

DRAFT Minutes of August 4, 2019
Sunday Debt-Anon Phone-in
Business Meeting

(Placeholder box – this text field to be used by next Business Meeting Secretary to record information about final Group Conscience vote to approve these draft Minutes with any changes requested by the Group, as Final Minutes.)

RESOLVED: Our meeting will charge \$15.00 for each new book, The Other Side of the Coin, + additional cost for shipping

RESOLVED: The final Debt-Anon Fellowship Day script with changes discussed today, was approved by Group Conscience for use at our first Debt-Anon Fellowship Day on August 10th, 2019 in Los Angeles, California.

- Natalie was Interim Business Secretary of the August 4, 2019 Debt-Anon Sunday Business Meeting
- Natalie took notes as scribe and prepared these minutes
- Following the Treasurer's and Literature persons' reports, the primary topics of discussion were, following in preparation for our first Debt-Anon Fellowship Day on August 10, 2019 in Los Angeles.

1. Treasurer's Report – Keri

Keri indicated that our meeting currently has \$1,000.27.

2. Literature Report & Need to Set the final Sales Price for our Literature (The Other Side of the Coin book)

Helene gave the following update:

- Helene recently received a box of books that Jeannine, the book's author, donated to our Debt-Anon meeting. There were 44 books in the box that Jeannine sent. Our meeting will have 42 books to sell.
- Our meeting now has an adequate inventory of books we can sell at the upcoming Los Angeles Debt-Anon Fellowship Day.
- We need to decide the price we should sell the book for.
- At our prior July 2019 Emergency Business meeting and in a subsequent series of email exchanges amongst a number of interested members, this smaller group considered the original cost to produce the book, including factoring in a reasonable increase to account for inflation to help cover the future cost of re-printing the book.
 - In a recent email, Jeannine, the book's author, indicated that her original cost to have the book printed was \$9.00 per book, which was many years ago.
 - Our meeting had previously charged approximately \$9.00 for a new book when Mary Ann was the prior Literature person.
- During these prior communications, the group discussed setting the book's sales price at \$15.00.

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- Prior to today's Business Meeting, Helene contacted Eric, the Secretary of the Chicago in-person Debt-Anon meeting. Eric also received a shipment of books from Jeannine. The Chicago Debt-Anon meeting plans to sell books including on Amazon.
- Helene and Eric discussed setting the book's sales price at \$15.00.
- Helene said that Eric agreed that \$15.00 seemed like a reasonable price for the book and the in-person Chicago Debt-Anon meeting would agree to charge \$15.00 per book.

Open Discussion

A brief open discussion amongst the membership then took place about setting the book's price at \$15.00. After this brief discussion, Natalie, the Business Meeting Secretary, asked if there was a motion to approve the price we would charge for the book.

Group Conscience Vote on Price of Book

- Helene motioned that our meeting set the book's sales price at \$15.00 + an additional cost for shipping
- Janet seconded the motion
- Natalie took a vote:
All in favor – Helene, Janet, Natalie, Karen, Keri
Opposed – None
- The motion passed and was adopted by Group Conscience.

RESOLVED: Our meeting will charge \$15.00 for each new book, The Other Side of the Coin, + additional cost for shipping

OPEN ITEM: The topic of charging sales tax will need to be determined in the future.

3. Finalizing the Debt-Anon Fellowship Day Meeting Script for our Los Angeles Fellowship Day

- Natalie indicated that the 3rd order of business was reviewing, discussing and finalizing our Debt-Anon Fellowship Day Script, which Helene had originally drafted and various members who would be attending the Los Angeles Fellowship Day, had proposed edits to via email prior to today's Business Meeting.
- Natalie and Helene advised the members that Helene had posted the most recent draft Fellowship Day script on the Debt-Anon web site so that everyone participating in today's Business Meeting could view it on-line and contribute to the discussion.
- A working session to review the draft script commenced.
- Natalie asked Helene to read each section of the draft Script for the Group's input. Natalie also read some sections of the script. Various members proposed edits such as:
 - Correcting "Day" in the script's title so that it reads, "Fellowship Day", consistent with the Debtors' Anonymous spelling, which no one opposed
 - Removing 2 instances of "the" in the Serenity Prayer to be consistent with the original language, which no one opposed
 - Shortening the Debt-Anon Welcome section of the script by removing the 2nd paragraph, and moving it to the end of the script as an option for Fellowship Day leaders to read

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out, if they so choose. Group Conscience vote (in favor of removal of 2nd paragraph and move down in script as optional: Deb G., Karen, Natalie, Erich, Janet, Helene; opposed – none)

- Shortening the draft language which Natalie had proposed regarding silencing of mobile devices to Karen's proposed, "Please silence your cell phone during the meeting out of respect for the program", which the group agreed to.
- Scent-free language which Natalie had proposed. One member noted that Debtors Anonymous had not adopted scent-free language for the Fellowship Day in Los Angeles or published scent-free language in advance to alert Fellowship Day attendees who registered for the program. A majority of Group Conscience voted to remove the proposed scent-free language (in favor of removal: Helene, Janet, Karen, Keri; opposed (vote to keeping scent-free language): Natalie)
- Emergency exit language, which Natalie proposed. Group Conscience agreed to keep in script (in favor: Helene, Karen, Natalie; opposed: none)
- Duration of Workshop Leader Share or Panel – The Group discussed the time that should be allotted for Workshop Leader Share or panel. Group discussed allowing sufficient time in each session for attendees to ask questions or share. Group agreed to set time for Workshop Leader share or panel for up to 35 minutes.
- Group discussed and agreed that the script should include language that the Workshop Leader or Panel would be responsible for timing the session's activity unless they wanted to request that a session participant volunteer to time the activity. The Group agreed to add optional language to the script requesting a volunteer to be Timekeeper of the activity.
- Deb G. requested that 2 asterisks be added in the script to better identify for Workshop Leaders and the Panel Moderator, the portion of the script in which 1 of the 2 optional paragraphs could be read near the close of the session prior to the Serenity Prayer. Deb G. requested that 2 asterisks also be added in the script where the 2 optional paragraphs appear at the bottom of page 2. The Group agreed to this recommendation.

Other:

- Helene will update and finalize the script with Natalie's input.
- Helene offered to and will print hard copies of our final Fellowship Day script for Speakers, Panelists, and the Panel Moderator.
- Helene indicated that as part of her service to Debt-Anon, she would buy and contribute pads of paper and pens for Debt-Anon Fellowship Day participants.

Group Conscience Vote on Draft Fellowship Day Script with Changes Discussed during today's Business Meeting

- Natalie asked if there was a motion to approve the draft Debt-Anon Fellowship Day script with changes discussed and agreed by Group Conscience during today's Business Meeting.
- Karen motioned that the script be approved with the changes discussed.
- Janet seconded the motion.

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- Natalie took a vote:
All in favor – Helene, Janet, Deb G., Natalie
Opposed – None
- The motion passed and was adopted by Group Conscience.

RESOLVED: The final Debt-Anon Fellowship Day script with changes discussed today, was approved by Group Conscience for use at our first Debt-Anon Fellowship Day on August 10th, 2019 in Los Angeles, California.

Addendum following the August 2019 Business Meeting (from Natalie)

- *Helene and Natalie finalized the Debt-Anon Fellowship Day script with all changes discussed and agreed by Group Conscience during the August 2019 meeting.*
- *The final Fellowship Day script was used by Speakers, Panelists and the Panel Moderator at our August 10, 2019 Fellowship Day meeting in Los Angeles to lead the sessions.*
- *Natalie emailed Helene on August 24th, 2019 and requested that Helene also post a copy of the final Debt-Anon Fellowship Day script to our Debt-Anon web site for future reference for our members, including for future Debt-Anon Fellowship Days.*