

SLAA LOS ANGELES IG MINUTES – FEBRUARY 9TH, 2020

1) 12:15 MEETING COMES TO ORDER

- a) We version of the serenity prayer

2) READINGS:

- a) Twelve Traditions
 - i) 30 seconds of silence policy (read by John)
 - (1) Volunteers: Andre, Sonia and Diana
- b) Voting Policy (read by John)
 - (1) Volunteer: Beau
 - (2) 47 Voting Members in attendance
- c) Timer Policy
 - (1) Volunteer: Claire
- d) Attendee Introductions
 - i) The usual. Go around the room. Some first timers (Welcome)
 - (1) Some meeting times and locations have changed or will be changing. Several meetings need support. Will be updated in The Bottom Line.

3) 12:35 TAKE COUNT OF VOTING MEMBERS

- a) 45 Voting members in attendance

4) OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Chair –
 - i) welcomes new reps
- b) Record Keeper –
 - i) Max reads minutes. They are approved.
- c) Bottom Line Editor –
 - i) Nick makes usual announcement. Workshop in March is on the new Bottom Line. If meetings have changed, please get that info to Nick in the next couple of weeks.
- d) Meeting Registrar –
 - i) Jayk orients new-comers on sign-in process. Reminds people to sign in. Also, update the physical addresses on the sign in sheet.
 - ii) New meeting: Tuesday 7 am Freeman Park in Studio City. Will be added.
 - iii) 7 pm Sherman Oaks Tuesday Church of the Chimes needs to be updated.
 - iv) 7 pm West Hollywood Senior Center Men's Stag – no updates.
 - v) Wed 7:30 Malibu – might be closed.
- e) Phone line-
 - i) Fabiana – Call offering a 50 min presentation with a panel at the "SHARE" event.
 - ii) Crossroads meeting Wed 7pm Santa Monica – a couple people went there and it was closed. It has moved and is updated in the new list.
- f) Literature – Desiree
 - i) Desiree orients newcomers and suggests ordering online to expedite the process.
 - ii) New meetings can get a starter packet for free. Sign-up with FWS Office to get an ID. Discounted rate at \$36 dollars and will be reimbursed by the treasurer.

- iii) Limited amount of State of Grace daily meditation book \$24
- iv) Recovery audio that can be purchased on the site (FWS). There are CDs, mp3s, etc.
- v) Free recovery audio from the 2019 SLAA Convention.

g) Treasurer - **UPDATE THESE FIGURES**

- i) Julie announces finances.
- ii) Beginning balance:7166.06
 - (1) IG Donations \$1548.30
 - (2) FWS \$963.40
 - (3) Jails \$122.30
 - (4) Literature \$1475.00
 - (5) Bottom Lines Payout -\$298
 - (6) Total \$4129.00
- iii) Does not have an annual report for us today. Will have next intergroup meeting.

h) Mail Clerk – Steve

- i) Little mail received.

i) Journal - Glenn

- i) Thanks Lisa for being the journal editor.
- ii) Describes the journal. A meeting in print.
- iii) Hands out journal subscriptions. Subscriptions are down.
- iv) If you submit, it will probably get published.
- v) Question of the day: Living alone to moving in. Have you gone from living alone to moving in with a partner? Please share about the challenges you face and how you dealt with them.
- vi) Journal committee is working on an app to have it online. Meeting in your pocket.
- vii) Please bring BACK the submissions once they've been filled it.

12:51 Break

j) Webmaster - Diane

- i) 12,500 page views. 7400 Sessions. 6200 were current meetings pages. Welcome pages were 3400 views. Few hundred for others.
- ii) Diane is redesigning..
- iii) Volunteers to proofread the new website. Nick, Whit, Olivia. Give Diane your email.
- iv) Trying to create an interactive map with meeting times and locations
- v) Updated the email. It's no longer going through. Going through G-Suite for non-profits. Free for us. Users are g-mail accounts – those are intergroup officers. Please e-mail at webmaster@slaalosangeles.org also added it on the contact page. Should be easier to contact.

k) Workshops & Retreats – Beau

- i) First Retreat, Stepping into Recovery, Saturday March 14th. All the dates for the workshops are at St. Basils Church.

- ii) Fabiana makes an announcement. Orange County Intergroup May 15th – 17th. Women’s Retreat. “Stepping through Fear into Freedom”. Interactive. Activities. Adventure. Passing out flyers. Two day retreat in San Bernardino.
- l) Jails & Treatments – Glenn stepping in for Katie
 - i) Katie can no longer cover the commitment. Glenn will be stepping up.
 - ii) New sheriff. Application process is easier. Doesn’t need to be notarized and can be e-mailed.
 - iii) Two panels in Tarzana. Reach 50-70 People. Twice a month. 9 am, Thursday mornings in Tarzana. Need people in the fellowship who can bring them to outside meetings.
 - iv) Glenn will put together information for next month to distribute to meetings. Kevin in looking for people to speak.
 - v) Central Jails on Saturday 8:30 AM - Was on the meetings list as a “Men’s Meeting”. There are multiple transgender people in attendance. Is now a mixed meeting.
 - vi) Can now go on a visitor pass if you want to check it out.
 - vii) If interested, email jandt@slaalosangeles.org and Glenn can put you in touch with Mark who can help with the application process.
 - viii) Still have the meeting in Tarzana Second Thursday of every month at 9:00 AM.
- m) ABM Delegates – Carol
 - i) Correction: July 27th – July 31st ABM Meeting
 - ii) Convention is July 31st- 2nd FWS International Convention. More information, including fees and scheduling, will be coming.
- n) Speaker List Keeper – Kevin
 - i) Has a list of speakers for meetings.
- o) Literature Copier – Nick
 - i) No announcements
- p) Conference Committees**
 - i) Literature Committee Conduit - Lisa
 - (1) Draft literature for Meditations. Distribute it for feedback. Destroy the draft copy if you have it.
 - (2) Tries to bring/draft literature for conference approval. Need feedback on 12 & 12, Sober Dating Questions for discussion. Bringing to Sacramento in July for approval.
 - (3) Sober Dating Workbook – looking to make it a motion for conference approval. Lisa has draft copies for feedback. Making a motion for next month that one of the next ABM delegates announces SLAA Los Angeles approval.
 - (a) Every rep needs to become familiar with the pamphlet. Can sign up on the sheet and send feedback, or you can attend the reading meeting each

Tuesday on the phone. Read the Sober Dating Focus workbook. It's a pamphlet of questions.

- (4) State of Grace paperback will be released in the middle of the year.
- ii) Sponsorship Committee Conduit – Lenore
 - (1) No announcements. Not present. Will be electing this role.
- iii) Steps, Traditions and Concepts – Mona
 - (1) Developing a Twelve Concepts workbook. Currently in draft form.
 - (2) Answer questions regarding the steps, traditions and concepts. All answers are on the website FWS.org
- iv) Translation Committee Conduit - Tim
 - (1) No announcements. Not present.
- v) Diversity Committee Conduit – Julie
 - (1) Creating a workshop. Planning an event. Conversations about recovery that are tailored more to “diverse” upbringings. Would like help. Want to hold an event/workshop in the future to talk about diversity and cultural biases. “My story can be different than yours” ... Relationships to HP, sexual preferences and cultural background can be different. Sometimes hard to hear “my” story. Solution is the same. Event is to help diminish “terminal uniqueness” so that we are united in purpose.

- q) SLAA Los Angeles Board of Trustees – Jenny
 - i) This is the annual Board of Trustees meeting. Primary item on the agenda is to elect new board members. Meeting is on Thursday Feb 20 at 7pm, Central Grill in Glendale. 801 North Central Ave.
 - ii) Big news is first annual meeting is February 20th. Open for election of new members. Anyone is welcome. Anyone interested in getting on the board can come. No idea how that is going to work out. If interested, see Jenny, Diane, Carol and Glenn. There is a limit of 9 members.
 - iii) There are time requirements, expectations, etc for such positions – they are in the Intergroup Service Manual.
 - iv) Diane – has compiled the financial status for last year.
 - (1) Last year was unusual because we switched from operating as a non-profit and being legally set up as one. The way we are accounted for has changed. Have been carrying surplus for 10 years. Made a donation to FWS. In transition, we had to spend down the money to make it disappear. Because of that, our total surplus was 26500 at beginning of 2019 and it has been spent down for tax purposes.
 - (2) Total receipts for new incorporation is \$48683 which makes taxes easy as its under 50k.
 - (3) Current surplus of \$11697.
 - (4) Suggest Dave, Julie and Diane meet to come up with a. close analysis of financial statements and come up with a budget.
 - (5) Dave clarifies that there has been a large literature order and sales tax. Leaves us with only at about \$6000 for surplus.

- (6) Gross amount of sales was \$12338. Paid sales tax on that. Literature sales are therefore down a little bit.
- r) FWS Board of Trustees - Christina
- i) IRC ABM is July 27th-July 31st. Cost is still pending. Registration is coming. Difference this year is that there is an International Recovery Convention at the same time. Anyone is invited. July 31st- Aug 2nd. Same hotel. Our big convention.
 - (1) Room rates at the Sheraton are currently at \$149 per night.
 - ii) There is a Lifesaver Program that is being started. 7th Tradition committee. Monthly donations from members to FWS. Currently there are seven members.
 - iii) Two designated giving programs as well:
 - (1) Staff Appreciation. They don't make anything or have benefits. Donations would go to them.
 - (2) Scholarship program for ABM delegates. Designated giving program to bring members to ABM. Can't withdraw funds from the budget.
 - iv) State of Grace sales are huge. At about \$20k. Covers publishing costs. Still selling.
 - v) Board of Technology Committee needs help. Addresses things like a webmaster employment. Bumped up the webmaster to a contractor status. Need help setting a value to certain positions based on job description, time.
 - (1) Meets first Monday of ever
 - (2) Cyber Security – issues with fraud and identity. Protecting passwords, etc.
 - (3) App
 - (4) CPIC – Conference Public Information Committee. Responsible for outreach, H&I, etc. Would value tech information of experience.
 - (5) Total contributions are down about 18%. Two donations for 12k each, but looking at it over the last four months, we are down 10K from contributions fellowship wide.
 - (6) Board Outreach Committee supports CLC with editing, etc. Almost ready to submit "The Gift of No Contact" Pamphlet.
 - vi) Opportunity for Panels. If anyone on a committee wants to bring their panel, there is an opportunity.
 - vii) If you don't serve on a conference committee, there are a lot of conferences committee not listed. All kinds of opportunities, including outreach, which needs support. These are nationwide committees.
 - viii) There is an international translation committee, all around the world.
 - (1) International Outreach Questionnaire. Let them know that the fellowship is there for them. Would like feedback on the Questionnaire from a strong intergroup.
 - ix) Starting a technology committee at the board level for apps, websites, etc. There is an application process to be on the board. Opportunity
 - x) Email is christinajoyempowered@gmail.com (SLAA e-mail)
- s) Audio Library Committee – Jayk filling in for Natalie
- i) Skip the report.

5) 1:21 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i) Meeting Location Task Force Update
 - (1) Chris provides update.
 - (a) The findings have been less than anticipated.
 - (b) Report is not up to presenting form.
 - (c) Asks for another month to present options.
 - (d) Pay for one more month here.
 - (e) Task force is open to other members.
 - (f) Glenn suggests bringing it back to their meetings for more information.
 - (g) We will be in the current location until April.
 - (h) Questions? Ask Jenny. Looking for info about Parking, Cost, Location.

b) INTERGROUP ELECTIONS 1:24 PM

- i) **LITERATURE COMMITTEE CONDUIT**
 - (1) Jenny reads about the position from the Intergroup Service Manual.
 - (2) Carol is nominated.
 - (3) Pro and cons.
 - (4) Nomination carries: Carol wins.
- ii) **SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE CONDUIT**
 - (1) Jenny reads from Intergroup Service Manual.
 - (2) Chris is nominated. Accepted.
 - (3) Pro and cons.
 - (4) Nomination carries. Chris wins.
- iii) **STEPS, TRADITIONS & CONCEPTS CONDUIT**
 - (1) Mona describes position.
 - (2) Jayk volunteers.
 - (3) Pro and cons.
 - (4) Nomination carries – Jayk wins.
- iv) **TRANSLATION COMMITTEE CONDUIT**
 - (1) Jenny reads from Intergroup Service Manual.
 - (2) Donna is nominated.
 - (3) Pro and cons.
 - (4) Nomination carries – Donna wins.
- v) **DIVERSITY COMMITTEE CONDUIT**
 - (1) Julie describes position.
 - (2) Manuel is nominated
 - (3) Pros and cons.
 - (4) Nomination carries – Manuel wins.
- vi) **JAILS AND TREATMENTS COMMITTEE CHAIR**
 - (1) Glenn describes position
 - (2) Glenn is nominated.
 - (3) Pros and cons
 - (4) Nomination carries – Glenn wins.

vii) **ABM DELEGATES**

- (1) Jenny reads from the Intergroup Service Manual
- (2) We have four positions available. 2 elected each year.
- (3) Primary responsibilities are significant. Join and actively participate on one conference committee throughout your term.
- (4) Mona and Carol are in their second year.
- (5) Two two-year delegates:
 - (a) Julie is nominated. She accepts.
 - (b) Glenn is nominated. He accepts.
 - (c) Jayk is nominated. He accepts.
 - (d) The nominees speak to their experience.
 - (e) Jayk and Glenn are our two-year delegates
- (6) Two one-year delegates:
 - (a) Diane volunteers
 - (b) Julie is nominated
 - (c) Diane and Julie are our one-year alternates

Jenny moves to adjourn the meeting.

- Motions to be discussed next month.
- Meeting Location Task Force Updated/ Discussion
- Final Treasury Report (included above)

- Announcements
 - Next meeting is the 8th, the second Sunday of March
 - Reminder to new officers to e-mail your e-mail to the webmaster.
- Adjournment
 - Meeting concludes at 2:00 pm with the “WE” version of the Serenity Prayer. Hand holding, as always, is optional.