

Debt-Anon Business Meeting
October 7, 2018

Business Meeting Chair - Chris
Business Meeting Secretary – Karen M

Business Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

In Attendance – (informal—those who spoke) Chris, Helene, Nichole, Karen M, (Julie-after meeting had closed-some did not know it had closed).

First Order of Business: Read and approve the minutes from the August 5, 2018 Business Meeting. Chris asked for a Motion to approve the minutes: Karen M motioned; Helene seconded. **Approved.**

Treasury Report:

(Treasurer Keri R.) (Announced by Helene) Balance: \$895.98
Chris asked for a motion to approve the Treasury Report: Karen M motioned; Helene seconded. **Approved.**

Literature Report-Old Business:

Helene added a “one share only” sentence in our meeting format to clarify our guideline/policy. Also, a sentence telling the secretary that, if there is extra time, the secretary may read some literature.

Mary Jane was asked whether there were still books for sale, (The Other Side of the Coin). She replied with a general yes, and gave those who heard her (Helene, Karen), a sense that there were many, or enough books, not close to running out.

Chris asked for a motion to approve the Literature Report/Old Business: Karen M motioned; Helene seconded. **Approved.**

New Business:

Topic for discussion introduced by Helene: Consider adopting some of the DA (Debtors Anonymous) tools for our fellowship, such as recordkeeping, PRG's (Pressure Relief Groups).

Minute-taker summary: Thoughts *for* the topic: Help us take care of ourselves; Stay out of financial fears; have clarity in our own finances.

Thoughts *opposed*: May dilute Debt-Anon/Al-Anon Message; Use Al-Anon Tools

General feeling to continue discussion at next Business Meeting.

Digital/Phone issues near end of meeting—Karen could hear everyone--People talking over each other because they could not hear each other; calls dropped; Chris asks for a motion to end Business Meeting. Karen Motions. Chris seconds. Approved.

Business Meeting concluded with the Serenity Prayer.

THEN people called back in, not know the business meeting had ended.

In opposition to the topic, Julie mentions Al-Anon's Fifth Tradition (which reads differently than Debt-Anon's), stating that Al-Anon's use AA's Twelve Steps. Suggestions are made to Al-Anon members to attend open AA meetings, to better understand the alcoholic in their lives. Point being that to work an Al-Anon program, one also works an AA program. From the Fifth Tradition, (as written in Al-anon), a Debt-Anon member would also work, or be familiar with, the DA program, so we would not need to adopt DA's Tools.

Then, we all figured out that the business meeting really was over.

Next scheduled Business Meeting: December 2, 2018