

Submitted Minutes from BDA Help for Debtors (registered BDA group # 7720)

Service Meeting on March 29, 2022

Urgent business

No urgent business this month.

January minutes and treasury

February 2022 minutes were summarized. **Minutes approved.**

February 2022 treasury report was summarized. **Treasury report approved.**

Coordinator reports

Nancy presented a literature report through March 28th, including inventory. Our vision of increasing our literature service by 50% in 2022 over 2021 is exactly on track so far.

Quick review of our March 11th newsletter. Everyone was pleased with results and member articles. Volunteers from this meeting agreed to write articles for April. Thank you!

Radio outreach project update for February has been included in the March newsletter and distributed to our contact list. Our new PSA (Public Service Announcement) for 2022, with an emphasis on the difficulty of saving for taxes “and other obligations,” will launch on March 7th. Woo-hoo!

Quick review of our current and upcoming hosted recovery events, including formatting discussion for our next conference series — our next BDA Business Planning Conference scheduled for April, May, and June 2022; and our next DA and BDA Visioning Conference is scheduled for July and August 2022; followed by our next BDA Business Planning Conference in September, October, and November 2022. Heather K has agreed to be our conference host for the next Visioning Conference. Yay, God and Heather!

Old business (not addressed in March, will roll forward to April 2022)

1. Lynn C from New Zealand has expressed interest in facilitating an ongoing weekly drop-in for our fellows who have developed a business plan through the business planning conference and would like to give and receive support and encouragement to stay on plan. The following details have been presented this month and were **approved unanimously**.

Qualifications for weekly participation, staying with our groups' message of "Solvency first, Steps second, everything else third or later": 90 days of solvency; having taken the first three Steps; actively working the rest of the Steps (we will actively suggest bdaworkshops.org), and having created and presented a business plan at the current or a previous BDA Business Planning Conference. Yes, that does mean that if someone blows up their solvency, we will ask them to take a break from this group activity while they do what's necessary to regain 90 days. That isn't a punishment; it's clarity; and it's respect for the unity of those who are successfully using DA and BDA to remain solvent.

Weekly meetings on Thursdays at 3pm pacific, 6pm eastern, etc, for one hour. We discussed that having this so close to Fellowship Drop-In was a positive. There wouldn't be many who would be eligible to go to both, and for those who could, they could do business planning, take a break, and then do Fellowship Drop-In. An evening of BDA!

On 5th Thursdays, so quarterly, we would like to welcome all past BDA Business Planning Conference registrants who had NOT completed a business plan yet to gain experience, strength, and hope from those who had, along with inviting them to witness the progress our fellow business planners are making in manifesting their plans. We would also encourage these peeps to attend another planning conference to create their plans.

7th Tradition would be observed each week, with an emphasis on gratitude and generosity, but there would be no specific donation request made. If we run into a lack of generosity, we might reconsider registration requests later this year or early next.

On the other hand, **registration on zoom would be required**, so each person would have their own personal unique zoom links, and we would know who's engaged. This gathering will be much less effective if it turns into an open BDA meeting. (I have an idea for sharing a different link each quarter for quarterly participants that I'll need to test out.)

Lynn has agreed to lead this group for the rest of 2022, and we could look at rotation of service for 2023, or invite Lynn to lead a second year. (Multi-year service commitments have created huge enhancements to my solvency and recovery in this program.)

Lynn is currently working on a script; we'll have a working draft in a couple weeks. We are clear already that the topic is something like "supporting and encouraging manifestation of BDA members' business plans." Or perhaps, more specifically: "Inviting Higher Power into our businesses through the BDA Tools, especially our business plans."

We would like to start this group on the first Thursday in June, which does have five Thursdays. We would invite the folks who are registered for the upcoming business planning conference -- after each of them presents their plan to the conference group, if applicable -- as well as (almost) everyone who has created a plan in a previous conference. For the quarterly drop-in, we'll invite (most) previous registrants for our business planning conferences.

Old business (not addressed in March, will roll forward to April 2022) — continued

2. How do we get more members and newcomers engaged with and invited to our various recovery events and conferences and into our growing online BDA community?
3. We have a new web page at <https://www.helpfordebtors.org/active-group-conscience-decisions>, which needs to be reviewed and approved. **We have approved through the second item listed for June 2021.**

New business (not addressed in March, will roll forward to April 2022)

1. Developing ideas for carrying the message and reaching our fellow debtors, especially business debtors and still-suffering debtors, inside and outside of the DA and BDA fellowship.

Filling open service coordinator positions (see www.helpfordebtors.org)

We had no candidates for service positions this month.

6:10pm pacific / 9:10pm eastern — Closed with Serenity Prayer