

DA HOW Intergroup Minutes 8/13/2023

Present:

Rene (chair)
Andy T. (Web chair and GSR-Thurs Common Solutions)
Liz G. (GSR – Saturday Sunrise)
Domingo – (ISR)
Michelle B. (Treasurer, today's secretary, GSR – Sunday Ways and Means)
Eunice (GSR – Sunday Sunrise)
Francoise (GSR – Tuesday BDA-HOW Visions)
Dixie (visiting)
Mr. Nehru (visiting)

Rene asked for approval of June's business meeting minutes, which were approved by general consensus.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle presented; report was approved by general consensus. Question was posed as to whether contributions were from regular DA group/individuals and/or DA HOW group/individuals. Michelle confirmed that, to her knowledge, all contributions were received from DA HOW groups and individuals.

ISR Report - Domingo shared that:

- This was the first year he'd seen a significant presence of DA HOW members at the DA WSC; some there as GSRs and others visiting for Fellowship Day.
- Headway was made at this year's WSC towards getting clarity on the definition of DA Intergroups and getting our DA HOW Intergroup reinstated.
- He'll be sending a full report to our web chair to be included in the meeting minutes and posted separately on the DA HOW website.
- He'll be sending the excess unspent \$126.98 ISR funds back to DA HOW Intergroup, along with a report of total ISR expenses to Michelle (DA HOW Treasurer).
- Reminder to GSRs and Groups to be sure and register their meeting on the debtorsanonymous.org website in order to keep your meeting listed on the DA website, to participate in DA group voting, etc.

The ISR Report was accepted by general consensus.

DA HOW Web Chair: Andy shared:

- As approved by the group last month, updates to combine the *Resources for Individuals* tab and the *Writing Assignments* tab on our website into one tab have been completed.
- Suggestion was made to create a direct link to "Sponsor/Sponsee Guidelines" on the Resources tab. Andy accepted that suggestion and will handle.

- He hasn't been notified of any further website issues within the last month. Shared a reminder that if there are any issues/concerns re our website, to submit those by going to the DA HOW home page, clicking the *More/Web Chair Contact* link.

DA HOW Announcements Coordinator: Melissa – not present/no report

GSR Reports:

Andy – Thursday 9pm (ET) Common Solution meeting: Last meeting had 32 participants. A variety of literature is studied each week; Speaker if there's a 5th Thursday.

Eunice – Sunday Sunrise 6:00a (ET) meeting: No meeting updates, but shared that after attending the WSC Convention earlier this month, she's now on the DA World Service Literature Committee. The committee is working to get our own DA daily meditation book published soon. There's a button on the DA website for making literature submissions. There's also a variety of new literature in the works.

Old Business: No old business.

Reinstate DA HOW Intergroup Ad Hoc Subcommittee: In Melissa's (chair) absence, Domingo gave updates:

- At the WSC, it was confirmed that the decision to remove DA HOW of our Intergroup status was made by the Board – so now we know who to directly address our concerns to regarding reinstatement of our IG status.
- At September's *Reinstate DA HOW Intergroup Ad Hoc Subcommittee* meeting, Domingo will share updates of the letter so that the subcommittee can decide how best to move forward.
- Question was raised regarding whether there's a general consensus that DA HOW individuals and groups still want to be a special focus intergroup. Domingo answered that we're working under the most recent general consensus which was in 2015, but that anyone is welcome to come to this intergroup meeting and propose a motion that the DA HOW groups/individuals be queried to confirm whether or not this general consensus has changed since 2015.
- Question was raised regarding whether a listing of virtual DA intergroups exists. Domingo answered that there is not.
- Domingo suggested that GSRs and groups start thinking about GSRs attending the WSC next year, to be held in Ottawa, Canada. Anyone thinking about attending and would like information, guidance (e.g., scholarship funding, fundraising, etc.), or any ESH on attending WSC is welcome to contact Domingo directly.

1:51p (ET) Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer