

DAHOW INTERGROUP MEETING
Sunday, November 12, 2023

Andy opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Member Introductions:

Andy, web chair, Thurs Common Solutions meeting
Michelle, treasurer, Sun Ways and Means
Martha, Fri 2:30 pm Format Meeting
Mary-Ann K, Sunday Underearners/Visions)
Melissa, Announcements Coordinator)

Secretary's Report (Old and New Business from last month):

Martha served as secretary for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle

Ending balance \$5,847.50

See attached for full treasurer's report

DAHOW GSR Report:

Michelle provided report from GSR Rep Domingo:

Remind all the DA HOW meetings to re-register online before the deadline.
Meetings need to reregister annually.
DA Members can subscribe to email announcements from DA
here: debtorsanonymous.org/share
It would be a good idea to add this link to the DAHOW site.

Domingo reported they have been working on getting clarity regarding the definition and practical application of an intergroup in their Intergroup Caucus and International Committee work.

Web Chair Report: Andy

Members are encouraged to order DA literature directly from DA website.
Questions received via the website are primarily related to how to get a sponsor and technical questions related to accessing meetings.

Web chair works with treasurer to renew DAHOW intgroup's website registration and Zoom account.

DA HOW Announcements Coordinator Report: Melissa

No new individuals have joined the list. Melissa will step down from this service position Jan. 1, 2024 and another individual is needed to step into this role. The list is currently located on Yahoo groups.

Intergroup Rep Reports:

There was a discussion concerning how to distinguish between "Intergroup Rep" and GSR:

Michelle shared the following from the DA World Service Manual:

We can volunteer to be the Intergroup Representative for our meeting. An Intergroup consists of representatives from D.A. meetings in a defined area, such as a city and nearby suburbs, who meet periodically to provide services for the entire area. Intergroup Representative is often a six-month commitment; qualifications vary from group to group.

On an international level, we can offer to be of service as our meeting's General Service Representative (GSR) or Intergroup Service Representative (ISR). The service commitment for both positions is usually for two or three years and includes attendance at the annual World Service Conference. By attending the annual D.A. World Service Conference, a GSR or ISR represents a meeting or Intergroup,

Reports:

Andy, Common Solutions – average 12-18 people/meeting. The group exploring moving the meeting to an hour earlier from 9:00 pm Eastern to 8:00 pm Eastern.

Mary-Anne, Sunday Underearner/Visions - 12-22 people per meeting – gradually getting stronger

Martha, Fri Format Meeting – Fri pm Meeting continues as an 1-1/2 meeting, 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Old Business (carried over from last month):

How should the DAHOW Intergroup register with DA?

1) register as an Intergroup even if rejected.

- 2) Register under a new group name to be able to have full voting rights and be included
- 3) Don't register again.

Vote reflected a split between options 1 and 3.

Option 2 minority opinion – If we don't register or are rejected, we won't have a vote – believe in accord rather than discord.

We have not had a registered group for the last two years.

In a second vote, option 1 passed to register DAHOW as an intergroup, even if rejected by WSC.

Andy will register the group, and Andy and Michelle will serve as DAHOW Intergroup contacts on the registration.

New Business:

The group voted to select a new president, as current president is no longer working the DAHOW program. The selection of a president will be addressed at the next meeting.

Andy introduced new business.

He requested amount in DAHOW budget for Public Information activity. Michelle clarified that \$200 remains in the budget for PI activity.

Andy volunteered to be interim PI Chair. Andy made a motion to use \$100 in November and \$100 in December for Facebook advertising making information regarding the DAHOW program available to the public, maintaining anonymity. The motion was seconded.

There was a question concerning Tradition Eleven: "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films."

The following was shared from *The Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Debtors Anonymous*, p. 109: "Brining Debtors Anonymous to visibility and providing some basic information about the program— anonymity, the absence of membership fees, the fact that we offer a common solution that draws on our collective recovery experience, and the like—is enough to allow attraction to happen. . . In contrast, promotion tries to sell DA's value and tries to get a person to join DA."

The motion was amended to authorize use of \$100 in November and \$100 in December for DAHOW Facebook advertising protecting anonymity and *consistent with DA Public Information Manual of Services and DA Traditions.*

The motion passed unanimously. Andy encouraged others to participate. Martha volunteered to assist with PI efforts.

New business next meeting – Select new chair – take back to groups that the position is available.

Closed with the “We Version” of the Serenity Prayer
