

Business Notes from Sept 2009 and Oct 2009 Agenda

Monday Night Phone Meeting

1) Treasurer's Report

13 books available, or 12...

Our balance is \$270

Ideas about Donations to the GSA

Also, what do we want to do in terms of:

The milestones... chips and medallions

2) People present:

Amy G., Sarah B., Ósk D., Andrea V., Meaghen S., Peter H.

3) Milestone celebration

Ideas about chips, virtual and/or real. Might be a lot of work for one person, thoughts on sending out a newcomers chip, maybe include that in a new comer package, nothing decided

Motion about sending out ABA medallions, 8CAD each for 1 year birthdays. Passed, Ósk will order and send out.

Also the speaker bookie committee is going to get people celebrating birthdays to speak.

4) Service position opening - Secretary

Amy G was going to check if she could be our secretary and she got back to me and she can.

We still need another person to share the job with her

5) The meeting closed with a serenity prayer

Passed on to next business meeting and added to: October AGENDA

1. Proposal that Group emails have "ABA" in the subject line..
2. Notion that information about the ABA Phonemeeting Website be given out earlier on, in the slot when Newcomers are asked to introduce themselves at the end of the meeting preamble.
3. Consideration be given to requesting the GSA Literature Committee change the term "Check-in Buddy" (as it is understood in ABA terms and defined in the Guidelines to Long-Distance Sponsoring document) to "Step One Sponsor" - given that this clarifies the true nature of the role.
4. Tradition Ten Issue: Sarah B. wonders if the following protocol statement would be pertinent to include with our meeting preamble? We save comments on outside issues, such as other addictions, and naming other 12 Step programmes or treatment models and treatment centres, for another time and place.

5. Reflections on the Preamble from Osk D.
6. Thought be given to creating a more comprehensive Newcomer Pak for folk who have no computer and cannot access ABA-related websites etc - e.g. including hard copy lists of meetings and phnelist.
7. Suggestion that Meal Support be put forward as a Ninth Tool in ABA's list of Tools: this will require careful consideration and debate, so feedback welcomed.
8. Where has the sentence or two inserted over a year ago into the Preamble explaining the Traditions gone? (Sarah B. believes something concise here is still called for.)

IF FOLK HAVE ANY FURTHER AGENDA ITEMS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING THEM TO THE MEETING (given shortness of time to submit them by email).

Submitted by Osk