah will send out email to group regarding fundraising efforts

**New business:**

- A member raised the issue of the discussion of 'guidelines' and 'suggestions' and she recommended that we look more at these issues and perhaps think about a written statement for our website.
- A member raised an issue: Should DA or DA HOW make a statement on whether there is a difference when deciding if/how to pay creditors (either \$1 or not at all). Another member raised the question of whether attempting to articulate a response or position about this goes beyond the scope of DA and/or DA HOW. A third member stated that this is a spiritual

program and sometimes if we focus on the particulars (practical aspects) of an issue, we don't leave room for HP to come in and assist us in our recovery.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am Eastern Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon S. from AZ