

February 2, 2020 Debtanon Business Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened: 11:10

Chair: Chris

Timekeeper: Karen

Minute recording: Nancy

Attendees: Chris, Nancy, Karen, Andy Keri, Kendra, Helene, Deb G., John and Voytech

January 5th Business Meeting minutes: approved by all.

Treasurer Report: Keri read the current treasury balance of \$1440.60.

Literature Report: Helene reported that three books were sold since the last report bringing the current count to 65 books total inventory. She clarified that there are 65 now in total inventory with 2 books for held for archive and the remaining 63 available for purchase. Questions were asked regarding the handling of postage. The process is as follows: the person purchasing how they would like the book mailed, the cost of mailing is passed on to the purchaser. If priority mail is used the charge is \$8.00. If media mail is used it is \$3.27. Purchases have been limited so prior charging of sales tax has not been an issue as well as the unusual nuances of applying sales tax for any out of state purchases. Hence, there is no current charge.

All books have currently been donated to the group. Restocking questions will be addressed when the supply becomes more limited.

A motion was made by Nancy to accept the Treasurer and Literature report and seconded by Andy. All were in agreement.

Old Business:

Follow up discussion was introduced on the alternatives to donating to the group in methods other than sending paper checks. Andy contributed research into the viability of PayPal usage. He found that an app can be used with a unique identifier name to donate digitally. Questions were raised about whether charges would apply. Kendra pointed out there are two routes, one is the friends and family choice of transfer, the other would be sending to a business. With the friends and family choice, there are no added charges. Keri expressed a desire to ensure simplicity of account handling. She currently manages her own accounts and would not want this to become a difficult change or liability. Paper check has been the easiest to manage but is open to PayPal if it is kept simple. She stated she does not know how PayPal would work for any cash only users. She agreed to research it on her end of the interface. The option of setting up the donation as a "bill pay" alternative was discussed and Keri gave her full address, phone and required information so a direct bill pay option could be used. Keri asked to be notified if Zelle was being used as she would like to be aware of the transfer. Helene noted that when the new website is built, there will be a PayPal button for direct donation on the new website interface.

New Business:

Deb G. brought up the need to keep the New Jersey Nationwide meeting for Debtanon visible and under discussion. She wanted to continue to promote awareness and discussion for any budgetary needs for getting the word out.

Chris brought up discussing the need for defined representation at the WSO and continuing discussion on a General Board structured representative as has been informally discussed in the past. Karen has been volunteering to act as the Group liaison with meetings with the WSO, informal public information officer and the link to the New Jersey meeting discussions and information. She will continue to do so and Chris suggested she report advances and information at the next business meeting. Chris suggested the service role be discussed further at the next meeting.

Karen also brought up that she is working on drafting messaging to be posted on the DA intergroup websites. Deb G. suggested that she get input on the wording at next weeks WSO meeting. Deb G. made a motion that this go to the WSO meeting next week and all agreed.

Motion to close: motion to close the Business Meeting was at 11:43 made by Andy with Keri as a seconder to the motion.

Closed at 11:43