HAWS Minutes for 12-11-2016

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Meeting opened with the serenity prayer.

Attendance

Jason S, Sharmyn S, Chris G, Chris T, Josh Q, Marie V, Mike L, Ole C, David S

Previous minutes read

Chris G motions to accept old minutes. Marie seconds, motion passes.

Treasurer’s Report (Josh Q)

- Prudent Reserve: $6000.00
- Beginning balance: $8729.91
- Ending Balance: $7291.62
- Signers will soon change, removing Aiden F (previous treasurer) and having Josh Q and Faith B on the HAWS bank account. Discussion about making another account for the Chips and Literature chairperson (Faith B). Josh Q states that if you take the second signer off the main account you have to replace them. The conversation is tabled until after the coming elections in February and after the current signer situation is resolved.
- Chris G motions to accept the report. Jason seconds and motion passes.

Webmaster Committee Report (Chris G)

- The new webmaster committee has been found and formed. The new committee voted on positions among themselves after guidelines were created by the old committee. Meagan F’s service resume was read and she was voted in as the Webmaster chair and she will attend HAWS to give her report from now on.
- Chris G motions to reimburse Connor Z, who was on the previous webmaster committee, for $200 in expenses he incurred to GoDaddy payments. Motion passes. Chris G will get Josh Q and Connor Z in contact with one-another.
- HAWS board requests that the Webmaster committee posts the old approved minutes on the web site.

Chips and Literature Committee Report (Faith B)
• Not much to report. Put in a chip order recently but haven’t heard back. Will follow up. Mailbox situation is tricky because it takes so long to get to us and for us to realize an order is in the mail because the vast majority of orders come online.

Conference Committee Report (Sharmyn T)
• Not much movement since last meeting. Talked to some people in Portland about being a part of the conference committee. The conference committee will soon be outreaching via The Mainline bulletin.

Writing Committee Report (Claire F)
• No report.

Structures and Bylaws Committee Report (David S)
• Working on conference stuff. Updated HAWS board guidelines and bylaws will be done by the next HAWS meeting. They will be more descriptive than they currently are (voting, subcommittee, etc). David will send the HAWS board a rough draft before the next HAWS meeting. Hopefully we can vote for its approval at the next HAWS meeting.
• David needs help drafting a letter to the trustees of CA. A trustee from CA offered help from their group of trustees as long as we outline where we’re at with the first conference guidelines. This letter would request an official list of suggestions from CA. Jason brings up the fact that we should also ask NA and AA for this sort of help as well. Sharmyn will get with David and help with drafting this letter.

Convention Liaison Report (Chris G)
• No one has made any bid yet. David brings up the fact that we should make the communication more visible. We should add the bid information to the convention part of the site instead of just the PDFs. Chris G will reach out to Portland, Phoenix, and any other areas that there has been talk of submitting a bid. Chris G will have a larger add created for the mainline instead of the small paragraph that was in the most recent issue.

Old Business
• Sharmyn reached out to Paul L, the previous HAWS chair, and asked exactly what was trademarked. The name Heroin Anonymous is trademarked. The logo is pending. Paul will e-mail all of the information to Josh Q. It just needs to be paid. Paul L needs to be removed from the incorporation papers. The current people on the corporation papers are Paul L, Sharmyn T, Faith B, Josh Q, Chris T and Chris G. We are in good standing as of 1 month ago. Paul forwarded the link to Sharmyn for trademark renewal. It to be renewed in October of every year. HAWS will wait until next month to perform this renewal because of the new board member elections.
• Chris T motions that if the trademark of logos is over $500 he needs to run it by the board. Mike L seconds and motion passes.
• Sharmyn brings up the literature vetting process that we’ve talked about in the past. It is going to be e-mailed to everyone again for suggested revisions. Members of the HAWS board should go over the literature vetting process and reply with comments.
• Chris G brings up the question about how profits are split with a world convention and the area that puts it on. He contacted AA and NA and both replied that there are no profits. There was conversation about how to correctly abide by the 7th tradition. The conversation will be revisited after the first conference.
• HAWS board members should keep reaching out about board member positions. Elections are in February so service resumes ought to be submitted before the January 2017 meeting.

New Business

• Ole C (HA AZ area board member): HA AZ put together recommendations for the upcoming position:
  o David S for vice chair.
  o Ole C for at large.
  o Ian F for at large.
• Mike makes a motion to close. Motion passes and the meeting is closed with the serenity prayer.

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next HAWS board meeting: January 8th, 2017.