

SLAA Los Angeles IG Agenda – March 13, 2022

√1. Serenity Prayer

√2. Readings

- Twelve Traditions
 - Updated Thirty Seconds of Silence POLICY
 - Voting Policy (Volunteer for vote counter)
 - Timer Policy (Volunteer for announcing the Time every 15 minutes)
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√3. Attendee Introductions

- From Registrar (in chat)
 - Please sign in for your meetings at: <https://forms.gle/gqqWH83oaKAmw6cv7>. If you represent more than one meeting, please fill out the form for each meeting.
 - If you are present in person, please sign in with the registrar in the front of the room.
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√4. Take Count of Voting Members

- Voting members are either intergroup reps (representing a meeting) or committee representatives. People representing multiple meetings or committees count as only one vote.
 - There were [21] voting members on Zoom and [9] in the room, for a total of [30] voting members.
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5. Officer & Committee Reports

√Secretary – (Jayk) – secretary@slaalosangeles.org

- Jayk welcomes everyone to the meeting
 - Jayk says he is trying to make it as fun as possible. Would like to take suggestions on how to make Intergroup more fun, or just take any questions in general. Feel free to email him.
 - Jayk gives directions on where to find agenda and resources for today's meeting
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√Record Keeper – (Danny)

- Minutes from last month were approved.

See last month's minutes in Google Drive Intergroup folder:
<https://tinyurl.com/2cxuu6px>

√Treasurer (OPEN)

- Our total income for February 2022 was \$4,386.26.
 - Total expenses YTD is \$3,654.22.
 - Total cash in the bank is \$22,211.71.
 - We received \$207.90 for FWS - it will be paid in March 2022.
 - H&I new total is \$1,778.16.
 - LA Retreats after paying Serra Retreat Center and all refunds, has a balance of \$3,051.
 - Prudent reserve is \$15,000.
 - Intergroup cash balances is \$2,174.65.
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√Bottom Line Editor – (Eoin Thomas)

- This month we spent 55.13 on 250 copies of the bottom line
 - We have another great bottom line. Complete with workshop flyer, comic, articles, and some other fun things.
 - It is available online and in person
 - Please talk to your intergroup reps to pick up the bottom lines. Each get 10 free copies
 - If you would like to submit your experience with step 4, or anything else (i.e. comic, wordsearch), please email bottomline@slaalosangles.org
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√Meeting Registrar – (Matthew)

- There were several emails answered, a lot of newcomers asking about meetings
- All in person meetings have been updated, and if you have any changes or updates, please email registrar@slaalosangeles.org
- Full Report:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YRjdlBAnV2Zyg2602Wnb9JKJSZHexgv9/edit?usp=sharing&oid=102767359686757786357&rtmpof=true&sd=true>

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Virtual Meeting Registrar – (Kelsey)

- 2 meetings added, 3 meetings modified
 - If you have updates about virtual meetings, please email virtualmeetings@slaalosangeles.org
 - Full Report: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/178trZWM-GVx7Q9T96AxvKviunxR8Coxno3YH5tOFHak/edit?usp=sharing>
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√ Phone Line – (Sarah S.)

- The phone messages and number has been unlocked.
 - 12 calls, all responded to
 - One about starting a meeting in the OC
 - One about the sponsor list
 - One about someone picking up the copy of the basic test.
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√ Literature – (Claire) (Assistant: Megan)

- Adam filling in for Claire
 - Inventory sales have increased
 - Can order online, in person, order on website, also email Adam for in person drop off in WeHo area
 - Question answered about paying via Venmo. (Venmo, paypal, cash accepted, amongst others)
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√ Journal Rep – Mona

- Flyer posted in chat and in person. Please take link or hard copies and please hand them out at group
 - You can subscribe to the journal online
 - You can write your own shares and stories of the journal
 - Current topic (March 15 deadline): What is the best thing your sponsor has ever told you. Can submit through the website.
 - Next month question is: What is anorexia/withdrawal in your experience. What tools have helped you with this?
- Please reach out to Mona if you have any questions
- Flyer: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-EqqN_mvj9-CGDmS82-JD6qBf0Qvta-/view?usp=sharing

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√ Webmaster – (Dave G.)

- We had 7261 visits, down by about 8% in January
 - 4068 was unique visitors
 - About 2/3s of visitors were new
 - Most of them found website through google search
 - Visitors from 53 different countries, and every continent except Antarctica
 - Service positions were updated
 - Links are being updated as well
 - Location map is being looking into for in person meetings
 - Full report has now been posted in the agenda folder on Google Drive
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√ Workshops & Retreats – (Sean)

- March 19th from 1-4. About 15 per intergroup rep.
 - It is on Zoom but talks for the next three being in person.
 - The topic for this upcoming workshop is “Recovery in the Age of a Pandemic”
 - Flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SDLP4-0CML4TjdRk-BpfKnBOO3z0iuJI/view?usp=sharing>
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√ H&I Committee – (Rachel W)

- We ask all intergroup reps to please have an H&I rep at your meeting
 - Twice a month meeting, they start at 5pm. 2nd and 4th Sundays
 - Looking to create a PenPal recovery program for incarcerated individuals
 - New Panel starting in Sherman Oaks at a Treatment Center
 - Need new Zoom Facilitator for Tarzana panel.
 - Looking for multiple positions for H&I committee.
 - Full Report: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1z1J3vA9-7duZo0fsGeBD_RUzLsPrF5BFFMtWac4LrqY/edit?usp=sharing
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√ Speaker List Keeper – (Alex)

- 1 Person requested to be added to speaker list
 - 1 speaker seeker
 - There is no sobriety requirement to be added, so anyone can be added to the list
- Please reach out to speakerslist@slaalosangeles.org for help finding a speaker

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Literature Copier – (Open)

Audio Library Committee – (Kye)

- Please record leads on phone
 - Email audio to audio@slaalosangles.org
 - An agreement will then be needed to be signed by you in order to release the audio
 - audio@slaalosangeles.org
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√ ABM Delegates – (Jayk, Rachel, Claire (alternate), Sarah (alternate)

- Registration is open for ABM in August @ Sacramento
 - Scholarships available to lessen cost for delegates
 - ABM delegates will be sharing with all fellows about what will be discussed in a Zoom meeting in a few months
 - Full Report:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1efHlg3jr9kSAumtq6aHUZp7on8ESBKuu/edit?usp=sharing&uid=102767359686757786357&rtpof=true&sd=true>
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FWS Conference Committees:

Literature Committee Conduit – OPEN

- Multiple guides and pieces of literature being worked on.
- Link in chat posted with the specific pieces of literature being worked on

Sponsorship Committee Conduit – OPEN

- Strengthening Sobriety through Sponsorship literature being sent around for feedback from all meetings.
- Please ask the conduit for the rough draft to share with your meeting.
- Hoping to finalize the literature in August.
- A Fellow said that literature review needed to receive the rough draft earlier for it to be published this year.

Steps, Traditions, & Concepts Conduit – OPEN

- Two questions at the meeting: One was from another individual asking about languages and SLAA literature. Another question about 12 Traditions and how they can apply to other intergroups.

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Full Report:

Translation Committee Conduit – OPEN

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Diversity Committee Conduit – OPEN

- No Report
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SLAA Los Angeles, Inc. Board of Trustees – (Dave G, chair)

- New chairperson is Mona
 - Annual meeting was held
 - One open slot
 - Dianne is still CFO
 - Dave G is new secretary
 - The open position is a great way to be of service. Hopefully people will be willing to step up into the position
 - Must have had to have 2 years of intergroup service
 - Financials were gone over
 - A lot of confusion over 15k that we have
 - It is not a prudent reserve, more of an operating fund
 - It is an amount based on expenses we have as an intergroup
 - If we spend that 15k, then we run the risk of not having money for payments
 - New treasurer will be added to bank account
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SLAA FWS Board of Trustees (If Rep Present... Christina M or other)

- No representative is present
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6. Old Business

- *(From Agenda) Allocate \$2,160 seed money from Intergroup Treasury to direct hire 1 year's worth of ASL interpreting services (2-person team) for the Thursday 6pm Silver Lake meeting.*
- Multiple documents available in the Google Drive regarding the motion, including a piece written by the motion maker.
- Question 1: Wonder why we need two interpreters at a time.

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- Answer: Because for good health and workplace self-care, they switch off with each other.
- Question 2: Clarification on where the money will be pulled from to pay for this.
 - Answer: The prudent reserve could be dipped into, but we should avoid that. There is money available (2174.65 unrestricted) right now that is not put towards expenses.
- Question 3: What would happen if we do not collect enough money for the ASL basket that is proposed to go around at the Silverlake? Or if we go over limit.
 - Answer: There is a meeting at Silverlake to discuss having the ASL basket being made. The ASL basket would collect money for the upcoming year, while the money being asked for today would cover this year. Also, there would be avenues available for all groups to donate to the access fund.
- Question 4: If someone doesn't show up within 15 minutes with need for services, the interpreters can be cut loose?
 - Answer: Yes, and they will get paid no matter what.
- Question 5: Do we have any idea how many deaf or hard of hearing persons would be attending this meeting, or are a part of the great LA Fellowship
 - The motion maker is a regular at the Silverlake meeting. There are another two individuals who have hearing loss (Whom the motion maker knows) but they do not go to Silverlake meeting.
- Question 6: Would the motion maker consider making a hybrid meeting, to make more access, opposed to the Silverlake meeting, or to make the Silverlake meeting hybrid
 - Answer: Not applicable to the motion
- Question/Statement 7: Our 12 traditions of SLAA. 4th tradition was restated. 7th Tradition was also restated. All of the other meetings that the statement maker knows of pays for their own interpreters.
- Question 8: Across other 12 Steps Programs, what experience do they have with the issue of providing ASL interpreters. Also wants people to consider virtual meetings for the interpreter to come to.
 - Answer: There are multiple self-supporting meetings in other fellowships
- Question/Statement 9: We have been using the speech to text Zoom tool, can we use a similar tool for a bigger screen using a similar item of tech?
 - Answer: Not applicable
- Questions 10: Having a hard time grasping how the two interpreters will split the time.
 - Answer: The first 30 minutes one interpreter works, then the next 30 minutes they switch. And so on and so on.
- Question/Statement 11: As treasurer for Silverlake meeting, they made 36 dollars for 50 dollar rent, but the previous meeting they did. So, money inflow is unpredictable.
- Question/Statement 12: This is not a motion from the meeting? Is it a motion from an individual person? Is there any accountability built into the motion, whereas who is paying/how is the money being dealt out? Who is the benefit of the service if no one attends?

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- Answer: One person brought the motion, not a meeting. As for paying the person, the money will go to the treasurer of Silverlake, then at the end of the meeting, the treasurer will pay both interpreters.

PROS/CONS

- Con: Not opposed to having an interpreter, they are in favor. However, intergroup should not have to pay for this. This meeting would not be autonomous then.
- Pro: Would be prefer it to be self-supporting, but thinks we have the money to do it out of charity and kindness. The intention is support it in real time, and this is just Seed Money more or less.
- Pro: We have the money, and to have one meeting to provide it is worth it.
- Pro: Third Tradition should be cited. Fifth tradition, and this motion makes it possible.
- Con: Our common welfare comes first, therefore this motion does not make sense
- Con: Says it is favoring one meeting and one cause, and that the Silverlake meeting should raise money itself.

Vote:

16 Yes, 12 No, 1 Abstain

Motion Passes

7. New Business

- *(From Agenda) 1 - I would like to make a motion for LA Intergroup to select a representative to attend the Intergroup Virtual Forum, and report to Intergroup in April.*
 - This a meeting as to which we have sent representatives before
 - No objections to Motion
 - Dave raised hand to represent
 - Mona raised her hand to represent

Vote:

14 for and 9 against

Motion Passes

- *(From Agenda) 2. Create ASL Access Fund*
 - *(From Agenda) 3. Permission to find grant applications from outside organizations to cover long-term costs of ASL interpreting hire fees for the SLAA Los Angeles Treasury.*
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8. Announcements for the Good of the Order

- “Thanks for supporting the ASL program” “It is great that we can at least try this out for a year”
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9. Adjournment

- Meeting was ended at 5:00 PM PST. Close meeting w/ “WE” version of the Serenity Prayer.
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